

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 City Clerk, Stacey Briney to call the roll. Upon ROLL CALL, the following answered present: Council Members: Susan Acker, Richard Davis, Terry Dodds, Bob Fishel, Bryan Matteson, Barry Rebman, Mike Ryan, & Paul Trimble. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Others present included: Stacey Briney, City Clerk; Erin Wilson-Laegeler, City Attorney, Rick Wright, Chief of Police; David Haney of *The Rushville Times*; Brad Thurman, Schuy-Rush Park Board President; Darrell & Ruthann Haber, and Carrie Lemons.

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 20, 2023
- b) Approve "Claims for Council Approval Dated 12/04/23" & Accept Monthly Reports
- c) Approve Appointment of Mandy Bickerman to the Scripps Park Board
- d) Pass & Adopt Ordinance No. 1372, Annual Tax Levy

Rebman MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. Fishel SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Acker, Davis, Dodds, Fishel, Matteson, Rebman, Ryan, & Trimble; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT.

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

All items were approved on the Consent Agenda.

7. DISCUSS & CONSIDER APPROVING REQUEST FOR LOAN DISBURSEMENT

Dodds MOVED TO APPROVE A LOAN DISBURSEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX DOLLARS AND FIFTY-SIX CENTS (\$36,176.56). Trimble SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Davis, Dodds, Fishel, Matteson, Rebman, Ryan, Trimble, & Acker, 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT.

8. DISCUSS & CONSIDER APPROVING THE TRADE-IN OF 17 GOLF CARTS TO T'N'T

Mayor Ervin reported he discussed at the last meeting that T'N'T offered to buy by seventeen of the golf course's golf carts. Mayor Ervin stated T'N'T offered One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,750) per cart, totaling Twenty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$29,750). Mayor Ervin noted the park board has already approved this.

Dodds MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRADE-IN OF SEVENTEEN (17) GOLF CARTS TO T’N’T AT ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$1,750) PER CART. Rebman SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Dodds, Fishel, Matteson, Rebman, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, Davis, & Dodds; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT.

9. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICIAL’S REPORTS

Historic Preservation Committee Chairman, Richard Davis reported he received a message from Lori Thomas regarding Jeff Ratcliff from the Jacksonville Historic Committee wanting to meet with the committee to give us some insight on different rules, regulations, etc.

Council Member, Barry Rebman reported he was asked about the hunting lease at the Scripps Park Addition and wondered if it had been redone. City Clerk, Stacey Briney said the lease had been redone and they have a signed, three (3) year lease.

City Clerk, Stacey Briney reported she has been working with the sales representative from Area Disposal about the number of customers being a lot less than originally. Clerk Briney said the council passed an ordinance requiring every house to have garbage service, excluding apartment buildings, duplexes, and businesses, and there are quite a few that do not have service. Clerk Briney stated she is not sure if the council thought a letter should be sent to those that do not have service. City Attorney, Erin Wilson noted she will draw up a letter to be sent out.

Clerk Briney also reported that she received a call after hours a few weeks ago regarding a sewer that had backed up in a resident’s basement. Clerk Briney said she was told that a city worker had informed the homeowner that the city had a clog in the sewer. Clerk Briney stated he informed the homeowner to submit the bills to the city and she would take them to the council for discussion. Mayor Ervin recommended the sewer committee discuss this at the meeting they have scheduled for the 13th.

Mayor Jeff Ervin reported the Schuyler County Humane Society does a push to raise money each year and he was given a form to see if the city would donate. Mayor Ervin noted he talked with Animal Control Officer, Dave Edwards and Edwards said the Humane Society buys all of his dog and cat food and does a lot for him. Council Member, Terry Dodds recommended the city donate One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200). **Consensus of the council was to donate One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200) to the Humane Society with the funds to come out of the gifts, donations, and memorial line item.**

10. ADJOURN

Dodds MOVED TO ADJOURN. Matteson SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Fishel, Matteson, Rebman, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, Davis, & Dodds; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT. THE MEETING STOOD ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY AT 7:11 P.M.

Minutes submitted by,

Stacey L. Briney, City Clerk/CMC

Date Minutes Approved