

## 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 Judy Caputo to call the roll. Upon ROLL CALL, the following answered present: Council Members: Susan Acker, Terry Dodds, Jeff Ervin, Mike Ryan, Scott Stoll, Paul Trimble, and Larry Wilson. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Council Member, Bob Lambert was absent.

Others present included: Judy Caputo; Charlie Burton, City Attorney; Nathan Campbell, Superintendent of Operations; Rick Wright, Chief of Police; David Haney of *The Rushville Times*; Gogo Her, Peace Corp Fellow; Mike Edwards, Tim Higgins, Gary Holmes, & Evan Harrison, representing the Scripps Park Board; Joan Sullivan, representing PRIDE; Jean Lane, Shari Thurman, Richard Davis, and Linda Ward.

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Carson Klitz.

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Joan Sullivan, representing PRIDE reported last month marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the PRIDE volunteers working to enhanced the Rushville City Square. Sullivan stated PRIDE appreciates all of the city's help and it is now time to plant flowers. Sullivan said the city council donated Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) last year, and this year they are requesting the same amount, or the best that the city can donate. Sullivan reiterated that PRIDE appreciates it and made note that the money will be spent in Rushville. Mayor Klitz advised that this particular request is already on tonight's agenda, Item 4, for the council to act upon.

### **4. DISCUSS & CONSIDER PAYING FOR A PORTION OF THE FLOWERS FOR DOWNTOWN**

**Wilson MOVED TO PAY FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500) FOR FLOWERS FOR DOWNTOWN AS WE HAVE DONE IN THE PAST. Stoll SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Acker, Dodds, Ervin, Ryan, Stoll, Trimble, Wilson; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Lambert.**

*Robert Lambert arrived at 7:04 P.M.*

### **5. JASON TRIPLETT TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

Council Member, Scott Stoll stated Jason Triplett will address the council at a later time.

### **6. 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 April 5, 2021
- b. Approve the Minutes of the Combined TIF Committee & Joint Review Board Meeting held April 13, 2021
- c. Approve "Claims for Council Approval Dated 04/19/21" & Accept Monthly Reports
- d. Approve Appointment of Shelbie Blackburn to the Library Board
- e. Approve Hiring Janet Britton for the Pro Shop
- f. Approve the Contract Renewal for Water Operator with Randy Dabney
- g. Consider Suspending the Rules RE: Ordinance No. 1334, Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property Owned by the City of Rushville
- h. Pass & Adopt Ordinance No. 1334, Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property Owned by the City of Rushville

**Wilson MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. Ervin SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Acker, Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Ryan, Stoll, Trimble, Wilson; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT.**

**7. ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA – IF APPLICABLE**

All items were approved on the Consent Agenda.

**8. DISCUSS & CONSIDER APPROVING FINAL PLAT OF GLASS LANE SUBDIVISION**

Council Member, Jeff Ervin wanted it clarified that the city would be taking over only the street and sidewalks, and City Attorney, Charlie Burton confirmed this and said the city will not be responsible for the retention pond. Council Member, Larry Wilson questioned who the Rushville Housing Group was that is supposed to oversee the homes. A discussion followed and Ervin and City Attorney Burton both agreed this statement was corrected to “Cass County Housing” and Rushville will have no authority over the housing aspect.

**Ervin MOVED TO APPROVE FINAL PLAT OF GLASS LANE SUBDIVISION. Trimble SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Acker, Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Ryan, Stoll, & Trimble; 1 NAY – Wilson; 0 ABSENT.**

**9. DISCUSS & CONSIDER 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1335, ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

**Ervin MOVED TO APPROVE PASS ORDINANCE NO 1335, ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO THE SECOND (2<sup>ND</sup>) READING. Wilson SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Acker, Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Ryan, Stoll, & Trimble & Wilson; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT.**

**10. DISCUSS & CONSIDER APPROVING A TIF GRANT FOR RICK & RICH’S TAP**

TIF Committee Chairman, Wilson reported the committee met jointly with the taxing bodies on April 13<sup>th</sup> to review the TIF application from Rick & Rich’s Tap. Wilson said Rick & Rich’s submitted an estimated project bid of Thirty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$37,000) for expanding into the old Boyd Music building. Wilson stated the committee and the members of the taxing bodies reviewed the application and agreed to recommend giving Rick & Rich’s Tap Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$14,800).

**Wilson MOVED TO APPROVE A TIF GRANT TO RICK & RICH’S TAP IN THE AMOUNT OF FOURTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$14,800), PAYABLE UPON COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT. Ryan SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Acker, Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Ryan, Stoll, Trimble, & Wilson, & Acker; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT.**

**11. DISCUSS & CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 1118, RESOLUTION PROTOCOL TO ASSIST IN DETERMINING TIF GRANTS**

Wilson reported at when TIF Committee & Joint Review Board met they came up with a set of guidelines to help determining TIF grants. Wilson noted these guidelines can be adjusted and added to.

**Wilson MOVED TO APPROVE ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO 1118, RESOLUTION PROTOCOL TO ASSIST IN DETERMINING TIF GRANTS. Stoll SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Acker, Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Ryan, Stoll, Trimble, & Wilson, & Acker; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT.**

**12. DISCUSS & CONSIDER HIRING JEAN LANE AS PRO SHOP MANAGER**

A copy of a letter to the editor from Jean Lane rebutting the allegations made against here was provided to the Mayor and each council members. Also presented to members of the council and Mayor were copies of a letter signed by numerous supporters of Mrs. Lane. *Said letters are attached and a part of these minutes.*

Wilson reported the Scripps Park Board met and unanimously made a motion to approve Jean Lane as Pro Shop Manager. Parks & Recreation Committee Member, Susan Acker asked if there was anyone who felt they were not treated fairly here to speak their peace, and after a brief moment, no one spoke up. Wilson stated the complaints of no ice for coolers were for outside coolers and there are two (2) signs that state “No outside coolers are allowed on the course”. Mayor Klitz said he never questioned Lane’s efficiency, but the complaints were how the customers were treated and it is mostly people from Beardstown who are complaining. Mayor Klitz went on to say there are not enough golfers in this area to

sustain the golf course and if we lose the Beardstown golfers it would be a tremendous burden, and the city would have to make up the difference.

Council Member, Terry Dodds asked if we are letting one person dictate whether they golf or not, or if they got their feelings hurt. Mayor Klitz went on with several instances of complaints, one of which was a Beardstown golfer complained that Mrs. Lane refused to let him golf because he had not paid his dues. Mayor Klitz noted the gentleman told her he did pay but she said he had not according to the records, so he went ahead and paid. Mayor Klitz said when the gentleman got home he found a record of payment, so he had paid twice and when he presented it to Mrs. Lane the next time he went golfing, he said he was told the reimbursement would have to go through the park board, which took two (2) months for him to get his money back. Mrs. Lane explained that she was not the employee that refused to allow him to golf and when he came back in she did some research and found there was an error in the paperwork. Mrs. Lane noted the reason for the two (2) months wait on reimbursement was due to lack of quorum of the Scripps Park Board at their meeting.

Scripps Park Board President, Gary Holmes, reported he too has gotten phone calls about Mrs. Lane, but he would like to point out that last year with COVID, Mrs. Lane made the season possible. Holmes said Mrs. Lane provides meals for the Tuesday group, even in her absence, and pointed out that this “group” was the first to complain with the COVID restrictions that were set by the State of Illinois. Holmes stated if we had marshals on the course, forty to fifty percent (40%-50%) of these individuals would have been asked to leave. Holmes stressed that we appreciate their business, but we cannot let them dictate how we are running our course. Holmes said the park board has been threatened “if you raise your rates, we will leave”. Holmes noted you cannot please all of the people all of the time and we cannot let this group dictate how the rest of the public is treated or how the city runs the course. Acker asked if the people who threatened are members, and Holmes responded yes. Acker further asked if they have paid, and Holmes said as far as he knows. Acker said those people aren’t here and Mrs. Lane is and it looks as if there is more support for her than not.

Mrs. Lane asked Mayor Klitz why he did not talk to her about these complaints, and he said they just started recently when he was out at the Fitness Center.

**Wilson MOVED TO APPROVE HIRING JEAN LANE AS PRO SHOP MANAGER. Dodds SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Acker, Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Ryan, Stoll, & Trimble, & Wilson; 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT.**

### **13. DISCUSS & CONSIDER APPLYING FOR COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING\***

Water & Sewer Committee Chairman, Ervin reported there is a Community Project Grant through Darrin LaHood’s office that he just found out about. Ervin said called Jamie Hedden at Benton & Associates, who looked into it, and said we qualify. Ervin stated Hedden used our Phase I project without the generator, structure, and well, but left the prices the same because he said the costs are going up. Ervin noted the application is complete and is due this Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. Ervin said this is a Stag Grant, so the city would have to come up with twenty percent (20%) of the amount. Ervin stated there are only ten (10) grants awarded in each congressional district.

**Ervin MOVED TO APPROVE APPLYING FOR COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING. Wilson SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Acker, Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Ryan, Stoll, Trimble, & Wilson; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT.**

### **14. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICIALS’ REPORTS**

Council Member, Bob Lambert reported he obtained a surface water runoff map for the area of Dona’s Drive that has been having the standing water issues. *Said map is attached and a part of these minutes.* Lambert stated, in the past, whenever there was a large rain, the water would run off into the field where the new subdivision now sits, but now that water sits in the yards on Dona’s Drive. A discussion followed. Mayor Klitz asked Lambert if he would meet with the contractor/developer from the new subdivision and show them what he has found to see if a solution can be found.

Council Member, Larry Wilson reported former R/I football player, Manny Garcia, participated in kickboxing match at the Lake of the Ozarks and won his match with a KO at 1 minute 9 seconds.

Council Member, Scott Stoll reported this would be his last meeting and he would like to say “thank you” for the opportunity to serve with everyone. Stoll said the council has done a lot of great things, maybe some didn’t think were possible, but we do this for the people. Stoll stated council members are bound by the election, bound to them by our oath, and we owe them our best when we sit at this table, and everyone needs to keep this in mind with the new people. Stoll noted you have the power and ability to make changes. Stoll stressed that it has been an honor to work with all of you.

15. ADJOURN

**Acker MOVED TO ADJOURN. Trimble SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Acker, Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Ryan, Stoll, Trimble, & Wilson; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT. THE MEETING STOOD ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY AT 7:40 P.M.**

Minutes submitted by,

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Judy Caputo

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Date Minutes Approved