

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, and Mike Ryan. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Council Member, Paul Trimble was absent.

Others present included: City Clerk, Stacey Briney; City Attorney, Erin Wilson-Laegeler; Superintendent of Operations, Drew Ralston; Chief of Police, Rick Wright; 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 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 July 6, 2026
- b) Approve the Minutes of the Economic Development Committee Meeting held July 7, 2026
- c) Approve “Claims for Council Approval Dated 07/20/26” & Accept Monthly Reports
- d) Approve Special Event License for The Lipsticked Pig on Saturday, August 1, 2026, at the Rushville Fitness & Community Center for the Friends of NRA Banquet

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

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

All items were approved on the Consent Agenda.

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

8. DISCUSS & CONSIDER APPROVING RED GRANT FOR MIDWEST SOFTWASH

Economic Development Committee Chair, Susan Acker reported the committee had met to review a RED Grant application from Cameron Avery, owner of Midwest Softwash. Acker stated that the first rule on the application is that the business must be a permanent structure in the city and Avery works out of his truck. Acker noted Avery’s LLC was just filed in April 2026, so he is not really an established business. Acker said Avery is requesting a little over One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$1,300).

THIS MATTER DIED FOR A LACK OF A MOTION.

Council Member, Bryan Matteson asked if Avery reapplied, could the committee revisit it, and Mayor Ervin said another application could be revisited if it met all of the requirements.

9. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Council Member, Susan Acker reported there is a small tree/bush by the brick pillars as you drive into Scripps Park that is dead. Acker said she was not sure who was responsible for cutting it down. Mayor Ervin noted he will talk about this in his report.

Sewer Committee Chairman, Bryan Matteson reported VanDeVanter is going to replace the control module on the small pump. Matteson noted the cost will be a little over Four Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$4,400).

Matteson **called for a Sewer Committee meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28th, to Discuss Purchasing a Generator at the Sewer Lab.** Matteson said there is a generator there, but it only runs the pump and nothing else. Superintendent of Operations, Drew Ralston noted that the city might be able to trade the smaller one in or take it to Logan Street since there is not a generator there either.

Water Committee Chairman, Bryan Matteson reported there was only one (1) main failure on North Liberty Street over the weekend due to draining the water tower and three (3) residents had failures on their side of the meter. Matteson stated the city crew has started to refill the water tower, but it is a slow process and should be back on schedule Friday or Saturday.

Cemetery Committee Chairman, Mike Carey reported he had talked with Cemetery Sexton, George Vincent and Vincent said everything is going well and the work camp inmates and new employees are doing a good job.

Parks & Recreation Co-Chair, Mike Farniok reported there are a few clean-up items that need to be done at the Scripps walking path. Farniok stated the swimming pool manager is doing a great job and they are booked out with parties. Council Member, Terry Dodds said he had talked to a few of the lifeguards and they said they really like the manager and are planning on coming back next year.

City Clerk, Stacey Briney reported there will be a Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m. before the next council meeting in reference to the grant for South Liberty Street that Western Illinois Regional Council is writing for the city.

Mayor, Jeff Ervin reported Laverdiere Construction is going to concrete the Monroe & LaFayette Street intersection, which the city is paying for. Mayor Ervin stated that the storm sewer at the intersection has issues where the city crew cannot get the camera down, so Laverdiere said they could fix that sewer while there were doing the work. Mayor Ervin stated the cost to run the pipe and tie into the other sewer is Thirty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$34,250). **Consensus was to go have and have Laverdiere do the storm sewer work.** City Attorney, Erin Wilson-Laegeler stressed that this project should be bid out since it was over the Twenty Thousand Dollar (\$20,000) threshold. Clerk Briney asked about waiving the bidding process and Attorney Wilson-Laegeler said that can be done but it will take a majority vote, and Mayor Ervin noted he got seven (7) out of eight (8) tonight. **Clerk Briney will place Approve Waiving the Bidding Process to Replace the Storm Sewer at the Monroe & LaFayette Street Intersection and Approve Bid from Laverdiere Construction to Replace the Storm Sewer at a Cost of Thirty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$34,250) on the next Consent Agenda.**

Mayor Ervin read an e-mail from Brian Jumper of Hutchison Engineering regarding the progress on West LaFayette Street. *Said e-mail is attached and a part of these minutes.* Mayor Ervin reminded the council that the city got an 80/20 grant for this project and then received another grant for the city's twenty percent (20%), so the city will only have to pay for the concrete and storm sewer at the Monroe & LaFayette Street intersection.

Mayor Ervin also reported the Golf Superintendent, Andy Ebey got a couple bids to knock down the weeds along the creek at the park. Mayor Ervin noted the bids were Two Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$2,250) from Marc Wilson and Two Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$2,100) from Pete Dupoy/Woodstock Township. Mayor Ervin stated the park does not have the equipment to do that type of work, but Ebey said if someone can get the weeds knocked down, they could get down in there and cut the trees down. Farniok asked if Ebey was going to treat the stumps after they cut the tree down, and Mayor Ervin noted they should, but Ebey was scared because that creek goes into the lake where the water is used to irrigate the golf course. **Consensus was to go with the Two Thousand One Hundred Dollar (\$2,100) bid from Pete Dupoy/Woodstock Township.**

10. ADJOURN

Dodds MOVED TO ADJOURN. Farniok SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Farniok, Fishel, Matteson, Ryan, Acker, Carey, & Dodds; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Trimble. THE MEETING STOOD ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY AT 7:18 P.M.

Minutes submitted by,

Stacey L. Briney, City Clerk/CMC

Date Minutes Approved