

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, and Paul Trimble. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Council Member, Mike Ryan was absent.

Others present included: Stacey Briney, City Clerk; Rick Wright, Chief of Police; David Haney of *The Rushville Times*; Susan Grate, representing the P.L.A.Y. Group; Kent Paisley, representing the Late Night Cruisers; and Linda Ward.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Carson Klitz.

3. P.L.A.Y. GROUP TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Susan Grate, representing the P.L.A.Y. Group asked the council's permission to use the square on August 7th, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for the Corn Festival. Grate said they would also like to close the inside lanes on the east and south sides of the square for the vendors and inflatables.

Council Member, Mike Ryan arrived at 7:01 p.m.

Council Member, Terry Dodds thought the council should find out if there were any problems during the Father's Day Car Show before they decide to close a portion of the square. Kent Paisley, representing the Late Night Cruisers thanked the city for bringing the cones and barrels just like has been done the past twenty (20) years. Paisley stated he was up on the square early Sunday morning when the gentleman from the Rocket Café came up to him and blew up. Paisley noted he informed the gentleman that there were going to be a lot of people uptown and this will make his business better. Paisley said the gentleman continued to blow up at him, eventually contacted a police officer, and then put a CLOSED sign on his door. Paisley noted the Southside Café and Station 1883 were very busy and that was with people having to walk to get there. Paisley stated he feels the Rocket Café's business would have been better than a normal Sunday.

Paisley reported he feels when they hold this event, it brings quite a few people from out of town, even from out of state. Paisley stated there were many compliments on Rushville's square. Paisley stressed that the car owners like having this show on the square because there is not any dust. Paisley noted the council owes the city workers a huge thank you for keeping the square looking so nice.

Paisley said the club gave three (3), One Thousand Dollar (\$1,000) scholarships away and donated approximately Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) in the 50/50 drawing to the Schuyler/Cass Hospice. Paisley stated that he feels bad for this gentleman for being upset, but it was nothing different than it has been in the past twenty (20) years. Paisley said he would hate to not have events on the square because of this.

Grate reiterated that the P.L.A.Y. Group will not be closing the entire square, just the inside lanes. Council Member, Susan Acker said that the Rocket Café patrons would still be able to park in front of the restaurant, and Grate noted that was correct. **Consensus was to allow the P.L.A.Y. Group to use the square on August 7th for the Corn Festival and close the inside lanes on the east and south sides of the square.**

Susan Grate left the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

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 June 7, 2021

- b) Approve “Claims for Council Approval Dated 06/21/21” & Accept Monthly Reports
- c) Approve Liquor License for Family Dollar
- d) Pass & Adopt Ordinance No. 1336, Prevailing Wage Ordinance

Ervin MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. Ryan 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.

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

All items were approved on the Consent Agenda.

7. DISCUSS & CONSIDER REPLACING CONCRETE AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE GOLF COURSE

Parks & Recreation Committee Chairman, Barry Rebman reported he still cannot find anything preventing the city and park board from doing this work since we already have an ADA accessible entrance. Mayor Klitz stated the city does not have to have a direct route as long as we provide an accessible entrance. Mayor Klitz note this is going to take a new culvert as well as the concrete in order to make it safer for everyone.

Ryan MOVED TO APPROVE REPLACING THE CONCRETE AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE GOLF COURSE. Rebman 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.

8. DISCUSS & CONSIDER HIRING TREVOR KING AS FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER

Chief of Police, Rick Wright reported Officer Nick Weishaar had resigned effective June 18th to move to Missouri. Chief Wright noted Weishaar was not upset with anything, his wife had taken a job down there. Chief Wright stated Trevor King had graduated PTI on June 5th, and he is the next one to move up. Police Committee Member, Jeff Ervin said King’s full-time employment will be effective July 1st.

Ervin MOVED TO APPROVE HIRING TREVOR KING AS FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST. Rebman 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.

9. DISCUSS & CONSIDER 1ST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1137, ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES, WAGES, AND BENEFITS FOR CITY DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENTS AND EMPLOYEES

Trimble MOVED TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 1137, ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES, WAGES, AND BENEFITS FOR CITY DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT AND EMPLOYEES TO THE SECOND (2ND) READING. Lambert SECONDED.

Grievance & Personnel Committee Chairman, Paul Trimble reported the committee had met and all agreed to a three percent (3%) increase for the Superintendent of Operations, Chief of Police, and Cemetery Sexton.

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.

10. DISCUSS & CONSIDER APPROVING TIF APPLICATION FOR THE HUB

Mayor Klitz reported the project The Hub is doing is a Twelve Thousand Dollar (\$12,000) project and they are asking for Four Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$4,800) to assist with it.

Davis MOVED TO APPROVE A TIF GRANT FOR THE HUB IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$4,800). Dodds SECONDED.

Ryan questioned what the committee decided, and TIF Committee Member, Richard Davis said Erin Eveland of The HUB felt like the additional upgrade to the lighting would bring in more artists.

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.

11. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICIALS’ REPORTS

Public Buildings Committee Chairman, Paul Trimble reported everyone had a copy of some estimates for a new air conditioner for the sewer building at the cemetery. Trimble noted the air conditioner broke down and needs replaced. Trimble said he talked to Superintendent of Operations, Nathan Campbell about them, and Campbell thinks the estimate for Four Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$4,900) will be just fine for what they need. Trimble noted this building houses the SCADA system. Ervin stated one (1) of the bids was to run all new ductworks, but as long as that building is kept cool, it should be fine. Trimble stated he would like the funds to come out of the water fund to pay for it. City Clerk, Stacey Briney questioned this and recommended paying one-half (1/2) out of the water and one-half (1/2) out of the sewer. **Consensus agreed to purchase a new air conditioner in the amount of Four Thousand Nine Hundred Dollar (\$4,900).**

Trimble also reported that the square looked really nice for the Father’s Day Car Show and thanked the city crew for their work.

Economic Development Committee Chair, Susan Acker reported the committee had revised the RED Grant regulations just a little bit. Acker noted the one thing that was added was the application had to be for a business permanently located within the city limits. **Consensus was to approve the revised RED Grant regulations.**

Council Member, Terry Dodds reported he had to call the police twice because of vendors going door-to-door selling their wares without a permit. Dodds said one of the individuals decided to get rude so he escorted him off of his property. Dodds noted the gentleman left quickly after he went to get his cell phone.

TIF & Economic Development Committee Member, Richard Davis asked if people getting applications for the TIF and RED Grants are getting the rules. Clerk Briney stated there is a TIF packet that has everything in it, along with the application and the RED Grant application has the rules attached, so it is up to each applicant to read what they are given.

Street Committee Chairman, Mike Ryan reported Brian Tomlinson had contacted him last week regarding all the work he has done on Cathy Lane. Ryan noted it does look a lot better down there. Ryan stated Tomlinson asked if the city could place a 15-mph speed limit sign down there. Ervin said he thought the city just put *Slow, Children Playing* signs down there. Ryan said he will look into it. Chief Wright said there are not any speed limit signs on Cathy Lane. Ervin noted it would be pretty hard to run radar down there since it was a dead end and a short street. Ryan said there are also a couple of bad holes on Cathy Lane that need to be repaired as well.

Ryan also reported that Tomlinson’s family may be making a donation of land to the Schuy-Rush Park and wondered if the city would consider an Eight Thousand Dollar (\$8,000) grant to update it.

Council Member, Barry Rebman reported he had been contacted by a gentleman that owns a farm next to where the city bales at the airport and apparently part of his ground was baled when the city’s was. Ervin said Chris Trone might know more about this than anyone.

12. ADJOURN

Ervin MOVED TO ADJOURN. Acker SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, Davis, & Ervin; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Dodds. THE MEETING STOOD ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY AT 7:33 P.M.

Minutes submitted by,

Stacey L. Briney, City Clerk/CMC

Date Minutes Approved