

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, Terry Dodds, Bob Lambert, Barry Rebman, Mike Ryan, and Paul Trimble. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Council Members, Richard Davis & Jeff Ervin were absent.

Others present included: Stacey Briney, City Clerk; Charlie Burton, City Attorney; Nathan Campbell, Superintendent of Operations (*arrived at 7:13 p.m.*); Rick Wright, Chief of Police; David Haney of *The Rushville Times*; Gogo Her, Peace Corp Fellow; and Erin Eveland, representing The Hub.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Carson Klitz.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Erin Eveland, Executive Director of The Hub reported, in July, she applied for The Hub and Rushville to be a part of a traveling exhibit through the Smithsonian Museum. Eveland stated exhibit is called "Sparks! Places of Innovation" and is part of the Museum on Main Street. Eveland noted this is a small traveling exhibit that will travel throughout the United States and possibly the nation. Eveland said once this is over, it will be archived in the Smithsonian Museum. Mayor Klitz thanked Eveland and told her the city appreciates this type of good news.

Erin Eveland left the meeting at 7:03 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 October 4, 2021
- b) Approve the Minutes of the Police Committee Meeting held October 12, 2021
- c) Approve "Claims for Council Approval Dated 10/18/21" & Accept Monthly Reports
- d) Approve "Claims for Scripps Park Approval Dated 10/11/21" (*due to a lack of quorum*)
- e) Approve a \$130 Refund to Amanda Wallace for a Party that was not Rescheduled
- f) Approve Annual Generator Maintenance with Richard's Electric in the Amount of \$3,250

Dodds MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. Lambert SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Acker, Dodds, Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, & Trimble; 0 NAYS; 2 ABSENT – Davis & Ervin.

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

All items were approved on the Consent Agenda.

6. DISCUSS & CONSIDER HIRING PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER(S)

Trimble MOVED TO APPROVE HIRING MATTHEW HENRICKS AS PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER AND SENDING HIM TO PART-TIME SCHOOL. Dodds SECONDED.

Chief of Police, Rick Wright reported the part-time school does not start until February and it is a nine (9) month class. Chief Wright noted the city has been reimbursed for the last three (3) officers we sent to school, so that is good news and hopefully the same thing will happen when Henricks is done.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Dodds, Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, Trimble, & Acker; 0 NAYS; 2 ABSENT – Davis & Ervin.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Industrial Park Committee Chair, Susan Acker reported the city has some interest in a couple of the lots in the Industrial Park.

Council Member, Susan Acker asked City Attorney, Charlie Burton if he found anything out with the fiber people. Attorney Burton stated he had first contacted Adams Fiber who referred him to the contractor, and then he contacted the local engineer and the crew foreman, with whom he and Superintendent of Operations, Nathan Campbell had a conference with. Attorney Burton noted the company has a contract with the state to install the fiber through town. Attorney Burton said he questioned them very intently on why they did not contact the city for a permit or just to let us know what was going on since they would be bothering the city streets.

Attorney Burton stated he did some research before the conference to see what type of permit the company would have received from the state and what it entails, which turned out to be pretty murky. Attorney Burton noted there is no dedication from the city to the state for a right-of-way so the issue is what exactly is the right-of-way for the city. Attorney Burton noted the state considers their right-of-way to be between the white lines but this permit considers the state's right-of-way to be between the boulevards. Attorney Burton reported the engineer and foreman gave them the plans and showed himself and Campbell the construction drawings on how the cables were being installed. Attorney Burton stated the two (2) were very cooperative and concerned for the residents of the town as to not bother too much.

Attorney Burton said he expressed the city's largest concern and that was the parking area in Central Park because of all of the concrete. Attorney Burton noted the company came back and said they would avoid that by starting underground in front of the State's Attorney's office and coming up on the corner next to Benny's. Attorney Burton stated that satisfied himself and Campbell so they told them to go ahead but if they decided to change anything, they had to come to the city immediately.

Street Committee Chairman, Mike Ryan reported the committee was supposed to meet about the parking in front of Clark's Auto and the hospital MRI trailer issue. Ryan said the hospital is not quite ready.

8. ADJOURN

Trimble MOVED TO ADJOURN. Dodds SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, & Dodds; 0 NAYS; 2 ABSENT – Davis & Ervin. THE MEETING STOOD ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY AT 7:14 P.M.

Minutes submitted by,

Stacey L. Briney, City Clerk/CMC

Date Minutes Approved