

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, Barry Rebman, and Mike Ryan. Council Members, Bob Lambert & Paul Trimble were absent. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

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*; Tim Peters of IDOT; Attorney Erin Wilson Laegeler; Michelle Escapa & April Kunkel, representing the *Safe Streets for All*; Tanya Tomlinson, representing Schuy-Rush Park Board; Morgan Peacock, representing the P.L.A.Y. Group; Bryan & Sarah Matteson, Tom McMurren, and Megan Evans.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Carson Klitz.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

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- a) Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting April 17, 2023
- b) Approve the Minutes of the Grievance & Personnel Committee Meetings held April 13, 2023
- c) Approve "Claims for Council Approval Dated 04/30/23" & Accept Monthly Reports
- d) Consider Line Item Transfers
- e) Consider Suspending the Rules RE: Ordinance No. 1360, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 625 (An Ordinance Providing for the Installation of Motor Vehicular and Pedestrian Control Signs and Providing Penalties for Violation of the Same) – 10 mph Speed Limit Signs on Cathy Lane
- f) Pass & Adopt Ordinance No. 1360, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 625 (An Ordinance Providing for the Installation of Motor Vehicular and Pedestrian Control Signs and Providing Penalties for Violation of the Same) – 10 mph Speed Limit Signs on Cathy Lane

Dodds MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. Rebman SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Acker, Davis, Dodds, Ervin, Rebman, & Ryan; 0 NAYS; 2 ABSENT – Lambert & Trimble.

4. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD APRIL 17, 2023; & GRIEVANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE HELD APRIL 13, 2023 – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21)

Ervin MOVED TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD APRIL 17, 2023; & GRIEVANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE HELD APRIL 13, 2023 – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21). Rebman SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Davis, Dodds, Ervin, Rebman, Ryan, & Acker; 0 NAYS; 2 ABSENT – Lambert & Trimble. OPEN SESSION STOOD ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:01 P.M.

5. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Open Session reconvened at 7:07 p.m. with the following present: Mayor Klitz; Council Members – Acker, Davis, Dodds, Ervin, Rebman, & Ryan; City Clerk, Stacey Briney; Superintendent of Operations, Nathan Campbell; Chief of Police, Rick Wright; David Haney of *The Rushville Times*; Tim Peters of IDOT; Attorney Erin Wilson Laegeler; Michelle Escapa & April Kunkel, representing the *Safe Streets for All*; Tanya Tomlinson, representing Schuy-Rush Park Board; Morgan Peacock, representing the P.L.A.Y. Group; Bryan & Sarah Matteson, Tom McMurren, and Megan Evans.

6. RECESS – ADJOURN SINE DIE

The recess was called in order for the clerk to administer the oaths of office to the newly elected officials.

7. ADMINISTER OATHS OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

City Clerk, Stacey Briney administered the Oaths of Office to the following elected officials: Mayor – Jeff Ervin; Aldermen – Susan Acker, Terry Dodds, and Bryan Matteson.

8. RECONVENE WITH NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS IN PLACE

The Rushville City Council Meeting reconvened and the newly elected officials accepted their seats at the council table.

9. ROLL CALL

Mayor Jeff Ervin called the meeting to order and directed Clerk Briney to call the roll. Upon ROLL CALL, the following answered present, Mayor Ervin; Council Members: Susan Acker, Richard Davis, Terry Dodds, Bryan Matteson, Barry Rebman, & Mike Ryan. 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*; Tim Peters of IDOT; Attorney Erin Wilson Laegeler; Michelle Escapa & April Kunkel, representing the *Safe Streets for All*; Tanya Tomlinson, representing Schuy-Rush Park Board; Morgan Peacock, representing the P.L.A.Y. Group; Schuyler Isley, Economic Development Director; Tom McMurren, Megan Evans, and Tim Ward.

10. DISCUSS & CONSIDER APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF BOB FISHEL TO FULFILL THE UNEXPIRED WARD I ALDERMAN TERM

Rebman MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF BOB FISHEL TO FULFILL THE UNEXPIRED WARD I ALDERMAN TERM. Acker SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL “YEA” VOICE VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Acker, Davis, Dodds, Matteson, Rebman, & Ryan; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Trimble.

11. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO BOB FISHEL

Bob Fishel was not in attendance, so the oath will be administered at a later date.

12. DISCUSS & CONSIDER CO-SPONSORING SAFE STREETS FOR ALL

Michelle Escapa reported that Tim Peters of IDOT has been helping with the *Safe Streets for All* (SSFA) with all the details. Peters reported SSFA is part of the IJA that builds bipartisan infrastructure law. Peters noted there is \$1.2 billion to improve safety in communities on the roads, where eighty percent (80%) of the projects awarded last year had a pedestrian or bicyclist involved. Peters said Rushville and Schuyler County have been included in those types of fatalities in Illinois.

Peters reported he had met several times with the community group and feels this is the opportunity for the county and city to get funding to get a bike path from Scripps Park to Schuy-Rush Park, extending it to the Rushville Fitness & Community Center. Peters noted this type of project would be a substantial cost. Peters discussed other programs.

Peters stated he feels the city and county have a fair chance of receiving this grant because there are a lot of positive characteristics. Peters said he thought this looked like a good area and will use what the city and county does to help train others.

Acker MOVED TO APPROVE CO-SPONSORING SAFE STREETS FOR ALL WITH THE SCHUYLER COUNTY BOARD. Dodds SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Davis, Dodds, Matteson, Rebman, Ryan, & Acker; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Trimble.

13. TANYA TOMLINSON TO ADDRESS COUNCIL RE: CANOE RENTAL AT SCHUY-RUSH PARK

Tanya Tomlinson, representing the Schuy-Rush Park Board reported the board had someone reach approach them willing to write a Fifty Thousand Dollar (\$50,000) grant for the park. Tomlinson stated this grant would give the park the ability to allow for rentals for kayaks, paddle boards, and maybe a couple pontoon boats and update the dock. Parks & Recreation Committee Chairman, Terry Dodds asked if this was an open grant, and Tomlinson noted this grant is meant to bring in more people to the community and park. Tomlinson said Schuy-Rush Park Board Member, Cody Ingles used to work at Spring Lake and they offered rentals and have a fabulous business. Mayor Jeff Ervin reported the council would have to have the City Attorney write up a liability waiver. **Consensus of the council was to allow Schuy-Rush Park Board to pursue these rentals.**

Tanya Tomlinson left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tim Ward informed the council that him and his wife camp a lot and always look for campgrounds that have full hookups. Ward stated that Schuy-Rush is a wonderful place, it really needs full hookups. Mayor Ervin said the board is already looking into that.

Michelle Escapa, April Kunkel, Tim Peters, and Tim Ward left the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Tom McMurren, owner of 55, stated he would like to close off South Liberty Street from the corner to the alley behind his building on Saturday, June 24th for a going away party for his son. McMurren said there would be a band, but it would be over by 9:00 p.m. and this would be open to the public. Mayor Ervin asked if he was going to sell alcohol inside, and McMurren said yes that there was not going to be a bar set up outside. **City Clerk, Stacey Briney was directed to place this on the next council agenda.**

McMurren reported that he had previously purchased the old library building with the intention of putting an agricultural museum in it but due to ADA compliance he is not going to be able to do it. McMurren noted he has since purchased the old car wash on Route 67 for that purpose.

Tom McMurren and Megan Evans left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

15. CONSENT AGENDA

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- a) Approve "Claims for Council Approval Dated 05/03/23"
- b) Consider Mayoral Appointments
- c) Present 2023-2024 Committee Appointments
- d) Present Report of Licenses Issued May 1, 2023
- e) Approve Public Notice of the Regular Meeting Dates of the City Council for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year
- f) Approve Operating Under the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Appropriation Ordinance
- g) Pass & Adopt Resolution No. 1138, Designating a Depository and Authorizing Signatures (RSB)
- h) Pass & Adopt Resolution No. 1139, Designating a Depository and Authorizing Signatures (Marine)
- i) Pass & Adopt Resolution No. 1140, Designating a Depository and Authorizing Signatures (1st Bankers Trust)
- j) Pass & Adopt Resolution No. 1141, Designating a Depository and Authorizing Signatures (West Central Bank)
- k) Pass & Adopt Resolution No. 1141, Resolution Appointing City Attorney
- l) Approve \$500 Donation for Veteran's Flags in Central Park (*as per past practice*)
- m) Approve Hiring Lori Hulvey for Part-Time Pro Shop Employee

Rebman MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. Davis SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Dodds, Matteson, Rebman, Ryan, Acker, & Davis; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Trimble.

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

All items were approved on the Consent Agenda.

17. DISCUSS & CONSIDER 1ST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1359, ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Ryan MOVED TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 1359, ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO THE SECOND (2ND) READING. Dodds SECONDED, THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Matteson, Rebman, Ryan, Acker, Davis, & Dodds 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Trimble.

18. DISCUSS & CONSIDER 1ST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1361, SALARY ORDINANCE

Rebman MOVED TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 1361, SALARY ORDINANCE TO THE SECOND (2ND) READING. Davis SECONDED.

Mayor Ervin reported this ordinance would raise Cemetery Sexton, George Vincent and Chief of Police, Rick Wright's salary.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Rebman, Ryan, Acker, Davis, Dodds, & Matteson; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Trimble.

19. DISCUSS & CONSIDER ADVERTISING FOR PART-TIME CITY MAINTENANCE WORKERS

Mayor Ervin reported it is time to advertise for part-time summer help at the maintenance shed. Council Member, Bryan Matteson asked how many were needed, and Clerk Briney noted there were two (2) hired last year. Clerk Briney said one (1) of those two (2) wants to come back.

Ryan MOVED TO APPROVE ADVERTISING FOR PART-TIME CITY MAINTENANCE WORKERS. Dodds SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Ryan, Acker, Davis, Dodds Matteson, & Rebman; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Trimble.

20. DISCUSS & CONSIDER ENTERING INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH SCHUYLER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Mayor Ervin reported this agreement allows the city and county to use each other's equipment and operator if necessary. Mayor Ervin stated Superintendent of Operations, Nathan Campbell has been working with County Engineer, Dave Schneider on this.

Matteson MOVED TO APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH SCHUYLER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT. Rebman SECONDED.

Dodds questioned if the operator would come with whatever piece of equipment was borrowed, and Mayor Ervin said not necessarily but they can. Campbell noted the operator would be a separate rate.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Acker, Davis, Dodds Matteson, Rebman, & Ryan; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Trimble.

21. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICIAL'S REPORTS

Parks & Recreation Committee Chairman, Terry Dodds reported the floor of the gazebo looks amazing. Dodds said it was done before the prom walkthrough. Dodds stressed how impressed he was with the work.

City Attorney, Erin Wilson Laegeler thanked the Mayor and council for this opportunity.

Superintendent of Operations, Nathan Campbell told the council that he appreciated their support over the last couple years. Campbell thanked the city for this generous opportunity.

City Clerk, Stacey Briney reported she received an e-mail from Jody Worthington asking to have West Madison Street from congress to Monroe Streets closed from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on May 10th for Colonial Days. Clerk Briney noted the e-mail came after the agenda was posted and the event was before the next meeting. **Consensus of the council was to allow for this road closure.**

Mayor Jeff Ervin reported everyone gets a Treasurer's report every month and asks everyone to pay attention to it. Mayor Ervin said it is hard to spend the tax payer's money wisely when we do not know what kind of money we have.

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Ervin also asked all council members to listen to their constituents and hear what they have to say.

22. ADJOURN

Rebman MOVED TO ADJOURN. Acker SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Davis, Dodds, Matteson, Rebman, Ryan, & Acker; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Trimble. THE MEETING STOOD ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY AT 7:33 P.M.

Minutes submitted by,

Stacey L. Briney, City Clerk/CMC

Date Minutes Approved