

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

Others present included: Mike Grate of the City Clerks Office; City Attorney, Erin Wilson-Laegeler; Superintendent of Operations, Drew Ralston; Chief of Police, Rick Wright and Moe Billingsley of *The Rushville Times* (arrived 7:06 p.m.).

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 March 17, 2025
- b) Approve the Minutes of the Economic Development Committee Meetings held March 3, 2025, & March 26, 2025; Animal Control Committee Meeting Minutes held March 13, 2025; Sidewalk & Lighting Committee Meeting Minutes held March 26, 2025; & Combined Cemetery & Grievance & Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes held March 27, 2025
- c) Approve "Claims for Council Approval Dated 04/07/25" & Accept Monthly Reports
- d) Approve Reserving Central Park on Saturday, April 19, 2025, for the Masonic Lodge Easter Egg Hunt
- e) Approve Reserving Central Park on Saturday, May 3, 2025, for Prom Preview
- f) Approve Closing W. Madison Street from the Hospital Parking Lot to S. Congress Street on May 13, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. for the Jail Museum's Colonial Days
- g) Approve Awarding Bid to G M Sipes Construction for the N. Congress Street Sidewalk Project
- h) Approve Replacing Water Line on N. Liberty Street
- i) Approve Purchasing In-Car Computers for the Police Department with Donated Funds
- j) Approve Hiring Part-Time Cemetery Employees (*see attached memo*)
- k) Approve Loan Reimbursements
- l) Approve Change Order #2 in the Amount of \$1,243.60 to Hood Construction
- m) Pass & Adopt Ordinance No. 1390, Ordinance Establishing Salaries, Wages, & Benefits for City Department Superintendents & Employees
- n) Approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 1391, Ordinance Amending Class A Liquor License

Farniok MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. Fishel SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 5 YEAS – Acker, Dodds, Farniok, Fishel, & Matteson; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSTAIN – Davis; 1 PRESENT – Trimble; 1 ABSENT – Ryan.

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

All items were approved on the Consent Agenda

7. DISCUSS & CONSIDER 1st READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1392, ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Dodds MOVED TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 1392, ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO SECOND (2ND) READING. Farniok SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Davis, Dodds, Farniok, Fishel, Matteson, Trimble, & Acker; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Ryan.

8. DISCUSS & CONSIDER PAYING ONE-HALF OF A LAPTOP FOR THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER NOT TO EXCEED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000)

Mayor Ervin questioned if that was enough money to cover half of the computer, Animal Control Committee Chairman, Paul Trimble stated that he spoke with County Clerk, Mindy Garrett and she said the total cost of the computer is around Six Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$660), but that did not include the cost of setting up the computer. Trimble said One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) should be enough to cover half of all the computer cost.

Trimble MOVED TO APPROVE PAYING ONE-HALF OF A LAPTOP FOR THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000). Matteson SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Dodds, Farniok, Fishel, Matteson, Trimble, Acker, & Davis; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Ryan.

9. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICIALS’ REPORTS

Council Member, Susan Acker reported the RED grant application for the Southside Family Café is no longer on the table.

Acker also reported that she spoke with Mark Tyson, who is the general contractor for Savana Caputo’s coffee shop on Rodewald Drive and he is trying to get sub-contracting bids for the construction, however, he is afraid that the bids will come in higher than Caputo would be willing to pay.

Water Committee Chairman, Bryan Matteson reported on Monday, March 24th, they switched from the old water storage tank at Hilltop to the new one and everything went smooth. Matteson said the demolition of the old water tank will start soon and Drew Ralston, Superintendent of Operations, would like to stockpile the dirt from the demo. Mayor Ervin asked if there was a place to keep the dirt out at Hilltop, and Ralston stated he would like it at the city dump or they would have to take the backhoe out to Hilltop when they needed to load dirt. Mayor Ervin agreed.

Matteson stated that Phase 1 of the North Liberty storm sewer project is complete. Matteson said he went there when it rained and everything seemed to be flowing properly.

Matteson noted that he felt the council did a fine job representing the junior golfers in the community. Matteson stated he was there to support to junior golfers and wished we could have come to an agreement with the Scripps Park Board, but we did not.

Sidewalk & Lighting Committee Chairman, Terry Dodds reported that the Bicycle Rodeo was last Saturday and everything went well. Dodds thanked all the council members who showed up and said all the youth that showed up received a prize. Dodds said there was representation from the State of Illinois and they were impressed on the location and how professional it was all put together.

Dodds stated the city crew will be pouring the concrete tomorrow out at Scripps Park. Dodds noted once they are finished there, they will start pouring the South Morgan Street sidewalk. Dodds said the city is waiting to get a start date for the North Congress Street sidewalk from the Penny Event Center to Susan’s Ultimate Salon.

Mayor, Jeff Ervin said there will be a Building and Land Committee Meeting sometime in the next couple of weeks to discuss Potomac Energy and their plans for putting up solar panels on the City’s land by the lagoons.

Chief of Police, Rick Wright thanked Dodds, Mayor Ervin, and all council members that showed up at the Bicycle Rodeo. Chief Wright stated it was a success.

13. ADJOURN

Dodds MOVED TO ADJOURN. Fishel SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Farniok, Fishel, Matteson, Trimble, Acker, Davis, & Dodds; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Ryan. THE MEETING STOOD ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY AT 7:12 P.M.

Minutes submitted by,

Mike Grate

Date Minutes Approved