October 19, 2026

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; and Rex Powell.

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. DISCUSS & CONSIDER APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF REX POWELL AS WARD IV ALDERMAN

Farniok MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF REX POWELL AS WARD IV ALDERMAN. Fishel 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; 0 ABSENT.

5. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO REX POWELL

Mayor Ervin administered the Oath of Office to Rex Powell.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments at this time.

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 October 5, 2026
b) Approve "Claims for Council Approval Dated 10/19/26" & Accept Monthly Reports
c) Approve "Claims for Scripps Park Approval Dated 10/12/26" (*due to lack of quorum)*
d) Approve Closing Alley West of 1st United Methodist Church (between W. Washington St. & W. Jefferson St.) on Friday, November 6th, for Harvest Feed
e) Approve Outside Employment for Michael Gobel (Red Beard Tree Removal)

Carey MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. Farniok SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Carey, Farniok, Fishel, Matteson, Powell, Ryan, Trimble, & Acker; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT.

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

All items were approved on the Consent Agenda.

9. DISCUSS & CONSIDER ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR TREE REMOVAL AT SCHUY-RUSH PARK

Mayor Ervin explained that the city council will vote to approve advertising for the bids to remove the trees at Schuy-Rush Park due to Todd Zeisler, owner of Zeisler Tree Service, sitting on the Schuy-Rush Board. Mayor Ervin stated all the bids will come to the city for the council to approve.

Trimble MOVED TO APPROVE ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR TREE REMOVAL AT SCHUY-RUSH PARK. Fishel SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Farniok, Fishel, Matteson, Powell, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, & Carey; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT.

10. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICAL'S REPORTS

Council Member, Paul Trimble reported that he is looking at starting park & cruise nights next year. Trimble stated he is in the beginning stages of this, but he is looking to hold these every second (2nd) Saturday of each month running from May through September.

Water Committee Chairman, Bryan Matteson reported he was contacted by Jaime Headen of Benton Engineering regarding finalizing the plans to be submitted to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for the permitting process of the water main projects on West Jefferson and East Lafayette Streets. Matteson said Benton Engineering is also working on the alignments of the storm sewer routing by the Post Office and Ben Spreen of Benton Engineering is working on the final inventory for the lead service lines, so we are in a position for funding next year.

Mayor, Jeff Ervin welcomed newly appointed Ward IV Alderman, Rex Powell to the council.

City Attorney, Erin Wilson-Laegeler stated the city needs to get a plan in place for cleaning up the Beatty property on Spencer Lane. Mayor Ervin said he would start working on that with Superintendent of Operations, Drew Ralston tomorrow.

11. ADJOURN

Acker MOVED TO ADJOURN. Ryan SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Fishel, Matteson, Powell, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, Carey, & Farniok; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT. THE MEETING STOOD ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY AT 7:10 P.M.

Minutes submitted by,

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Mike Grate

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Date Minutes Approved