

September 8, 2026

**PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS
TO WEST LAFAYETTE STREET
Rushville City Hall Council Chambers
6:45 p.m.**

The following were in attendance: Mayor Jeff Ervin; Council Members – Susan Acker, Mike Carey, Mike Farniok, Bob Fishel, Bryan Matteson, and Paul Trimble; City Clerk’s Office, Mike Grate; Superintendent of Operations, Drew Ralston; Megan Crook of IMEG; and Joe Gomez.

The public hearing was called to review proposed improvements to West Lafayette Street. Notice was posted to meet state requirements.

Megan Crook of IMEG went over proposed improvements to West Lafayette Street. Crook reported that the application for the grant is ready and will be sent out in October. Crook advised this project will not begin until the year 2028. Crook recommended that the city look into the water mains and storm sewers before the project begins to see if they need replaced. A discussion followed.

Fishel MOVED TO ADJOURN. Carey SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Acker, Carey, Farniok, Fishel, Matteson, and Trimble; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Ryan. THE PUBLIC HEARING STOOD ADJOURNED AT 6:58 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 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, & Paul Trimble. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Others present included: Mike Grate, City Clerk’s office; Erin Wilson-Laegeler, City Attorney; Drew Ralston, Superintendent of Operations; Nate Campbell of the Rushville Fire Department, & Joe Gomez.

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 August 24, 2026
- b) Approve the Minutes of the Ordinance Review Committee Meeting held September 1, 2026; Police Committee Meeting held September 2, 2026; & Economic Development Committee Meeting held September 2, 2026
- c) Approve “Claims for Council Approval Dated 09/08/26” & Accept Monthly Reports
- d) Approve Reserving Central Park on Saturday, September 12th, for Homecoming Coronation

- e) Approve Closing McAllister Street to Bessie Street on Friday, September 11th, & Saturday, September 12th (Next to the Lipsticked Pig) – *per past practice*
- f) Approve Carson Isley as Fireman
- g) Approve Purchasing New Body Cameras at a Cost not to Exceed \$6,938.96/Year for 5 Years

Matteson MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. Carey 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; 0 ABSENT.

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

All items were approved on the Consent Agenda.

7. DISCUSS & CONSIDER CLAEN-UP OF 1 SPENCER LANE

City Attorney, Erin Wilson-Laegeler reported she had filed a motion to allow the city to clean up the property at 1 Spencer Lane, which has been subject to ordinance violations over the past few years. Attorney Wilson-Laegeler stated she had heard that there have been efforts from the owner to clean up the property and advised the city should wait on cleaning it up until after the October 13th hearing to see if the owner is now in compliance with the codes. Superintendent of Operations, Drew Ralston stated he has someone that will be giving us a bid to clean up the property if it comes to that. Attorney Wilson-Laegeler advised the city to wait until the October 19th meeting to approve the bid to clean up 1 Spencer Lane. **No action taken at this time.**

8. DISCUSS & CONSIDER APPROVING RED GRANT TO THE BREAD BASKET

Acker MOVED TO APPROVE A RED GRANT TO THE BREAD BASKET IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000). Carey SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Farniok, Fishel, Matteson, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, & Carey; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT.

9. DISCUSS & CONSIDER SELLING THE ONE-HALF (1/2) LOT NEXT TO THE DAYCARE IN THE INDUSTRIAL PARK

Economic Development Chair, Susan Acker reported that the Help Center is interested in buying the one-half (1/2) lot in the Industrial Park. Acker noted she quoted them a price of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500).

Acker MOVED TO APPROVE SELLING THE ONE-HALF (1/2) LOT NEXT TO THE DAYCARE IN THE INDUSTRIAL PARK TO THE HELP CENTER FOR TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500). Farniok 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; 0 ABSENT.

10. DISCUSS & CONSIDER APPROVING A VARIANCE FOR TODD ZEISLER AT 3 EAST AVENUE COURT

Ordinance Review Committee Chairman, Mike Farniok reported that Todd Zeisler requested a variance for a trailer he wants to move into 3 East Avenue Court. Farniok said that historically, Zeisler has put in trailers that have been an improvement, replacing dilapidated ones, and making the area look better than it was.

Farniok MOVED TO APPROVE VARIANCE FOR TODD ZEISLER AT 3 EAST AVENUE COURT. Trimble 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; 0 ABSENT.

11. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICALS REPORTS

Animal Committee Chairman, Paul Trimble asked what the police department does with the old body camaras because it could be beneficial if Animal Control Officer, Dave Edwards could have one. Mayor Ervin stated the old ones are kept in case of a large event, so all officers can have a body camera on them, but he would ask Chief of Police, Rick Wright if that was a possibility. Attorney, Wilson-Laegeler

advised she would look in to weather a noncommissioned officer could wear a body camera due to privacy concerns.

Industrial Park Committee Chair, Susan Acker reported she spoke with Casey Austin, and they are moving forward in the building process, even though it does not look like it.

Water Committee Chairman, Bryan Matteson reported the eleven (11) month inspection of the Logan Street tank was performed with no issues.

Ordinance Review Committee Chairman, Mike Farniok reported he has been approached by a few people regarding food trucks parking in places where there could be safety hazards. Farniok stated he is going to be setting up an Ordinance Review Committee meeting soon and will reach out to Attorney Wilson-Laegeler for her assistance.

Mayor Jeff Ervin reminded the council that Mason Vincent, Smiles Day Committee Chairman, has asked that any council members that could make it uptown on Smiles Day at 2:00p.m., would be appreciated.

Mayor Ervin reported that the generator for city hall is in and Eric Monteen is waiting for Ameren to install a larger gas line before he puts it in.

12. ADJOURN

Matteson MOVED TO ADJOURN. Farniok 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; 0 ABSENT. THE MEETING STOOD ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY AT 7:15 P.M.

Minutes submitted by,

Mike Grate

Date Minutes Approved