

RUSHVILLE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

1. ROLL CALL & CALL TO ORDER

The Rushville City Council met via conference call. Upon convening, Mayor Carson Klitz called the meeting to order and directed City Clerk, Stacey Briney to call the roll. Upon ROLL CALL, the following answered present: Council Members: Susan Acker, Jeff Ervin, Bob Lambert, Mike Ryan, Scott Stoll, and Larry Wilson. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Council Members, Terry Dodds & Paul Trimble were absent.

Others present included: Stacey Briney, City Clerk; Nathan Campbell, Superintendent of Operations; Mike McEvers of Benton & Associates; Jeff Olson of Hutchison Engineering; and Linda Ward.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

3. 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 January 4, 2021
- b) Approve "Claims for Council Approval Dated 01/19/21" & Accept Monthly Reports
- c) Approve Changing Rick & Rick's Tap, LLC Liquor License from Class A to Class AA (7-day)
- d) Approve Corrected Statistical Narrative of Tax Abatement for Rushville Fitness & Community Center
- e) Consider Suspending the Rules RE: Ordinance No. 1332, An Ordinance amending Ordinance 625, An Ordinance Providing for the Installation of motor Vehicular and pedestrian control signs and Providing Penalties for Violation of the Same) – *ATV, UTV, Golf Carts Signs on East Adams Street*
- f) Pass & Adopt Ordinance No. 1332, An Ordinance amending Ordinance 625, An Ordinance Providing for the Installation of motor Vehicular and pedestrian control signs and Providing Penalties for Violation of the Same) – *ATV, UTV, Golf Cart Signs on East Adams Street*
- g) Consider Suspending the Rules RE: Ordinance No. 1333, An Ordinance amending Ordinance 625, An Ordinance Providing for the Installation of motor Vehicular and pedestrian control signs and Providing Penalties for Violation of the Same) – *No ATV, UTV, Golf Carts Crossing Signs*
- h) Pass & Adopt Ordinance No. 1333, An Ordinance amending Ordinance 625, An Ordinance Providing for the Installation of motor Vehicular and pedestrian control signs and Providing Penalties for Violation of the Same) – *No ATV, UTV, Golf Cart Crossing Signs*

Wilson MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. Ryan SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Acker, Ervin, Lambert, Ryan, Stoll, & Wilson; 0 NAYS; 2 ABSENT – Dodds & Trimble.

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

All items were approved on the Consent Agenda.

5. DISCUSS & CONSIDER APPROVING 2021 MFT ESTIMATE OF MAINTENANCE COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,750

Ryan MOVED TO APPROVE 2021 MFT ESTIMATE OF MAINTENANCE COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,750. Ervin SECONDED.

Council Member, Larry Wilson asked if the city is still considering both parks as part of the maintenance, and Mayor Carson Klitz said yes because the city cannot ignore those two (2) places because they are very important to the town. Wilson stated they used to be on an annual rotation but we got away from it so there might be more work that needs done than we think. Superintendent of Operations, Nathan Campbell noted the oil and chip is not included in this and will be done later in the spring when the engineer will do a drive around town to determine what streets need to be done.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Ervin, Lambert, Ryan, Stoll, Wilson, & Acker; 0 NAYS; 2 ABSENT – Dodds & Trimble.

6. DISCUSS & CONSIDER APPROVING 2021 MAINTENANCE ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,165

Ryan MOVED TO APPROVE 2021 MAINTENANCE ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,165. Wilson SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Lambert, Ryan, Stoll, Wilson, Acker, & Ervin; 0 NAYS; 2 ABSENT – Dodds & Trimble.

7. DISCUSS & CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$48,000 FROM MFT FUND FOR 2021 GENERAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Mayor Klitz asked how this item worked with item #5. Mike McEvers of Benton & Associates stated the council first approved the 2021 Estimate of Maintenance Costs and then the 2021 Maintenance Engineering. McEvers reported the State of Illinois requires a resolution be passed in order to expend the funds.

Ryan MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$48,000 FROM MFT FUNDS FOR 2021 GENERAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAM. Wilson SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" VOICE VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Ryan, Stoll, Wilson, Acker, Ervin, & Lambert; 0 NAYS; 2 ABSENT – Dodds & Trimble.

8. DISCUSS & CONSIDER SIDEWALKS ON S. LIBERTY STREET & E. LAFAYETTE STREET

Sidewalks & Lighting Committee Chairman, Scott Stoll reported he did not get the information in time to put in the packets but he will have it for the next meeting for everyone. Stoll thanked Campbell for all the work on both these sidewalks. Stoll stated the city has Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) in Rebuild Illinois funds and according to Jeff Olson of Hutchison Engineering, the city should be receiving an additional Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000). Stoll noted since the city receives under the Forty-Five Thousand Dollar (\$45,000) threshold, the projects do not have to be bondable projects. Stoll said the council has already approved putting these two (2) sidewalks out for bid but we were waiting on the specs and now we have them.

Olson reported the city is looking at two (2) sections of sidewalks, one on the west side of South Liberty Street and one on East LaFayette Street. Olson said the sidewalk on South Liberty Street is in pretty bad shape and is a 2-tier sidewalk. Olson noted he thinks the improvement should start from the improvement of the downtown square project down to the first entrance by the back of the building. Olson said he feels the sidewalk could be lowered down so it is not a 2-tier sidewalk. Olson stated he thinks this would be a good time to improve the angle parking along that side to improve the failed concrete. Olson stressed this would be a nice improvement coming off of the downtown square.

Olson also reported the south side of East LaFayette Street sidewalk improvement would go from the bank entrance to the theater. Olson noted this project would be a little easier to do. Olson said there would probably have to be some curb and guttering work done as well along with some door entrances. Olson stated this section of sidewalk is 18 ½' now, which there would be a lot of money wrapped up in that much concrete, but feels it is good to do because there is a lot of marquee in that area.

Olson said when the city gets a feel of what project they want to do, it can be done with the Rebuild Illinois funds. Mayor Klitz asked if the Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) was available and the city just contacts the state to let them know that we want the money. Stoll stated that the funds are already here with another Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) coming soon. Mayor Klitz asked if Olson had an estimate of cost on these sidewalks, and Olson said he did not put a cost in the documents but feels it would be around One Hundred Forty Thousand to One Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$140,000 - \$170,000). Olson noted the city will be up to One Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$105,000) available, so most of the project would be covered with Rebuild Illinois funds. Olson said there would still be funds in the MFT account that can be used. Mayor Klitz did not think MFT funds could be used for sidewalks. Olson noted he will review that and McEvers can answer any questions as well. Mayor Klitz asked if there were any restrictions on the Rebuild Illinois funds, and Olson stated there were not many requirements because the city is under the Forty-Five Thousand Dollar (\$45,000) threshold. Olson said the funds have to be deposited in the MFT fund but kept separate. Olson noted the city would still have to have a resolution and appropriations like we do now in order to spend those funds but it will not have to be a bondable project. **No action was taken at this time.**

9. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Council Member, Susan Acker asked if anyone has heard anything from John Goddard regarding the old Dale Allen property. City Clerk, Stacey Briney said she has not heard anything.

Airport Committee Chairman, Bob Lambert reported he got an e-mail from the transportation safety administration from the Quad City airport regarding criminal and terrorist activity that might be happening at airports. Lambert said this information is not for public view. Lambert noted he is not sure

who should see this information, but he will get it to Mayor Klitz. Acker thought the airport committee should also get the information.

Animal Control Committee Chairman, Larry Wilson reported the Animal Control ordinance will go to the final reading at the Court House at 9:00 a.m. on Friday.

Parks & Recreation Committee Chairman, Larry Wilson reported Scripps Park is having a negative balance just under Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000). Wilson said there is about three (3) years of money in the Memorial Trust that has not been touched. Wilson noted the park has been doing some services in those areas but the funds were taken out of the general fund. Wilson stated the park board would like the council's approval to move Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) from the Trust fund to the general fund to cover the maintenance costs through the end of the year. Wilson noted the park did not have any specials this year so the memberships did not come in like they have in the past. Wilson stated he was not sure if this was considered surplus funds or not and feels that fund should maintain a healthy balance for the care and maintenance of the Virginia. Mayor Klitz stressed that this is the park's money. Mayor Klitz reminded the council members that they approved Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) for Schuy-Rush Park to purchase new equipment, so he feels if Scripps Park needs the money, then they should be able to use it. A discussion followed.

Wilson reported Scripps Park needs to purchase a rough mower and a greensmower that will cost approximately One Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$105,000). Wilson noted the park still needs to advertise for bids and it will be a lease to purchase. Wilson said he is searching for everyone's input but feels the park needs to maintain funds from the Scripps Foundation. Mayor Klitz again said this is the park's money and he cannot question it. Mayor Klitz noted if Wilson is satisfied with it, then let them do it. **Consensus was to allow the Scripps Park board to transfer Eighty Thousand Dollars from the Scripps Memorial Trust fund to the Scripps Park fund.**

Street Committee Chairman, Mike Ryan reported the one truck is in need of more repairs. **Ryan called for a Street Committee meeting on Monday, January 25th at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall to Discuss Repairs to Truck.** Mayor Klitz asked if the money in the truck replacement savings could be used for these repairs and Clerk Briney stated this savings account was started with scrap money to be used to purchase a new truck so she does not know why it could not be used for the repairs as well. Mayor Klitz directed Campbell to make arrangements to get the truck back from Springfield and get it to the guy in town that can finish up the repairs. Mayor Klitz noted the city might have to pay upfront to get the truck back, and if we do, we will just have to cut them a check.

Ryan asked if the city has gotten any estimates on the sidewalks by Subway or Benny's yet, and Stoll stated that two (2) weeks ago the council decided to start on the sidewalks that the city could get done quicker. Wilson feels the state needs to be contacted to see if they would help with those sidewalks. Mayor Klitz said he thinks the state should have some ownership on this.

Council Member, Scott Stoll acknowledged and thanked City Attorney, Charlie Burton regarding the letter he sent about the signs on the building. Stoll noted he knows there are some concerned citizens and he appreciates the great job Attorney Burton has done. Council Member, Jeff Ervin asked if the signs were down yet, and Stoll said not as far as he has seen.

Council Member, Jeff Ervin reported when the electrical went to inspect the switches at the lagoon, he found the wiring from the meter to the switches had melted. Ervin stated the wiring will also have to be replaced along with the switches so the cost will be a little more than what was anticipated.

10. **ADJOURN**

Ervin MOVED TO ADJOURN. Wilson SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Stoll, Wilson, Acker, Ervin, Lambert, & Ryan; 0 NAYS; 2 ABSENT – Dodds & Trimble. THE MEETING STOOD ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY AT 7:38 P.M.

Minutes submitted by,

Stacey L. Briney, City Clerk/CMC

Date Minutes Approved