

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, Mike Farniok, Bob Fishel, Mike Ryan, & Paul Trimble. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Council Members, Terry Dodds and Bryan Matteson were absent.

Others present included: Stacey Briney, City Clerk; Erin Wilson-Laegeler, City Attorney; Drew Ralston, Superintendent of Operations, Rick Wright, Chief of Police; Moe Billingsley of *The Rushville Times*; Kala Peacock and Jessie Boyd, representing the Rushville Chamber of Commerce.

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

Kala Peacock, representing the Rushville Chamber of Commerce reported she was in attendance to ask for access of the square for the Farmers Market on Fridays from May to October. Peacock noted they are also going to continue the every other Tuesday.

Kala Peacock and Jessie Boyd left the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

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 17, 2026
- b) Approve "Claims for Council Approval Dated 03/02/26" & Accept Monthly Reports
- c) Approve Closing W. Jefferson Street from N. Monroe Street to N. Jackson Street on Thursday, March 12th from 4:00-7:30 for the Teddy Bear Clinic
- d) Approve Reserving Central Park on Saturday, April 4th, for Masonic Lodge Easter Egg Hunt
- e) Approve Allowing Peacock's Tropical Sno to Set Up on the Square on the Proposed Attached Dates
- f) Approve \$500 Donation to the Dr. Dohner Memorial Golf Outing (*as per past practice*)
- g) Approve Line-Item Transfers

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

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. 1409, ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES, WAGES, & BENEFITS FOR CITY DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENTS & EMPLOYEES

Trimble MOVED TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 1409, ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES, WAGES, & BENEFITS FOR CITY DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENTS & EMPLOYEES TO THE SECOND (2ND) READING. Ryan SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Carey, Farniok, Fishel, Ryan, Trimble, & Acker; 0 NAYS; 2 ABSENT – Dodds & Matteson.

8. DISCUSS & CONSIDER 1ST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1410, ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE

Trimble MOVED TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 1410, ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE TO THE SECOND (2ND) READING. Fishel SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Farniok, Fishel, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, & Carey; 0 NAYS; 2 ABSENT – Dodds & Matteson.

9. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICIALS’ REPORTS

Chief of Police, Rick Wright reported K-9 Cody passed away Tuesday and Officer, Nathan Rauch is taking it pretty hard. Chief Wright said Officer Rauch spent a lot of time training and working with Cody. Chief Wright stated they are working on things to get another K-9 and get them in school.

City Clerk, Stacey Briney reported that Mike Grate will be at the next meeting because her daughter is having surgery. Clerk Briney said she will be working from home and will be available if needed.

City Attorney, Erin Wilson-Laegeler reported the next meeting will probably be her last for awhile, but she will be available for emergencies.

Mayor, Jeff Ervin reminded the council members to get their appropriations turned into City Hall by March 16th so everything can be typed up to have ready for the first (1st) meeting in April.

Mayor Ervin stated he would like to have a combined meeting to engineer South Liberty Street to have a shovel ready project if any grants ever become available.

Mayor Ervin reported the council had talked about a generator for City Hall about three (3) years ago and nothing has been done. Mayor Ervin said Clerk Briney got a quote from Richards Electric since they do all of our generator maintenance and it was Twenty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$24,950). A discussion followed. Public Buildings Committee Chairman, Mike Ryan said he just was not comfortable spending that kind of money for a second (2nd) generator, and Clerk Briney reminded Ryan that it was not a second (2nd) generator because there is not one now. Council Member, Mike Farniok stated that if the power goes out, the office is completely down and it could end up costing more money in the long run because it could burn up computers, etc. **Consensus of the council was to move forward with the quote from Richards Electric for a generator in City Hall. Clerk Briney was directed to place the approval on the next consent agenda.**

10. ADJOURN

Farniok MOVED TO ADJOURN. Acker SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Fishel, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, Carey, & Farniok; 0 NAYS; 2 ABSENT – Dodds & Matteson. THE MEETING STOOD ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY AT 7:15 P.M.

Minutes submitted by,

Stacey L. Briney, City Clerk/CMC

Date Minutes Approved

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