

May 17, 2021

**PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE PROPOSED
APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE 2020-2021
FISCAL YEAR**

Rushville City Hall Council Chambers
6:50 p.m.

The following were in attendance: Mayor Carson Klitz; Council Members – Susan Acker, Richard Davis, Terry Dodds, Jeff Ervin, Barry Rebman, Mike Ryan, and Paul Trimble; City Clerk, Stacey Briney; City Attorney, Charlie Burton; Chief of Police, Rick Wright; and David Haney of *The Rushville Times*.

The public hearing was called to review the proposed appropriation ordinance for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Notice was posted to meet state requirements.

Ervin MOVED TO ADJOURN. Rebman SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Acker, Davis, Dodds, Ervin, Rebman, Ryan, & Trimble; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Lambert. THE PUBLIC HEARING STOOD ADJOURNED AT 6:54 P.M.

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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 directed City Clerk, Stacey Briney to call the roll. Upon ROLL CALL, the following answered present: Council Members: Susan Acker, Richard Davis, Terry Dodds, Jeff Ervin, Bob Lambert, Barry Rebman, Mike Ryan, and Paul Trimble. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Others present included: Stacey Briney, City Clerk; Charlie Burton, City Attorney; Nathan Campbell, Superintendent of Operations; Rick Wright, Chief of Police; David Haney of *The Rushville Times*; Schuyler Isley, Chris Trone, Matt Erghott, & Lori Thomas, representing the Schuyler County Architectural Foundation; Kolton Mayall, representing the Rushville Fitness & Community Center; and Gogo Her, Peace Corp Fellow.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Carson Klitz.

2. SCHUYLER COUNTY ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Schuyler Isley, President of the Schuyler County Architectural Foundation (SCAF) introduced herself and the SCAF board members and presented a proposal to the council. *Said proposal is attached and a part of these minutes.* Isley stated the SCAF board would like to talk about the council forming a Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to help preserve the buildings in town. Isley said the HPC could be developed through a city ordinance and if it is formed, they could work to give ideas on how to preserve the buildings, especially on the downtown square. Isley reported they are asking the city to consider a two (2) step process, which would first start with developing the ordinance establishing the HPC and then the commission would meet regularly to enact the ordinance. Isley noted this ordinance could be as simple or complicated as the city wanted it to be but the SCAF board does not want to make anything difficult or overstep any of the business owners' rights. Isley said this ordinance would only include the open air of a building. Isley stated that there is a section in the Illinois Municipal Code giving the city the ability to protect their downtown buildings. Isley said she hopes the city will consider this proposal.

Chris Trone, SCAF board member, reported the city has such a beautiful downtown and he would like to see all of the buildings preserved. Trone noted this commission and ordinance would make things more official but the building owners have done a good job. Isley added that the SCAF members want people to visit Rushville and the point of draw to the town is the historic character of the downtown.

Council Member, Mike Ryan asked if the SCAF board was asking people to join the commission voluntarily and once this ordinance was passed, then the building owners would have to go by those rules.

Isley noted that is why the city can make the ordinance as simple or complex as they want. Isley stressed that there is no cost to the building owners and there is sometimes a tax incentive. Isley stated the HPC is appointed by the Mayor just like all of the other committees.

Council Member, Jeff Ervin questioned if the HPC would only have a say so on what is done to the outside of a building and not what was happening on the inside, and Isley said that was correct and depending on the age of a building, a lot of things may be grandfathered in, for example, they would not want someone to put metal or tin over their brick, or there may be a set color scheme.

Council Member, Bob Lambert asked what the incentive was to a building owner, and Isley stated the resale value would go up and there is a trendy value to the community. A discussion followed.

Isley reported the public square is talked about a lot and the first time was in 1836. Isley noted she thinks that amount of age is very significant and important. Isley stated she would like to show everyone how proud we are of Rushville and feels like we all can do that by protecting our downtown. Mayor Klitz said all of the council members need to see what they are proposing and maybe talk about it at the next meeting. Isley agreed and noted the SCAF board just wanted to start the talks about this because the process could take about a year. Isley thanked the Mayor and council for their time.

Matt Erghott left the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Trone reported he was contacted by Jeff Olson from the State of Illinois Aviation department regrading a program to improve airports. Trone noted this is a 90/10 program. Trone said he was not sure if the council would be interested in this, and if so, he will contact Olson to discuss it further. Mayor Klitz noted he does not think there would be any opposition and wondered if Trone was going to do the legwork. Trone said he would and our airport does not ever require a lot of investment. Trone stated he will get the city some real numbers. **Consensus was to have Trone proceed with talking to the state regarding the 90/10 program.** Mayor Klitz noted this will benefit the city and just asked Trone to keep the council informed.

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 May 3, 2021
- b) Approve the Minutes of the Street Committee held May 10, 2021; Combined Water & Sewer Committee held May 11, 2021; & Grievance & Personnel Committee held May 12, 2021
- c) Approve "Claims for Council Approval Dated 05/17/21" & Accept Monthly Reports
- d) Approve Annual Service Agreement with Corpro for Cathodic Protection Corrosion
- e) Consider 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 1336, Prevailing Wage Ordinance

Trimble REQUESTED TO HAVE ITEM "4B" REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA.

Ervin MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM "4B". Trimble SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Acker, Davis, Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, & Trimble; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT.

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

Item "4B": Grievance & Personnel Committee Chairman, Paul Trimble reported the minutes from that committee stated that one of the applicants was a no show, but all four (4) were present for interviews. **City Clerk, Stacey Briney made note and will make the necessary changes.**

Trimble MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM "3B", APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE STREET COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MAY 10, 2021; COMBINED WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MAY 11, 2021, & GRIEVANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MAY 12, 2021. Ryan SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Davis, Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, Trimble, & Acker; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT.

6. PASS & ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1335, ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Dodds MOVED TO PASS & ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1335, ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE. Ervin SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, & Davis; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT.

7. DISCUSS & CONSIDER ALLOWING RUSHVILLE FITNESS & COMMUNITY CENTER TO USE THE EMPTY LOT IN THE INDUSTRIAL PARK

Kolton Mayall, representing the Rushville Fitness & Community Center (RFCC) introduced himself and asked permission for the RFCC to use the lot between the car wash and the vet clinic so they could extend their outside activities. Mayall stated that he had already spoken with Joe Redshaw of Redshaw Insurance and the RFCC’s liability would cover anything on that land. Lambert questioned if this would just be temporary, and Mayall noted it would be because they are looking at purchasing property at a later time. Council Member, Mike Ryan wondered if there would be anything permanent left out there and Mayall said there would not be.

Dodds MOVED TO APPROVE ALLOWING THE RUSHVILLE FITNESS & COMMUNITY CENTER (RFCC) TO USE THE EMPTY LOT 7 IN THE INDUSTRIAL PARK. Trimble SECONDED.

City Attorney, Charlie Burton reported that the city does not have a title to Lot 7 yet. Mayor Klitz asked if that would be a problem, and Attorney Burton stated it would be and without a title, it could cause insurance problems if someone was hurt. Mayall noted they would not do anything until they hear from the city first. Clerk Briney suggested making the motion contingent on the deed transfer so RFCC would not have to possibly wait for another meeting.

Dodds ADDED, CONTINGENT OF A DEED TRANSFER. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, Davis, & Dodds; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT.

8. DISCUSS & CONSIDER OIL & CHIPPING PARKING LOT AT SCRIPPS PARK BETWEEN THE SWIMMING POOL & VIRGINIA

Street Committee Chairman, Mike Ryan reported the committee met regarding the parking lot at Scripps Park and felt it was a good idea to help the park out. Ryan stated the it would cost approximately Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000) to oil and chip it and it can be done at the same time as the other streets to save time. Mayor Klitz asked if the parking lot has to be scarified, and Superintendent of Operations, Nathan Campbell said not to his knowledge but it might need to rock spread out.

Council Member, Richard Davis stated he knew the park board had talked about lighting in that parking lot and wondered if they decided anything. Mayor Klitz thought the lighting poles should be set before any of the oil and chipping work was done. Council Member, Terry Dodds noted Scripps Park Board Member, Tim Higgins thought they could get the poles set before that.

Dodds MOVED TO APPROVE OIL & CHIPPING THE PARKING LOT AT SCRIPPS PARK BETWEEN THE SWIMMING POOL AND THE VIRGINIA PROVIDING THE LIGHTING IS IN PLACE. Davis SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, Davis, Dodds, & Ervin; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT.

9. DISCUSS & CONSIDER 2021 SUPPLEMENTAL MFT ESTIMATE OF MAINTENANCE COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,435

Ervin MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2021 SUPPLEMENTAL MFT ESTIMATE OF MAINTENANCE COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,435. Dodds SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Rebman, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, Davis, Dodds, Ervin, & Lambert; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT.

10. DISCUSS & CONSIDER 2021 SUPPLEMENTAL MFT MAINTENANCE ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,937

Ervin MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2021 SUPPLEMENTAL MFT MAINTENANCE ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,937. Trimble SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Ryan, Trimble, Acker, Davis, Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, & Rebman; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT.

11. DISCUSS & CONSIDER SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$51,000 FROM MFT FUNDS FOR THE 2021 SUPPLEMENTAL MFT GENERAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Ervin MOVED TO APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$51,000 FROM MFT FUNDS FOR THE 2021 SUPPLEMENTAL MFT GENERAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAM. Rebman SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Trimble, Acker, Davis Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, & Ryan; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT.

12. DISCUSS & CONSIDER ESTABLISHING A DOG PARK IN THE CITY LOT ON EAST CLINTON STREET

Trimble reported he has been working with Scott Stoll on some grants for a dog park on East Clinton Street. Trimble stated there are two (2) grants that the city can apply for and one of them is Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000). Trimble said there is a drainage ditch that goes across that lot. Trimble noted he wanted the council’s approval to secure that lot before applying for any of the grants. Council Member, Susan Acker asked if the city would have to fence off the creek, and Trimble said we would probably have to put in a culvert. Trimble stated he knows this is kind of off the beaten path but feels it is a decent spot for the dog park.

Trimble MOVED TO APPROVE USING THE CITY LOT ON EAST CLINTON STREET FOR A DOG PARK. Acker SECONDED.

Lambert asked if this was contingent on getting the grants, and Trimble said no, he just wants the lot secured before he even applies.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Acker, Davis, Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, & Trimble; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT.

13. DISCUSS & CONSIDER DONATING WATER & SEWER TAPS TO TINY HOMES FOR VETERANS

Water & Sewer Committees Chairman, Ervin reported John Goddard had contacted him about wanting the city to donate either the water and sewer taps for the new homes or a monetary donation. Ervin stated the committee met and recommended to donate two (2) water taps and three (3) sewer taps. Ervin noted there is an existing water tap that can be used. Ervin said Campbell talked with the company that he gets those materials from and they told him they would discount the material.

Ervin MOVED TO APPROVE DONATING TWO (2) WATER TAPS AND THREE (3) SEWER TAPS TO THE TINY HOMES FOR VETERANS. Trimble SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Davis, Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, Trimble, & Acker; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT.

14. DISCUSS & CONSIDER HIRING PART-TIME EMPLOYEE AS WATERER FOR CENTRAL PARK

Grievance & Personnel Committee Chairman, Trimble reported the committee met and interview four (4) people for the watering job in Central Park. Trimble stated the committee recommended hiring Michael Hillyer. Dodds asked what budget this was going to come out of, and Trimble said it would come from Central Park.

Trimble MOVED TO HIRE MICHAEL HILLYER AS WATERER FOR CENTRAL PARK. Acker SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, & Davis; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT.

15. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICIALS’ REPORTS

Sidewalks & Lighting Committee Chairman, Paul Trimble reported the city crew has started on some sidewalk repair on South Congress. Campbell stated, weather permitting, they will start on North Liberty Street this week. Campbell said they had to removed the sidewalk on South Congress earlier than they wanted but they had to work with the contractor that was removing the stump.

TIF Committee Member, Susan Acker reported she was very pleased to see a thank you letter from someone that received TIF money. Acker said she thinks that was a first and thought it was very nice.

Airport Committee Chairman, Bob Lambert reported he talked with Campbell about some more gravel at the airport and it was put down really quick. Lambert said he was happy with the work and how fast it was done.

Council Member, Terry Dodds thanked the community for their support with the Boy Scouts the other day. Dodds noted they sold out of food.

Parks & Recreation Committee Chairman, Barry Rebman reported Scripps Park Board Member, Scott Bickerman had asked if the city could help repair the cart path that goes up to the golf course from the road. Rebman noted the park said they would pay for the concrete but would like the city’s help to pour it. Mayor Klitz asked if Rebman had talked with Campbell yet, and Rebman said he has not. Campbell noted he is not sure of the scope of work but they would be willing to help if they could. **Clerk Briney was directed to place *Discuss & Consider Replacing Concrete at the Golf Course* on the next council agenda.**

Mayor, Carson Klitz reported the city had passed to abate the taxes when Nasir Ahmed built the restaurant behind the BP station. Mayor Klitz stated in this abatement, Ahmed had certain things that he had to follow through with as well to get the abatement, which are not being followed right now. Mayor Klitz said the city has not gotten anything off of that building for a long time now and he feels it sets a bad example and it not fair to others. Acker asked if the city could unabate the taxes and Attorney Burton said we could. Mayo Klitz reported he will pursue this and report back.

16. ADJOURN

Dodds MOVED TO ADJOURN. Trimble SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, Davis, Dodds, & Ervin; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT. THE MEETING STOOD ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY AT 7:45 P.M.

Minutes submitted by,

Stacey L. Briney, City Clerk/CMC

Date Minutes Approved