November 2, 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 City Clerk, Stacey Briney to call the roll. Upon ROLL CALL, the following answered present: Council Members: Susan Acker, Mike Farniok, Bob Fishel, Bryan Matteson, Rex Powell, Mike Ryan, & Paul Trimble. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Council Member, Mike Carey was absent.

Others present included: Stacey Briney, City Clerk; Erin Wilson-Laegeler, City Attorney; Drew Ralston, Superintendent of Operations; and Nathan Campbell, representing the Fire Department.

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 October 19, 2026
b) Approve the Minutes of the Claims & Insurance Committee Meeting held October 28, 2026
c) Approve "Claims for Council Approval Dated 11/02/26" & Accept Monthly Reports
d) Approve Jordan McGinnis as Fireman
e) Approve Transferring Evaristo Sotelo from Part-Time at the Cemetery to Full-Time at City Maintenance
f) Approve Reserving Central Park on Saturday, August 21, 2027, for the HUB's Night Market
g) Approve Generator Maintenance at a Cost of $3,900 with Richards Electric *(as per past practice)*
h) Approve Property/Casualty & Work Comp Insurance Renewal & Downpayment for 2026-2027
i) Approve Unemployment Insurance Renewal with ICRMT for 2026-2027

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

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

All items were approved on the Consent Agenda.

7. DISCUSS & CONSIDER 1ST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1419, ANNUAL TAX LEVY

Mayor Ervin reported the tax levy is under the five percent (5%) threshold, so there is no need for a public hearing.

Farniok MOVED TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 1419, ANNUAL TAX LEVY TO THE SECOND (2ND) READING. Fishel SECONDED.

City Attorney, Erin Wilson-Laegeler stated the most significant change was in the insurance. Attorney Wilson-Laegeler said every year the city has to transfer Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars ($75,000)

from the general fund to the insurance fund to clear up the deficit so this year she reallocated from the tort fund so that did not have to be done. Attorney Wilson-Laegeler noted something different could be done if the council so chooses, but City Clerk, Stacey Briney brought it up to her so that is the reasoning it was done. Attorney Wilson-Laegeler stated she is going to check the tax comps to make sure everything is below the five percent (5%).

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Farniok, Fishel, Powell, Ryan, Trimble, & Acker; 0 NAYS; 1 PRESENT – Matteson; 1 ABSENT – Carey.

8. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICAL'S REPORTS

Parks & Recreation Committee Co-Chairman, Paul Trimble reported he talked to Schuy-Rush Park Board President, Kala Peacock and she stated the park closed on October 31st, and they are going to be doing some cleaning. Trimble said Peacock would like to hold off on the bids for the trees at the park until the Ordinance Review Committee meets.

Council Member, Trimble also reported that the hospital is buying a storage unit and thinks they should be notified about the city's ordinance against them. Attorney Wilson-Laegeler noted she will take care of this.

Ordinance Review Committee Chairman, Mike Farniok **called for a committee meeting on Monday, November 16th, at 6:30 p.m., to *Discuss Data Center Ordinance* & *Discuss Bidding Restrictions on Park Board Members*.**

City Clerk, Stacey Briney reported the generator has been installed at City Hall. Clerk Briney said she has not had a chance to contact Cameron Brothers to see when they are going to get to the roof.

City Attorney, Erin Wilson-Laegeler reported she met with the tenant that has the cell tower on Rodewald Drive and they are looking to see if the city would reduce the rent because T-Mobile has informed them that they are not going to continue with the lease so they are not going to be receiving any funds. Attorney Wilson-Laegeler noted the city owns the ground, they own the tower, and a company leases the tower. Attorney Wilson-Laegeler stressed that the city is NOT required to do anything.

Attorney Wilson-Laegeler stated the tenant quoted her a Fifty-Six Thousand Dollar ($56,000) buyout for the ground, but there is nothing in writing on this. Mayor Ervin asked if they could just terminate the lease and Attorney Wilson-Laegeler noted they could and pay the city One Thousand Dollars ($1,000), decommission the site, and remove the tower. Mayor Ervin said he is concerned with selling the property because then Scripps Park would not have any guaranteed income coming in. A discussion followed. Attorney Wilson-Laegeler noted nothing needs to be done tonight as T-Mobile will not terminate their part of the lease until 2028. **Clerk Briney was directed to place *Discuss & Consider Cell Tower Lease* on the next council agenda.**

9. ADJOURN

Acker MOVED TO ADJOURN. Fishel SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Fishel, Matteson, Powell, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, & Farniok; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Carey. THE MEETING STOOD ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY AT 7:15 P.M.

Minutes submitted by,

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Stacey L. Briney, City Clerk/CMC

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Date Minutes Approved