

## 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; Nathan Campbell, Superintendent of Operations; David Haney of *The Rushville Times*; Gogo Her, Peace Corp Fellow; Bryan Matteson and Shari Thurman.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Carson Klitz.

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bryan Matteson reminded the council members that he was here last meeting asking the council to revisit the ATV, UTV, & Golf Cart ordinance regarding a renewal fee to Forty Dollars (\$40) and withdrawing the curfew. Matteson said the last report he got was the city had taken in Five Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$5,400) and there should not be any more costs.

Matteson reported there is a curfew for the juveniles and youth, and now when he is out on his side-by-side, he has to be home before his kid does. Matteson stated there are a lot of events that people cannot attend on their side-by-side, like the fireworks at the fair, etc. because it lasts past 10:00 p.m. Matteson noted he would like to see the city abolish the curfew altogether.

### **6. DISCUSS & CONSIDER REVISING ATV, UTV, & GOLF CART ORDINANCE**

Street Committee Chairman, Mike Ryan reported the committee had met and recommended leaving the original sticker fee at One Hundred Dollars (\$100) for all machines, charging a Fifty Dollar (\$50) renewal fee, leaving the inspection mandatory on the original machine unless a new one is purchased, and then an inspection will have to be done on that machine, leave the curfew the same at this time. Ryan noted the committee had not had a chance to talk with Chief of Police, Rick Wright yet to see how things were going on the police side of this. Council Member, Jeff Ervin asked if the committee will look at the curfew once they talk with Chief Wright, and Ryan said they would.

Council Member, Barry Rebman stated Matteson has a good point with the example of the fair because you could not take a side-by-side to the concert or the fireworks. Street Committee Member, Terry Dodds noted he is still seeing adults taking kids on their 4-wheeler with one (1) in front and one (1) behind. Matteson asked if Dodds has talked to the police, and Dodds said he has but it does not do a lot of good because by the time an officer could get there, the person would already be home.

Council Member, Bob Lambert reported he had a person call him about this and they felt that what the committee had recommended would be as far as they would like to see the city go. Rebman said he has had several people say the city needs to get rid of the curfew, so people are all over the place on this ordinance. Ryan noted he would like to take more time working on the curfew.

**Ryan MOVED TO APPROVE AMENDING THE ATV, UTV, & GOLF CART ORDINANCE TO LEAVE THE ORIGINAL FEE AT ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100), SETTING A RENEWAL FEE AT FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50), & LEAVING THE CURFEW AS IS. Lambert SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" VOICE VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Acker, Davis, Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, & Trimble; 1 NAY – Dodds; 0 ABSENT.**

### **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 July 19, 2021

- b) Approve the Minutes of the Street Committee Meeting held July 26, 2021; Combined TIF & Joint Review Board Meeting held July 27, 2021; & Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting held July 28, 2021
- c) Approve "Claims for Council Approval Dated 08/02/21" & Accept Monthly Reports
- d) Approve Special Event License for The Lipsticked Pig for an Event on Saturday, August 28, 2021
- e) Approve Engagement Letter with Gray-Hunter-Stenn to Conduct the Fiscal Year Audit Ending April 30, 2021

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

**Acker MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, EXCEPT FOR ITEM "4B". Dodds 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.**

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

Item "4B": Council Member, Richard Davis reported the County Board President, Chet Esther was not in attendance at the Combined TIF & Joint Review Board meeting on July 27, 2021. City Clerk, Stacey Briney made note of the changes and will make the necessary change before printing the final minutes.

**Davis MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM "4B", APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE STREET COMMITTEE MEETING HELD JULY 26, 2021; COMBINED TIF & JOINT REVIEW BOARD MEETING HELD JULY 27, 2021; & PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD JULY 28, 2021. 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.**

#### **7. PASS & ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1125, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 1118, PROTOCOL TO ASSIST IN DETERMINING TIF GRANTS**

**Lambert MOVED TO PASS & ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1125, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 1118, PROTOCOL TO ASSIST IN DETERMINING TIF GRANTS. Rebman SECONDED.**

TIF Committee, Susan Acker reported the committees decided to make the expenditures go through council approval so everyone can see the expense. Acker said the applicant is supposed to have all of the work done before a check is handed out, so this way it will not be up to Clerk Briney and it will give the committee time to inspect things.

**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. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICIALS' REPORTS**

Council Member, Bob Lambert reported he has had some complaints of people not picking up after their animals when they are walking. Lambert thought maybe Chief Wright needs to look into this. Mayor Klitz said he will talk with Chief Wright about it. Ervin stated that he had some complaints like this too as well as dogs not being on leashes.

Lambert also reported that Cape Coral, Florida has an ordinance against businesses posting profanity on their buildings. City Attorney, Charlie Burton stated there is currently nothing in the city's codebook about this but it is probably something that could be done within the police rights. Mayor Klitz wondered about getting into freedom of speech.

Street Committee Member, Terry Dodds said he felt that at a past meeting there was discussion on lowering the speed limits within the city and he feels there needs to be a committee meeting about this. Mayor Klitz asked if Dodds had any particular street or all of them, and Dodds noted any street that is posted at thirty miles per hour (30 mph) needs to go down to twenty-five miles per hour (25 mph). Dodds said he does not know how many signs that would take. Mayor Klitz stated someone will have to look into whether the city has the authority to reduce the speed limit on the state highway. Dodds stressed that he is only talking about the city streets and not the state highways. A discussion followed.

Council Member, Mike Ryan reported the city crew had a new digger and it seemed to do a very good job on what they were using it for. Ryan said he feels that would be a big asset for the city to have.

Parks & Recreation Committee Chairman, Barry Rebman reported the Schuy-Rush Park Board met and discussed the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) grant that was brought up. Trimble stated the board now has a wish list that includes boat docks, new and existing, and kayak launch. Trimble noted there is one (1) grant that they can get up to Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) and another one for Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) for a kayak launch. Rebman said the board is talking about making all docks ADA compatible. Rebman stated the board decided to give up on fixing the road so they came up with a bigger wish list. Rebman said the board decided to hold off until next year so they can get some better costs.

**9. ADJOURN**

**Ervin MOVED TO ADJOURN. Dodds 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 7:26 P.M.**

Minutes submitted by,

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Stacey L. Briney, City Clerk/CMC

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Date Minutes Approved