August 3, 2026

PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT
Rushville City Hall Council Chambers
6:45 p.m.

The following were in attendance: Mayor Jeff Ervin; Council Members – Susan Acker, Mike Farniok, & Paul Trimble; City Clerk, Stacey Briney; City Attorney, Erin Wilson-Laegeler; and Josh Mercer, representing Western Illinois Regional Council (WIRC)

The public hearing was called to discuss the Community Development Block Grant for the South Liberty Street project. Notice was posted to meet state requirements.

Josh Mercer of WIRC reported he was submitting a grant for the city for infrastructure on South Liberty Street. Mercer noted the grant application is due by August 27th, and it is up to One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($1,500,000). Mercer read all documents relating to this grant. Mercer stated most of this grant is to replace deteriorating water mains, but the city would be responsible for the engineering.

Trimble MOVED TO ADJOURN. Farniok SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" VOICE VOTE. THE PUBLIC HEARING STOOD ADJOURNED AT 6:53 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, and Paul Trimble. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Others present included: City Clerk, Stacey Briney; City Attorney, Erin Wilson-Laegeler; Superintendent of Operations, Drew Ralston; Kala Peacock, Wendy Hillyer, 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. PASS & ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1179, RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Farniok MOVED TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 1179, RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT. Fishel 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.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wendy Hillyer reported she is representing Autumn in Rushville which is a day where businesses have sales, giveaways, etc. Hillyer stated there were eleven (11) businesses involved last year and she is hoping to double it this year. Hillyer noted she works with the Chamber of Commerce to get all of the businesses involved and this year the Farmers Market vendors would like to be involved as well. Hillyer said some of the businesses that are not on the square would like to set up in Central Park. Hillyer stated she is asking for permission to use the park on September 19th. **Consensus of the council was to reserve Central Park for September 19th for Autumn in Rushville.**

Wendy Hillyer & Kala Peacock left the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

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 July 20, 2026
b) Approve the Minutes of the Sewer Committee Meeting held July 28, 2026; & Combined Street, Water, & Sewer Committee Meeting held July 28, 2026
c) Approve "Claims for Council Approval Dated 08/03/26" & Accept Monthly Reports
d) Approve Changing MNA Food Mart's Liquor License to a Pour & Carry License
e) Approve Waiving the Bidding Process RE: Replacing Storm Sewer at the Intersection of West LaFayette Street & North Monroe Street
f) Approve Bid from Laverdiere Construction in the Amount of $34,250 to Replace the Storm Sewer at the Intersection of West LaFayette Street & North Monroe Street
g) Approve Bid of $2,100 from Woodstock Township/Pete Dupoy to Mow along Creek at Scripps Park
h) Approve Authorizing the Schuyler County Community Foundation to use the Remainder of the Walking Path Funds and Dr. Dohner City Park Account to Pay Remaining Balance for the New Walking Path
i) Approve Purchasing a Ford F750 Diesel Truck using Remaining Funds from Anonymous Donor and Balance Split between the Street, Water, & Sewer Funds

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. DISCUSS & CONSIDER PURCHASING A FORD F350 4x4 PICK-UP TRUCK

Street Committee Chairman, Bob Fishel reported Superintendent of Operations, Drew Ralston had gotten at quote on a 4x4 pick-up truck in the amount of Eighty Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars ($80,834). Fishel stated there is about Fifty-Three Thousand Dollars ($53,000) in the truck fund and would like to split the remaining Twenty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars ($27,834) between the street, water, and sewer funds. Fishel noted this truck is needed pretty badly, and Morrow Brothers has it in stock. Ralston said they will have to put the plow and utility bed on it first.

Fishel MOVED TO APPROVE PURCHASING A FORD F350 4X4 PICK-UP TRUCK IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTY THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR DOLLARS ($80,834), WITH FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($53,000) COMING OUT OF THE TRUCK FUND AND THE REMAINING BALANCE BEING SPLIT BETWEEN THE STREET, WATER, & SEWER FUNDS. Matteson SECONDED, AND 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. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Cemetery Committee Member, Bryan Matteson reported the city crew got the signposts set for Jude Eveland's Eagle Scout project and now they are just waiting for the actual signs to come in. Matteson noted Eveland will be instructed on how to put them together when they get here.

Matteson also reported he had spoken to Brent Greer of Rocket Disposal and Greer said things are going well and they are starting to get the routes down.

Parks & Recreation Co-Chair, Mike Farniok reported the new walking path is done and the funds are being distributed. Farniok stated there are a few touch up items that need to be done but those should be done by next week.

Public Buildings & Land Committee Chairman, Bob Fishel reported he has taken this committee over and if there is anything that needs to be done, please let him know.

City Clerk, Stacey Briney reported she contacted Richards Electric today regarding the generator for City Hall and was told that they thought it had come in last week, but if not, it would be in this week, and they will get us scheduled.

Mayor, Jeff Ervin reported the Schuy-Rush Park Board currently seats five (5) members and they would like to change that number to seven (7) so they can distribute out more duties. Mayor Ervin said he already has two (2) people that say they would be on the board. **Consensus of the council was to increase the number of members to seven (7). City Clerk, Stacey Briney was directed to place *Discuss & Consider Suspending the Rules RE: Amending the Number of Members on the Schuy-Rush Park Board* on the next council agenda.**

Mayor Ervin stated the brick street is moving along quite well. Council Member, Mike Carey asked when they were going to start laying bricks, and Mayor Ervin thought after they get the LaFayette & Monroe Street intersection done.

Mayor Ervin reported the Veteran flag committee is wanting to have another ceremony, but he thinks they want to do it on the section of street that is being worked on and they would like to have it at the end of August. Mayor Ervin noted he is not sure that will work because the light poles probably will not be up yet.

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 7:13 P.M.

Minutes submitted by,

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Stacey L. Briney, City Clerk/CMC

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Date Minutes Approved