

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 Jeff Ervin directed Mike Grate to call the roll. Upon ROLL CALL, the following answered present: Council Members: Susan Acker, Terry Dodds, Bob Fishel, Bryan Matteson and Barry Rebman. Council members Richard Davis, Mike Ryan, and Paul Trimble were absent. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Others present included: Mike Grate; Erin Wilson-Laegeler, City Attorney, David Haney of *The Rushville Times*; and Schuyler Isley, Economic Development Director.

2. OPENING PRAYER

The Opening Prayer was led by Mayor Jeff Ervin.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Ervin.

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 November 6, 2023
- b) Approve "Claims for Council Approval Dated 11/20/23" & Accept Monthly Reports
- c) Approve Reserving the Northwest Corner of Central Park on Friday, November 24th, from 9:00a.m. – 2:00p.m. for the Odd Fellows Toy Drive
- d) Consider 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 1372, Annual Tax Levy
- e) Consider Suspending the Rules RE: Ordinance No. 1373, An Ordinance Approving the Lease of Old City Hall to Schuyler Economic Development Commission
- f) Pass & Adopt Ordinance No.1373, An Ordinance Approving the Lease of Old City Hall to Schuyler Economic Development Commission

Fishel MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. Rebman SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 5 YEAS – Acker, Dodds, Fishel, Matteson, & Rebman; 0 NAYS; 3 ABSENT – Davis, Ryan, & Trimble.

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

All items were approved on the Consent Agenda.

7. DISCUSS & CONSIDER APPROVING SCRIPPS PARK TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH T N T FOR TWENTY (20) GOLF CARTS

Parks & Recreation Committee Chairman, Terry Dodds reported the Scripps Board voted to approve a five (5) year lease for twenty (20) golf carts from T N T at a cost of Two Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$2,600) per month, totaling Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$15,600) per year. Dodds said T N T will deliver carts to Scripps Park in May, pick them up at the end of October, they will service and perform any other repairs in the off season to have the carts ready to go in May. Council Member, Bryan Matteson noted he was concerned with leasing these carts rather than purchasing. A brief discussion followed.

Dodds MOVED TO APPROVE SCRIPPS PARK TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH T N T FOR TWENTY (20) GOLF CARTS AT A COST OF TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,600) PER MONTH. Rebman SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 5 YEAS – Dodds, Fishel, Matteson, Rebman, & Acker, 0 NAYS; 3 ABSENT – Davis, Ryan, & Trimble.

8. DISCUSS & CONSIDER APPROVING SCRIPPS PARK BOARD TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MTI DISTRIBUTING FOR A NEW FAIRWAY MOWER

Dodds reported that it was the consensus of the Scripps Park Board to approve a lease of a new fairway mower for One Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars (\$1,368) per month for five (5) years. Mayor Ervin stated the current fairway mower is over twenty-one (21) years old and needs to be replaced. Matteson questioned the interest to be paid on this lease and Council Member, Barry Redman said he is concerned if MTI would pay for breakdowns when they occur. Mayor Ervin stated at the end of the five (5) year lease, the park will have an option for a One Dollar (\$1) buy out. A discussion followed.

Dodds MOVED TO APPROVE SCRIPPS PARK TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MTI DISTRIBUTING FOR A NEW FAIRWAY MOWER AT A COST OF ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND ELEVEN CENTS (\$1386.11) PER MONTH. FISHEL SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 4 YEAS – Fishel, Rebman, Acker, & Dodds; 0 NAYS; 3 ABSENT – Dais, Ryan, & Trimble; 1 ABSTAIN – Matteson.

9. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICIAL’S REPORTS

Mayor Jeff Ervin reported the installation of the irrigation system at the golf course is going very well and the irrigation pipes have a life expectancy over eighty (80) years.

Mayor Ervin told the council members that the City will be taking over Northwest Water District effective December 1st and meters will be installed as soon as they arrive.

Mayor Ervin said he was contacted by June Connor of WRMS Radio regarding running “News and Ads” on all their stations. Mayor Ervin noted the cost for the ads would be Fifty Dollars (\$50) per week for four (4) weeks to promote shopping in Rushville. Mayor Ervin stated he was going to reach out to the Chamber of Commerce as well to get their input. **Consensus of the council was to move forward with the ads on WRMS Radio.**

City Attorney Erin Wilson-Laegeler reported there have been some concerns raised about selling the two (2) parcels of land near Schuy-Rush, so she is reviewing this matter.

Attorney Wilson-Laegeler noted they are still trying to contact Mr. Gordley. Attorney Wilson-Laegeler said Alex Ring has paid the back taxes on the Godley property, but if the City has a potential use for the property, then Ring would just be reimbursed.

10. ADJOURN

Dodds MOVED TO ADJOURN. Matteson SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 5 YEAS – Matteson, Rebman, Acker, Dodds, & Fishel; 0 NAYS; 3 ABSENT – Davis, Ryan, & Trimble. THE MEETING STOOD ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY AT 7:24 P.M.

Minutes submitted by,

Mike Grate

Date Minutes Approved