

RUSHVILLE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

1. ROLL CALL & CALL TO ORDER

The Rushville City Council met in the meeting room of the City Hall building. Upon convening, Mayor Carson Klitz directed City Clerk, Stacey Briney to call the roll. Upon ROLL CALL, the following answered present: Council Members: Susan Acker, Richard Davis, Terry Dodds, Jeff Ervin, Bob Lambert, Barry Rebman, and Mike Ryan. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Council member, Paul Trimble was absent.

Others present included: Stacey Briney, City Clerk; Charlie Burton, City Attorney; Nathan Campbell, Superintendent of Operations; Rick Wright, Chief of Police; David Haney of *The Rushville Times*; Joan Sullivan, representing PRIDE; Schuyler Isley, Schuyler County Economic Development Director; Bryan Matteson, Erin Laegeler, Coulton Klitz, and Brady Klitz.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Carson Klitz.

3. DISCUSS & CONSIDER DONATION TO PRIDE

Joan Sullivan, representing PRIDE introduced herself and stated PRIDE takes care of the plants on the square. Sullivan reported, in the past, the council donated money to help with the cost of planting plants in the planters, and last year the city donated Six Hundred Dollars (\$600). Sullivan asked if the council would consider donating the same amount this year or whatever they feel appropriate. Sullivan stressed that PRIDE really appreciates the council's help with the money and finding someone to water the plants all summer.

Dodds MOVED TO APPROVE DONATING ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000) TO PRIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF PLANTS AROUND THE SQUARE. Lambert SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Acker, Davis, Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, & Ryan; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Trimble.

Joan Sullivan left the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time..

5. CONSENT AGENDA

All items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as the first item after approval of the Consent Agenda.

- a. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 3, 2023
- b. Approve the Minutes of the Grievance & Personnel Committee Meeting held April 6, 2023
- c. Approve "Claims for Council Approval Dated 04/17/23" & Accept Monthly Reports
- d. Approve Reserving Central Park on Saturday, August 19th, for The Hub's Night Market
- e. Approve Part-Time Employees (*as presented*)
- f. Approve Renewing the Licensed Water Operator Agreement between the City of Rushville and Randy Dabney

Ervin MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. Rebman SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Davis, Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, & Acker; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Acker.

6. ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA – IF APPLICABLE

All items were approved on the Consent Agenda.

7. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JANUARY 17, 2023; UNION NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MARCH 21, 2023; & GRIEVANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD APRIL 6, 2023 – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21) & DISCUSS PERSONNEL - 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)

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8. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Open Session reconvened at 7:10 p.m. with the following present: Mayor Klitz; Council Members – Acker, Davis, Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, & Ryan; City Clerk, Briney; Superintendent of Operations, Campbell; Haney of *The Rushville Times*; Matteson, Laegeler, Coulton Klitz, and Brady Klitz.

9. DISCUSS & CONSIDER HIRING FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE IN CITY HALL

Grievance & Personnel Committee Member, Susan Acker reported the committee met and interviewed four (4) applicants. Acker stated, after some discussion, the committee recommended hiring Mike Grate for the full-time position in the City Clerk’s office.

Rebman MOVED TO APPROVE HIRING MIKE GRATE FOR THE FULL-TIME POSITION IN CITY HALL. Ryan SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Rebman, Ryan, Acker, Davis, Dodds, Ervin, & Lambert; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Trimble.

10. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICIALS’ REPORTS

Council Member, Richard Davis reported he has received several complaints of speeding down Cathy Lane. Davis said he had talked with Street Committee Chairman, Mike Ryan and Chief of Police, Rick Wright about the possibility of putting up a speed limit sign. Ryan stated he talked to Chief Wright and Superintendent of Operations, Nathan Campbell about putting up a ten (10) mile per hour speed limit sign. Council Member, Jeff Ervin asked about putting in some speed bumps, and Ryan noted Campbell did not want to do that. **City Clerk, Stacey Briney was directed to place an ordinance to install such sign on the next council agenda.**

Water Committee Chairman, Jeff Ervin reported the committee is going to meet with members of the Northwest Water Association tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the city acquiring those lines. Ervin noted everyone has been in agreement for the city to do this so eventually we will take it all over after all of those members vote and the city crew installs the new meters.

Ervin also reported he had spoken to County Board Chairman, Chet Esther regarding partnering with the county for a *Safe Streets for All* grant. Ervin stated Michelle Escapa has teamed up with IDOT to write this grant for safe crossings at schools, the Fitness Center, and possibly the stop light. Ervin noted this grant is an 80/20 grant but Escapa already has the twenty percent (20%) secured. Ervin said the city would be a co-sponsor on this grant with the county but we need to find someone that can administer it. **Clerk Briney was directed to place *Discuss & Consider Co-Sponsoring the Safe Streets for All Grant* on the next council agenda.**

Ervin stated the generator at the police department is down and needs a new motherboard. Ervin noted the cost for this is between One Thousand Five Hundred and Two Thousand Dollars (\$1,500 - \$2,000). Ervin said the cost could be split between the police department and the water department since the SCADA runs through there.

Mayor Carson Klitz stated that it has been a pleasure to serve with everyone the last eight (8) years. Mayor Klitz said things started off rough but he appreciates everyone and everything they do. Mayor Klitz stated the council will be in good hands.

11. ADJOURN

Acker MOVED TO ADJOURN. Ervin SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Ryan, Acker, Davis, Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, & Rebman; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Trimble. THE MEETING STOOD ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY AT 7:19 P.M.

Minutes submitted by,

Stacey L. Briney, City Clerk/CMC

Date Minutes Approved