

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

Others present included: Stacey Briney, City Clerk; Drew Ralston, Superintendent of Operations; Rick Wright, Chief of Police; and Moe Billingsley of *The Rushville Times*.

### 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 May 4, 2026
- b) Approve the Minutes of the Police Committee Meeting held May 12, 2026
- c) Approve "Claims for Council Approval Dated 05/18/26" & Accept Monthly Reports
- d) Approve Hiring Lori Hulvey as Part-Time in the Pro Shop; & Jeff Zeeck & Bennett Fretueg as Part-Time at the Golf Course at a Rate of \$15/hr
- e) Approve Reserving Central Park on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, July 19<sup>th</sup>, & August 2<sup>nd</sup> for Community Band
- f) Approve Annual Service Agreement with Corpro for Cathodic Protection in the Amount of \$1,120
- g) Approve Sponsoring the library Pool Party at a Cost of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200)
- h) Approve Purchasing a Plaque in Memory of K-9 Cody

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

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

All items were approved on the Consent Agenda.

### 7. DISCUSS & CONSIDER 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1413, ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18-2 OF THE RUSHVILLE CITY CODE

Mayor Ervin stated he felt that five feet (5') from the sidewalk was a little extreme and thinks three feet (3') is plenty. Ordinance Review Committee Chairman, Mike Farniok said he felt that three feet (3') was reasonable because the biggest problem is having a fence right up against the sidewalk.

**Farniok MOVED TO PASS ORDINANCE NO 1413, ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18-2 OF THE RUSHVILLE CITY CODE TO THE THIRD (3<sup>RD</sup>) READING. Ryan SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Dodds, Farniok, Fishel, Matteson, Ryan, & Carey; 0 NAYS; 2 ABSENT – Acker & Trimble.**

**8. DISCUSS & CONSIDER HIRING JACOB ATWOOD AS FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER**

Police Committee Chairman, Mayor Ervin reported the committee interviewed Jacob Atwood and he seemed like a nice guy and a good candidate. Mayor Ervin noted Atwood cannot start until June 8<sup>th</sup>. Chief of Police, Rick Wright stated Atwood is moving to town, so he needs to get things in order in Jacksonville before he starts. Council Member, Mike Carey asked where Atwood had worked before, and Chief Wright said he worked for Springfield Police Department.

Mayor Ervin reported that Officer, Ted Eifert is not doing the thirty (30) hour shift anymore and we had lost Officer, Bill Thompson as well, so the department is down on numbers.

**Dodds MOVED TO APPROVE HIRING JACOB ATWOOD AS FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER. Carey SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Farniok, Fishel, Matteson, Ryan, Carey, & Dodds; 0 NAYS; 2 ABSENT – Acker & Trimble.**

**9. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICIAL’S REPORTS**

Council Member, Terry Dodds reported there has been a lot of talk this week about the trash pick-up.

Parks & Recreation Committee Co-Chair, Mike Faniok reported the Scripps Park Board re-elected Terri Belville as President and Mandy Bickerman as Secretary at their last meeting.

City Clerk, Stacey Briney reported David Albers from Benton Engineering called the office about doing the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) that was always done by the water operator. Clerk Briney said Randy Dabney, the licensed water operator, had been doing the report but did not get it done on time last year so now the city cannot just put the report in the newspaper like we have always done. Clerk Briney stated, according to Benton Engineering, the city now has to put a link either on the city’s website or through Illinois Rural Water and then put the URL on the water bills. Clerk Briney noted she does not know how to do that so she thinks it would be best to go through Illinois Rural Water, which would cost One Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$125) for them to host that URL. **Consensus of the council was to go ahead and have Illinois Rural Water host the CCR.**

Chief of Police, Rick Wright reported the K-9 is doing outstanding. Chief Wright stated they had a mock drug test and she passed with flying colors. Chief Wright said she will test on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor, Jeff Ervin reported the city received a One Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$100,000) grant for engineering and safety studies for *Safe Routes to School (SRTS)*. Mayor Ervin noted these studies have to be done in order to get a *SRTS* construction grant.

Mayor Ervin said he spoke with Megan Crook of IMEG regarding the South Liberty Street project and Crook suggested the city use Western Illinois Regional Council (WIRC) to write grants for that project. Mayor Ervin noted he contacted WIRC and Rushville is not covered in their district, but they will write the grants for us. Mayor Ervin stated WIRC would like to enter into a three (3) year agreement and the cost is based on per capita, which would cost us One Thousand Eight Hundred Three Dollars (\$1,803) per year. Mayor Ervin noted this is probably the cheapest way for the city to try to get grants. Mayor Ervin said he thinks WIRC will write other grants as well. **Consensus was to enter into an agreement with WIRC and Clerk Briney was directed to place this item on the next Consent Agenda.**

**10. ADJOURN**

**Dodds MOVED TO ADJOURN. Carey SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Fishel, Matteson, Ryan, Carey, Dodds, & Farniok; 0 NAYS; 2 ABSENT – Acker & Trimble. THE MEETING STOOD ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY AT 7:17 P.M.**

Minutes submitted by,

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Stacey L. Briney, City Clerk/CMC

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Date Minutes Approved