

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 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, Paul Trimble, and Larry Wilson. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Council Members, Terry Dodds and Scott Stoll were absent.

Others present included: Stacey Briney, City Clerk; Charlie Burton, City Attorney; Nathan Campbell, Superintendent of Operations; and David Haney of *The Rushville Times*.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Carson Klitz.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

4. 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 February 1, 2021
- b. Approve "Claims for Council Approval Dated 02/16/21" & Accept Monthly Reports
- c. Approve "Claims for Scripps Park Approval Date 02/08/21" (*due to lack of quorum*)
- d. Consider Reserving Central Park on Saturday, April 3, 2021, for Masonic Lodge Easter Egg Hunt

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

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

All items were approved on the Consent Agenda.

6. DISCUSS & CONSIDER UPGRADING CITY DEPARTMENT HEADS CELL PHONES

Council Member, Jeff Ervin reported the city pays approximately One Hundred Ten Dollars (\$110) per month for cell phones for Superintendent of Operations, Nathan Campbell, Cemetery Sexton, George Vincent, and Animal Committee Warden, David Edwards, with only one gigabyte (1GB). Ervin noted Campbell read his e-mails from his phone for about fifteen (15) minutes and the data was all used up. Ervin stated Campbell is ready for an upgrade and he checked into a phone where he could put the SCADA system on it as well and the cost would be One Thirty Dollars (\$130) per month with unlimited data for all three (3) phones. Ervin said it would cost Three Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars (\$399) to upgrade Campbell's phone and he would also need to purchase a Forty Dollar (\$40) protective case. Council Member, Larry Wilson noted it is more important for Campbell to have these abilities but it is not as necessary for the other two (2).

Ervin MOVED TO APPROVE UPGRADING THE CELL PHONE PLAN TO AN UNLIMITED DATA PLAN FOR ONE HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS (\$130) PER MONTH, UPGRADE SUPERINTENDENT OF OPERATIONS, NATHAN CAMPBELL'S PHONE FOR THREE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE DOLLARS (\$399), AND THE PURCHASE OF A PROTECTIVE CASE FOR FORTY DOLLARS (\$40). Wilson SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Ervin, Lambert, Ryan, Trimble, Wilson, & Acker; 0 NAYS; 2 ABSENT – Dodds & Stoll.

7. DISCUSS & CONSIDER HIRING TED EIFERT AS CITY/COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL WARDEN

Animal Control Committee Chairman, Larry Wilson reported the committee met jointly with the County Board committee and interviewed Ted Eifert for the Animal Control Warden position. Wilson stated the County Board had an emergency meeting Thursday and hired Eifert. Wilson said both committees are still on the search for a second (2nd) person to help out. Wilson noted David Edwards will be the secondary backup for now but we need to find someone else to take his place.

Wilson MOVED TO APPROVE HIRING TED EIFERT AS CITY/COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL WARDEN. Ervin SECONDED.

Council Member, Susan Acker asked if Eifert was still a part-time city police officer, and Wilson said he was. Acker then wondered if Eifert was interested in full-time and wondered how this would affect that. Wilson noted Eifert was probably interested in a full-time police officer job but that would have to be addressed when the time came.

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

8. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICIALS’ REPORTS

TIF Advisory Committee Chairman, Larry Wilson reported he stopped by Jim Shepherd’s place and he is making great progress. Wilson stated this project was good use of TIF funds as those buildings were very dilapidated. Wilson said Shepherd is on schedule and the city should be pleased that we helped with this building. Mayor Klitz stated he thinks the city made the right decision on that.

Water Committee Chairman, Jeff Ervin reported Brotcke Well & Pump had sent Campbell a price on the annual pump testing for wells #8, #9, & #10 but it was too late to get it on the agenda for approval. Ervin stated well #9 has been giving some erratic readings so this should help diagnose it. Ervin said the cost for the test is Three Thousand Seven Hundred Seven Dollars (\$3,707). **Consensus of the council was to approve the pump testing.**

Wilson asked if well #11 was online yet, and Campbell said Adams Electric has the power hooked up and he spoke with Tim from Brotcke’s and they are supposed to get back next week to see where Richard’s Electric is at. Campbell noted he thinks they are waiting for a little better weather to get a crane down there for the generator.

Council Member, Susan Acker reported she seen a big sign on the North Franklin property advertising the Tiny Home for Veterans and wondered about the deed. City Clerk, Stacey Briney said she still has not received any of the information that is needed to deed it over.

Superintendent of Operations, Nathan Campbell reported the truck is finally back and on the roads.

City Attorney, Charlie Burton reported he finally found someone at Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to talk to about the guardrails at the end of West LaFayette Street. Attorney Burton said Clerk Briney and Campbell will be contacted by an IDOT engineer to start an evaluation and assessment at that intersection.

Mayor Carson Klitz reported the Rushville Fitness & Community Center (RFCC) is just mind-boggling. Mayor Klitz stated there are over one thousand five hundred (1,500) members and one thousand (1,000) of them are in the 62681-zip code. Mayor Klitz stressed that everyone should be very proud of the RFCC. Wilson said there is a lot of traffic out there. A short discussion followed.

9. ADJOURN

Ervin MOVED TO ADJOURN. Wilson SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Ryan, Trimble, Wilson, Acker, Ervin, & Lambert; 0 NAYS; 2 ABSENT – Dodds & Stoll. THE MEETING STOOD ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY AT 7:15 P.M.

Minutes submitted by,

Stacey L. Briney, City Clerk/CMC

Date Minutes Approved