

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, Mike Carey, Terry Dodds, Mike Farniok, Bob Fishel, Bryan Matteson, & 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; Erin Wilson-Laegeler, City Attorney; Moe Billingsley of *The Rushville Times*; Kent Paisley, representing the Late Knight Cruisers; and Molly Sorrell.

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

Molly Sorrell presented a flier for the Teddy Bear Clinic that will be sponsored by Culbertson Memorial Hospital, Schuyler-Industry School District, Schuyler County Public Health, Schuyler Dental, along with the police, fire, and ambulance departments and held on Thursday, March 12th. *Said flier is attached and a part of these minutes.* Sorrell stated this clinic is geared to help kids feel less scared when going to the doctor or dentist. Sorrell said this clinic will be family-friendly and sensory-friendly.

Sorrell is requesting the city approve closing off West Jefferson Street, the same street that is closed during school hours, from 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on March 12th. **Consensus of the council was to close the street. City Clerk, Stacey Briney was directed to place this item on the next Consent Agenda for formal approval.**

Molly Sorrell left the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Kent Paisley, representing the Late Knight Cruisers reported he was in attendance just in case anyone had any questions regarding this year's car show.

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 February 2, 2026
- b) Approve "Claims for Council Approval Dated 02/17/26" & Accept Monthly Reports
- c) Approve Reserving Central Park on Saturday, April 18th, for Prom Preview
- d) Approve Reserving Central Park on Friday, April 24th, for the City of Rushville's 200th Birthday Celebration
- e) Approve Reserving Central Park & Closing the North, South, & East Sides of the Square on Sunday, June 21st, for the Father's Day Car Show
- f) Approve the Resignation of the following Firemen: Jim Crane, Kraig Kotter, Vic Menely, Eric Stauffer, & Tim Wright
- g) Approve the Appointment of Bill Thompson as Fire Chief
- h) Pass & Adopt Resolution No. 1171, Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Real Estate

Farniok MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. Fishel SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Acker, Carey, Dodds, Farniok, Fishel, Matteson, & Ryan; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Trimble.

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

All items were approved on the Consent Agenda.

7. OPEN BIDS FOR CITY HALL ROOF REPLACEMENT

Mayor Ervin opened the bids for the roof replacement on City Hall. The following bids were opened:

- Blue Line Roofing & Exteriors – Shingled roof - \$28,875, with a two (2) year warranty; 26-gauge Metal roof - \$49,650, with a forty (40) year warranty.
- Cameron Roofing – Shingled roof - \$17,500; 29-gauge Metal roof, which they do not recommend - \$24,600; and Standard seam metal roof - \$35,200.

8. DISCUSS & CONSIDER AWARDED BID FOR CITY HALL ROOF REPLACEMENT

A discussion was held regarding the different gauges of metal, warranty, gutters, etc.

Matteson MOVED TO APPROVE THE BID FROM CAMERON ROOFING AT A COST OF SEVENTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$17,500) TO REPLACE THE SHINGLED ROOF ON CITY HALL. Ryan SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Carey, Dodds, Farniok, Fishel, Matteson, Ryan, & Acker; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Trimble.

9. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICIALS’ REPORTS

Water & Sewer Committee Chairman, Bryan Matteson reported the water and sewer guys have been working hard on the water line at Scripps Park and they should be done by the end of the week.

Sidewalk & Lighting Committee Chairman, Terry Dodds reported Stefanie Ballinger of Benton Engineering sent a rough estimate on the sidewalk on North Liberty Street in front of Rogers Bakery. *Said estimate in attached and a part of these minutes.* Dodds wanted the council members to review the estimate for further discussion at a later date.

Parks & Recreation Committee Co-Chairman, Mike Farniok reported the Scripps Park Board have started to look for a pool manager for this season. Mayor Ervin said Mark Coil is planning on applying again to do the chemicals.

Street Committee Chairman, Bob Fishel reported the city is going to start looking for grants to smooth out South Liberty Street from the square down to the HOPE Church. Fishel noted this project would have to be engineered first before the city can apply for grant money.

Fishel stated the city crew is going to look into installing a drain in the parking lot behind Kerr Homecenter. Fishel noted this would allow the water to run away from their back door.

Fishel thanked everyone for everything they have done for him and his family the past couple weeks.

City Attorney, Erin Wilson-Laegeler reported she will finalize the Austin transfer for the Industrial Park lot tonight with signatures. Attorney Wilson-Laegeler reminded everyone that lot is next to Dollar General.

10. ADJOURN

Dodds MOVED TO ADJOURN. Fishel SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Dodds, Farniok, Fishel, Matteson, Ryan, Acker, & Carey; 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