

May 4, 2026

**PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE PROPOSED
APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE 2026-2027
FISCAL YEAR
Rushville City Hall Council Chambers
6:50 p.m.**

The following were in attendance: Mayor Jeff Ervin; Council Members – Susan Acker, Mike Carey, Terry Dodds, Mike Farniok, Bob Fishel, Bryan Matteson, Mike Ryan, & Paul Trimble; City Clerk, Stacey Briney; Superintendent of Operations, Drew Ralston; and Chief of Police, Rick Wright.

The public hearing was called to review the proposed appropriation ordinance for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Notice was posted to meet state requirements.

Fishel MOVED TO ADJOURN. Matteson SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Acker, Carey, Dodds, Farniok, Fishel, Matteson, Ryan, & Trimble; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT. THE PUBLIC HEARING STOOD ADJOURNED AT 6:57 P.M.

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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, & Paul Trimble. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Others present included: Stacey Briney, City Clerk; Drew Ralston, Superintendent of Operations; Rick Wright, Chief of Police; Moe Billingsley of *The Rushville Times*; and Joan Sullivan & Cindy Hannant, representing PRIDE.

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. DISCUSS & CONSIDER DONATION TO PRIDE

Joan Sullivan, representing PRIDE, introduced herself and Cindy Hannant and explained that they are a small group that takes care of the plants around the square and they are ready to plant the flowerpots. Sullivan thanked the city crew for getting the pots out and the council for hiring Monte Simpson to water again this year. Sullivan noted the city gave PRIDE One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200) last year and they used it all and more. Sullivan thanked the council for that donation and asked for another donation this year.

Carey MOVED TO APPROVE A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500) TO PRIDE. Dodds SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS –Acker, Carey, Dodds, Farniok, Fishel, Matteson, Ryan, & Trimble; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT.

Mayor Ervin thanked Sullivan, Cindy Hannant and the rest of PRIDE for the work they do.

Joan Sullivan and Cindy Hannant left the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments at this time.

6. 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 April 20, 2026
- b) Approve the Minutes of the Ordinance Review Committee Meeting held April 23, 2026
- c) Approve “Claims for Council Approval Dated 04/30/26” & Accept Monthly Reports
- d) Approve “Claims for Council Approval Dated 05/04/26”
- e) Consider Mayoral Appointments
- f) Present 2026-2027 Committee Appointments
- g) Present Report of Licenses Issued May 4, 2026
- h) Approve Public Notice of the Regular Meeting Dates of the City Council for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year
- i) Pass & Adopt Resolution No. 1172, Designating a Depository and Authorizing Signatures (RSB)
- j) Pass & Adopt Resolution No. 1173, Designating a Depository and Authorizing Signatures (Morton Community Bank)
- k) Pass & Adopt Resolution No. 1174, Designating a Depository and Authorizing Signatures (1st Bankers Trust)
- l) Pass & Adopt Resolution No. 1175, Designating a Depository and Authorizing Signatures (West Central Bank)
- m) Pass & Adopt Resolution No. 1176, Resolution Appointing City Attorney
- n) Approve \$500 Donation for Veteran’s Flags in Central Park (*as per past practice*)
- o) Approve \$3,000 Donation to Schuyler County Fair for Fireworks (*as per past practice*)
- p) Approve Line Item Transfers
- q) Approve Hiring Carter Fretueg & Trevor Perry as City Maintenance Part-Time; Kara Henninger as Part-Time in the Pro Shop; & Monte Simpson as Central Park Waterer at \$15/hr
- r) Approve Appointment of Christy Ackman to the Library Board
- s) Approve Paying Darla Kirkham \$16/hr
- t) Approve Reserving Central Park on Sunday, August 30th, at 4:00 p.m. for the Hometown Hero Fish Fry
- u) Approve Reserving Central Park on Saturday, September 5th, for African Day
- v) Approve Upgrading Water Billing Software System at a Cost not to Exceed \$15,000

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

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

All items were approved on the Consent Agenda.

8. PASS & ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1411, ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Fishel MOVED TO PASS & ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1411, ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE. Carey SECONDED, THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Dodds, Farniok, Fishel, Matteson, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, & Carey; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT.

9. DISCUSS & CONSIDER APPROVING RED GRANT FOR DOUBLE K CAR WASH

Economic Development Committee Chair, Susan Acker reported the committee met to review a RED Grant application from Double K Car Wash. Acker noted the original application was dated in October, but Keith & Michel DeMoss could not decide if they wanted to apply for a RED Grant or TIF funds and by the time it was decided, there were no more RED Grants available. Acker noted everything is paid for and the work is completed.

Acker MOVED TO APPROVE A RED GRANT FOR DOUBLE K CAR WASH IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000). Dodds SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Farniok, Fishel, Matteson, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, Carey, & Dodds; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT.

10. DISCUSS & CONSIDER 1ST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1413, ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18-2 OF THE RUSHVILLE CITY CODE

Ordinance Review Committee Chairman, Mike Farniok reported the committee met and discussed some changes to the fence ordinance. Farniok stated that the current ordinance states a fence can be built on the property line with consent of the neighbor, but the committee would like to see a two-foot (2') setback. Farniok said the committee would like to see a fine for not getting a permit to build a fence. Mayor Ervin questioned if a resident got written consent from the neighbor to put a fence on the property line, could that be done, and Farniok said yes and the consent would have to be turned into City Hall. Farniok noted the two-foot (2') setback was for mowing purposes. Committee Member, Mike Carey stated there was some discussion about requiring a survey and Farniok said he got a lot of negative feedback on that so he thinks that should not be a requirement.

Farniok reported the committee would also like to adopt Creve Coeur's guidelines regarding the setbacks from sidewalks and alleys. Mayor Ervin stated the council can go ahead and pass this to the second (2nd) reading and then have City Attorney, Erin Wilson-Laegeler look at it.

Farniok MOVED TO PASS ORDINANCE NO 1413, ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18-2 OF THE RUSHVILLE CITY CODE TO THE SECOND (2ND) READING. Fishel SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Fishel, Matteson, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, Carey, Dodds, & Farniok; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT.

11. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICIAL'S REPORTS

Council Member, Bryan Matteson reported the city crew pulled a huge sectional couch out of the yard waste pile. Matteson said Jeremy Barclay was going to make a sign to put up.

Police Committee Member, Bob Fishel presented a picture of the plaque that he is wanting to order for K-9 Cody. Fishel noted the cost of the plaque is Eight Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$860) and should take six to eight (6-8) weeks to get here. *Said picture is attached and a part of these minutes.* Mayor Ervin said the plaque will be placed on the front of the Police Department. Fishel noted he would also like to see about getting a smaller plaque to give to Police Officer, Nathan Rauch. **Consensus of the council was to purchase the plaque and City Clerk, Stacey Briney was directed to place this item on the next Consent Agenda.**

Chief of Police, Rick Wright reported Officer Rauch, and the new K-9 started school today and everything went well. Chief Wright stated the new K-9's name is Valkyrie, Val for short.

Mayor, Jeff Ervin reported he was contacted by Librarian, Amy Ambrosius to ask if the city would sponsor the swim party on June 24th. Mayor Ervin said the party is open to the public and would cost the city Two Hundred Dollars (\$200). **Consensus of the council was to sponsor the party and Clerk Briney was directed to place this item on the next Consent Agenda.**

Mayor Ervin also reported there is a conference call tomorrow regarding the West LaFayette Street project, and he is hoping to find out more information.

12. ADJOURN

Dodds MOVED TO ADJOURN. Trimble SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Matteson, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, Carey, Dodds, Farniok, & Fishel; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT. THE MEETING STOOD ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY AT 7:16 P.M.

Minutes submitted by,

Stacey L. Briney, City Clerk/CMC

Date Minutes Approved

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