

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

Others present included: Stacey Briney, City Clerk; Nathan Campbell, Superintendent of Operations; Rick Wright, Chief of Police; David Haney of *The Rushville Times*; Gogo Her, Peace Corp Fellow; and Gregg Snyder, representing Culbertson Memorial Hospital.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Carson Klitz.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gregg Snyder, representing Culbertson Memorial Hospital reported that Superintendent of Operations, Nathan Campbell had spoken with Director of Maintenance, Erik Price regarding the possibility of closing the alley north of the hospital for placement of the MRI machine. Snyder presented a map of the proposed location. *Said map is attached and a part of these minutes.* Snyder noted the hospital would like to move the MRI trailer to the back of the facility to help with parking and other issues when the new infusion center opens up. Snyder said, right now, the MRI trailer comes on Tuesday and Saturday but they are expanding to do PET scans, so that means it would be there for another day.

Snyder stated the semi would come in off West Madison Street, drop trailer, and drive straight out. Snyder said they have already consulted with the company and there is plenty of room to get in and out. Snyder stressed that this will work extremely well for the hospital because there is a door and sidewalk already there that would lead patients right to the machine. Snyder stated this would be a huge benefit to the community.

Snyder reported that if the city allows this to happen, they will go in a figure out the depth of concrete that the trailer would need to set on since it is sixty thousand pounds (60,000#). Snyder said the access to the fire hoses are on the front so they do not think that would be a problem. Snyder noted the alley is lightly used and the apartment complex will always have access to the garage. Campbell said he talked with Fire Chief, Vic Menely regarding the fire issues and Menely did not have any issues or concerns.

Campbell said the alley is probably not thick enough for that heavy traffic in and out. Campbell noted the weight limit on the city streets is fourteen ton (14T), or twenty-eight thousand pounds (28,000#), but vehicles over that can drive on the streets if they are providing a service with the understanding that if the road is damaged, they are responsible for repairing. Campbell stated the city needs an agreement with the hospital stating this. Snyder said he thinks it is only fair to take responsibility for that and they would monitor it on a regular basis. Snyder stated he will have to get board approval as well but does not see any issues.

Council Member, Terry Dodds asked if there was any infrastructure in that alley, and Campbell said he believes the only infrastructure belongs to the hospital and maybe a storm drain. Council Member, Jeff Ervin said if the MRI trailer is there, it will make it impossible for the city to remove the snow. Snyder stated that was not a problem. Ervin noted he does not have a problem with it as long as the hospital takes care of the snow removal. Street Committee Chairman, Mike Ryan stated he will have a committee meeting to make up an agreement with the hospital. Snyder said he understands and feels it's a big win for everyone. Mayor Klitz noted the street committee will meet and come up with a proposal and get back to Snyder.

Gregg Snyder left the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

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 September 20, 2021
- b) Approve the Minutes of the Combined TIF & Joint Review Board Meeting held September 29, 2021
- c) Approve “Claims for Council Approval Dated 10/04/21” & Accept Monthly Reports
- d) Approve Setting Trick-or-Treat Hours from 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 31, 2021

Dodds MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. Ryan SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Acker, Davis, Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, & Ryan; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Trimble.

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

All items were approved on the Consent Agenda.

6. DISCUSS & CONSIDER ALLOWING THE HOSPITAL TO CLOSE THE NORTH ALLEY FOR THE MRI MACHINE

No action was taken at this time.

7. DISCUSS & CONSIDER WEIGHT LIMITS ON CITY STREETS

No action was taken at this time.

8. DISCUSS & CONSIDER APPROVING A TIF GRANT TO MARGE CORWIN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,588.17

TIF Committee Chairman, Bob Lambert reported the committee had met regarding the application for Marge Corwin at 104 W. LaFayette. Lambert noted this is kind of a special case because the air conditioner went out in the summer so Corwin had to replace it. Lambert said Corwin still has some other work that she wants to do but she is having a hard time finding a contractor to do the work. Ervin asked what portion of the application was approved, and Lambert said forty percent (40%) of the cost of the new air conditioner. Ryan wondered if the committee was going to look at granting Corwin more money, and Lambert noted they were but tabled it for right now.

Lambert MOVED TO APPROVE A TIF GRANT TO MARGE CORWIN FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 104 W. LAFAYETTE STREET IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND SEVENTEEN CENTS (\$3,588.17). Davis SECONDED.

Mayor Klitz stated he has a problem with this, but he will not veto the decision. Mayor Klitz said the council passed the TIF protocol and item #4 of that states *“preference for the award of a grant shall be made based upon the number of jobs to be created by a project, the amount of tax revenue anticipated upon completion of a project, and the increase in the real estate tax from the project.”* Mayor Klitz noted the council is not holding up to these standards if this is approved and then what happens next when someone comes in and wants a new air conditioner. Mayor Klitz said he feels the perception of this is that the city is buying forty percent (40%) of an air conditioner for a rental property. Mayor Klitz stressed that this is not fair, especially to those outside of the TIF District. Mayor Klitz suggested tabling this and see if Corwin could apply for an Economic Development Grant.

TIF Committee Member, Susan Acker wondered about the next project when Corwin wants to do the stairway. Mayor Klitz noted this is just ludicrous and if the council approves that, we would be subsidizing four (4) people’s businesses where three (3) cannot apply. Ryan asked if this was the first grant for maintenance, and Ervin said probably was. Dodds said if it was a façade or a door, it would be different, and Mayor Klitz agreed because that is something that can actually be seen.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 4 YEAS – Davis, Dodds, Lambert, & Acker; 3 NAYS – Ervin, Rebman, & Ryan; 1 ABSENT – Trimble.

9. DISCUSS & CONSIDER FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH ADAMS FIBER

Mayor Klitz reported several people are concerned about the group that is going through the town laying fiber but nothing has ever been said to the city. Mayor Klitz noted Ameren gives the city money for this type of thing and we are not getting any benefits from this. Mayor Klitz said he is not sure what to do and he has never seen a boss around, just the contractors. Campbell stated when he starting getting all of the locates, he called the contact number to see what was going on and he was told that they are staying on the state's right-of-way and that was the route they picked. Campbell said he also told them that he was less than pleased that they were going right through the middle of town. Ryan wondered if City Attorney, Charlie Burton could put a stop to it while we figure it out. Ervin suggested having Attorney Burton contact Adams Fiber. Mayor Klitz noted Attorney Burton was concerned too so he will get ahold of him tomorrow to have him contact them.

Mayor Klitz stated, if they are on the state's right-of-way, he is not sure there is anything the city can even do. Campbell reported he had spoken to Kirk Fuqua from IDOT to see what the city's responsibilities were on the state right-of-way that goes through town, and Fuqua told him that the state only maintains between the white lines, so it seems that IDOT only picks and chooses what they want to maintain.

City Attorney, Charlie Burton arrived at 7:28 p.m.

Attorney Burton asked if the contractor had shown Campbell a permit from the State of Illinois. Attorney Burton said he has found out there is no franchise anymore and things have changed but they still should have gotten a permit from the city. **No action was taken at this time.**

10. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Council Member, Susan Acker reported there was some talk earlier about investing in a certificate of deposit (CD) and wondered if there needed to be a consensus of the council to do this. Mayor Klitz said that was not necessary because that is the city treasurer's job to do.

Council Member, Mike Ryan reported the sidewalk beside Subway is still a concern. Ryan stated the business next to it is having trouble getting people in and out and they are also having drainage issues. Ryan noted he feels this would be a great asset if the city fixed this. Ryan said he and Campbell had discussed this but the state does not want to help in fixing it. Ryan stated maybe they can have a sidewalk meeting and see how to approach this. Mayor Klitz recommended checking to see how much money is left for sidewalks.

Council Member, Jeff Ervin reported Brian Thomas has given his two (2) weeks notice at the shed. Ervin said he was hoping to get a consensus to advertise in this week and next week's newspaper because with the timeframe, we could be looking at snow plowing time by then. **Consensus was to go ahead and advertise for a full-time employee.**

11. ADJOURN

Dodds MOVED TO ADJOURN. Ervin SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, Acker, & Davis; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Trimble. THE MEETING STOOD ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY AT 7:37 P.M.

Minutes submitted by,

Stacey L. Briney, City Clerk/CMC

Date Minutes Approved