

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; Moe Billingsley of *The Rushville Times*; and James Mourning.

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 June 1, 2026
- b) Approve the Minutes of the Combined Water & Sewer Committee Meeting held June 9, 2026; & Street Committee Meeting held June 9, 2026
- c) Approve “Claims for Council Approval Dated 06/15/26” & Accept Monthly Reports
- d) Approve 2026 MFT Program
- e) Approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 1414, Prevailing Wage Ordinance
- f) Approve Suspending the Rules RE: Ordinance No. 1415, An Ordinance Amending 625 (An Ordinance Providing for the Installation of Motor Vehicular and Pedestrian Control Signs and Providing Penalties for Violation of the Same)
- g) Pass & Adopt Ordinance No. 1414, An Ordinance Amending 625 (An Ordinance Providing for the Installation of Motor Vehicular and Pedestrian Control Signs and Providing Penalties for Violation of the Same)

Fishel MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. 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.

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

All items were approved on the Consent Agenda.

7. DISCUSS & CONSIDER APPROVING TIF APPLICATION FOR JEFFERSON SLOTS (NATHAN WALLACE)

TIF Committee Chair, Susan Acker reported she called for a committee meeting to review the application, but there was not a quorum, so herself and Joint Review Board Member, Linda Butler reviewed the revised application from Nathan Wallace. Acker stated the new application estimated the work to be Twenty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Seven Dollars (\$28,937) for siding, fence work, and concrete. Superintendent of Operations, Drew Ralston noted Wallace wanted to concrete the parking out front of the building but if the city needed to do work and tear it up, he would have to pay to fix it. Acker said herself and Butler recommended giving Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000).

Acker MOVED TO APPROVE THE TIF APPLICATION WITH JEFFERSON SLOTS (NATHAN WALLACE) IN THE AMOUNT OF TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$12,000). Farniok SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Carey, Dodds, Farniok, Fishel, Matteson, Ryan, & Acker; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT; 1 ABSTAIN – Trimble.

8. DISCUSS & CONSIDER 1ST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1416, ORDINANCE AMENDING SUB-SECTION 21B OF THE RUSHVILLE CITY CODE – WATER SERVICE CHARGES AND CHAPTER 00 OF THE SEWER USE ORDINANCE

Water & Sewer Committee Chairman, Bryan Matteson reported the committee had met last week to review the current water and sewer rates. Matteson stated that Western Illinois Regional Council (WIRC) had informed the city that they could not write any grants for us because our water rates were too low and that shows there is no need for grant money. Matteson noted that the water and sewer rates have not increased for eleven (11) years.

Matteson said he had spoken with Mayor Ervin and City Clerk, Stacey Briney and after running some numbers, he thinks they have come up with what will be best for the city and the residents as well. Matteson stressed that the city has a need for grants if the infrastructure is going to be improved. Matteson stated the committee recommended a two percent (2%) increase each year for five (5) years and then review again.

Matteson MOVED TO PASS ORDINANCE NO 1416, ORDINANCE AMENDING SUB-SECTION 21B OF THE RUSHVILLE CITY CODE – WATER SERVICE CHARGES AND CHAPTER 00 OF THE SEWER USE ORDINANCE. Dodds SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Dodds, Farniok, Fishel, Matteson, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, & Carey; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT.

9. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICIAL’S REPORTS

Industrial Park Committee Chair, Susan Acker reported she had spoken with Casey Austin to see where they were on their building, and Austin said the building was ordered and she was having a hard time getting a plumber. Acker noted Austin is still very excited about this project.

Cemetery Committee Member, Bryan Matteson reported himself and Ralston met with Jude Eveland to get the street signs, posts, and brackets ordered for the cemetery. Matteson said the money is good so far for what was ordered. Acker asked who would be installing the signs and Matteson noted they talked about Eveland getting a crew together because there will be some issues on where the signs should be placed.

Sidewalk & Lighting Committee Chairman, Terry Dodds reported he contacted Stefanie Ballinger of Benton Engineering to have her start the engineering part of the sidewalk on North Liberty Street in front of Rogers Bakery.

Cemetery Committee Chairman, Mike Carey reported he met with Cemetery Sexton, George Vincent and the employees at the cemetery this morning. Carey stated there are some issues down there and they are down one (1) weedeater because Vincent had to fire one today because he was not showing up for work. Carey said he asked Clerk Briney to run another ad in the newspaper to see if anyone will apply. Carey noted he told Vincent that the weedeating still needed to be done. Matteson added that Evaristo Soleto has been weedeating all day long.

Parks & Recreation Committee Co-Chair, Mike Farniok reported the swimming pool opening went very well and they have had good crowds.

Mayor, Jeff Ervin reported Chief of Police, Rick Wright told him that Officer Nathan Rauch would like to order some drug scent kits, and they will cost a little over One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000). Mayor Ervin noted there is money in the K-9 line to pay for them. **Consensus of the council was to allow Chief Wright to purchase the kits.**

Mayor Ervin said Mike Lamb of Rushville Collision called him to let him know that the fence people are supposed to be here in three (3) weeks to get started on his fence.

Mayor Ervin stated Golf Superintendent, Andy Ebey found a kid that would like to weedeat at the golf course. Mayor Ervin noted there is only one (1) school kid out there now so he would like to hire Bobby Welch. **Consensus of the council was to approve hiring Bobby Welch for the golf course.**

Mayor Ervin reported he had contacted City Attorney, Erin Wilson-Laegeler and Joe Redshaw of Redshaw Insurance regarding the swimming at Schuy-Rush. Mayor Ervin stated that both Attorney Wilson-Laegeler and Redshaw felt that allowing swimming at your own risk would not create anymore

liability than posting no swimming. Mayor Ervin turned this item over to the Ordinance Review Committee to discuss. Mayor Ervin stressed that the park needs the revenue. **Ordinance Review Committee Chairman, Mike Farniok called for a committee meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23rd, to *Discuss Revisions to the Swimming Ordinance at Schuy-Rush Park.***

Moe Billingsley of *The Rushville Times* reported this will be his last meeting as he is moving to St. Louis. The council thanked Billingsley for his work.

10. **ADJOURN**

Dodds MOVED TO ADJOURN. Carey 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. THE MEETING STOOD ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY AT 7:22 P.M.

Minutes submitted by,

Stacey L. Briney, City Clerk/CMC

Date Minutes Approved