

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 Mike Grate to call the roll. Upon ROLL CALL, the following answered present: Council Members: Susan Acker, Mike Carey, Mike Farniok, Bob Fishel, Bryan Matteson, Mike Ryan, and Paul Trimble. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Council Member, Terry Dodds was absent.

Others present included: Mike Grate of the City Clerk’s Office; City Attorney, Erin Wilson-Laegeler; Superintendent of Operations, Drew Ralston; Chief of Police, Rick Wright; Brian Frericks of QFB Energy; James Mourning and Wilb Kindhart.

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. BRIAN FRERICKS OF QFB ENERGY TO ADDRESS COUNCIL RE: ENERGY AGGREGATION RENEWAL

Brian Frericks, representing QFB Energy, presented an energy review document with the new energy rates. *Said document is attached and a part of these minutes.* Frericks reminded the council that these rates are for the supply portion for the city buildings and not the taxes or fees. Frericks said NRG Energy has been very aggressive in their pricing and came in cheaper than Homefield, who the city will be with until August.

Frericks reported they have been working closely with Community Solar Authority over the past eight (8) months. Frericks stated there are no cost and no solar panels installed, and it would be about a ten percent (10%) savings off Ameren’s current delivery charges. A discussion followed.

5. DISCUSS & CONSIDER RENEWING ENERGY CONTRACT WITH QFB ENERGY & APPROVE ELECTRIC AGGREGATION RATES

Farniok MOVED TO APPROVE RENEWING THE ENERGY CONTRACT WITH QFB ENERGY, APPROVING THE THREE (3) YEAR RATE WITH NRG DIRECT ENERGY, AND A CONDITIONAL AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY SOLAR AUTHORITY ON DELIVERY CHARGES ONLY. Matteson SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Acker, Carey, Farniok, Fishel, Matteson, Ryan, & Trimble; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Dodds.

Brian Frericks left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wilb Kindhart addressed his concern regarding the property at 589 W. Washington Street. Kindhart stated the weeds in the backyard are as tall as he is, and Mayor Ervin assured Kindhart that the city is aware of the problem and is working on a solution.

Wilb Kindhart left the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

7. 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 15, 2026
- b) Approve the Minutes of the Ordinance Review Committee Meeting held June 23, 2026

- c) Approve “Claims for Council Approval Dated 07/06/26” & Accept Monthly Reports
- d) Approve Hiring Bobby Welch as Part-Time at the Golf Course; & Landon Surratt, Wyatt McClelland, & Jakob Maliongas as Part-Time at the Cemetery all at \$15/hr.
- e) Approve Appointment of Ellie Dyche to the Library Board
- f) Pass & Adopt Ordinance No. 1414, Prevailing Wage Ordinance
- g) Approve Suspending the Rules RE: Ordinance No. 1417, An Ordinance Amending Section 50-84, Swimming in Lake of the Rushville City Code
- h) Pass & Adopt Ordinance No. 1417, An Ordinance Amending Section 50-84, Swimming in Lake of the Rushville City Code

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

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

All items were approved on the Consent Agenda.

9. DISCUSS & CONSIDER 2ND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1416, ORDINANCE AMENDING SUB-CHAPTER 21B OF THE RUSHVILLE CITY CODE- WATER SERVICE CHARGES AND CHAPTER 00 OF THE SEWER USE ORDINANCE

Matteson MOVED TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 1416, ORDINANCE AMENDING SUB-CHAPTER 21B OF THE RUSHVILLE CITY CODE – WATER SERVICE CHARGES AND CHAPTER 00 OF THE SEWER USE ORDINANCE TO THE THIRD (3RD) READING. Farniok SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Farniok, Fishel, Matteson, Ryan, Trimble, Acker & Carey; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Dodds.

10. DISCUSS & CONSIDER APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE & INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 965

Carey MOVED TO APPROVE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE & INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 965. Ryan SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Fishel, Matteson, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, Carey, & Farniok; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Dodds.

11. DISCUSS & CONSIDER REMOVING TREES & STUMPS IN THE CEMETERY

Cemetery Committee Chair, Mike Carey reported there is a large ash tree and stump that needs removed in the cemetery. Carey said the estimate was Two Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$2,200). Carey noted there are two (2) other stumps that need removed, along with clean up, and it is estimated at Five Hundred Dollars (\$500).

Carey MOVED TO APPROVE REMOVING TREES & STUMPS IN THE CEMETERY AT A COST OF TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,700.00). Fishel SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Matteson, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, Carey, Farniok, & Fishel; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Dodds.

12. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICIALS’ REPORTS

Council Member, Susan Acker asked Superintendent of Operations, Drew Ralston what all the flags are for on E. Lafayette Street, and Ralston stated Benton Engineering is locating for the new water main.

Water Committee Chairman, Bryan Matteson reported the water tower had its eleven (11) month inspection and there are some issues on the inside and outside that need repaired. Matteson noted the repairs are under warranty and Neuman’s is supposed to start on July 13th. Matteson said the water tower will be drained again, and we will have to run off the DHS tower. Mayor Ervin reminded the council this does not need to be approved again by the council since it would fall under the original contract with Neuman’s and it’s warranty work. Ralston stated they would drop the DHS tower down to winter levels but even at that, there may be water main issues in the city again. Council Member, Bob Fishel asked if Neuman’s gave a timeline and Ralston said they did not have one.

Parks & Recreation Co-Chair, Paul Trimble was asked by Mayor Ervin to reach out to City Attorney, Erin Wislon-Laegeler to put together some signage at Schuy-Rush Park for swimming in the lake.

Street Committee Chair, Bob Fishel reported Ralston contacted him regarding a cylinder blowing on the backhoe that needs repaired. Fishel said the repairs will cost Two Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$2,600).

Council Member, Bob Fishel stated that the sidewalk on South Congress Street, by the Jail Museum, looks great and thanked the city crew for their good work.

Chief of Police, Rick Wright reported that the K-9 team was doing great. Chief Wright said K-9 Val has had a couple drug alerts and has worked with other departments already.

City Attorney, Erin Wilson-Laegeler stated she had no formal report, but she was glad to be back to work.

Mayor, Jeff Ervin reported we now have three (3) inmates from the Clayton Work Camp weedeating at the cemetery. Mayor Ervin said that he has been through the cemetery and it looks good. Mayor Ervin complimented Ralston on a job well done covering for Cemetery Sexton, George Vincent while he was out.

13. **ADJOURN**

Fishel MOVED TO ADJOURN. Ryan SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Ryan, Trimble, Acker, Carey, Farniok, Fishel & Matteson; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Dodds. THE MEETING STOOD ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY AT 7:34 P.M.

Minutes submitted by,

Mike Grate

Date Minutes Approved