

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

Others present included: Stacey Briney, City Clerk; Charlie Burton, City Attorney; Nathan Campbell, Superintendent of Operations; David Haney of *The Rushville Times*; and Joe Redshaw of Redshaw Insurance.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Carson Klitz.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

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 18, 2021
- b) Approve the Minutes of the Industrial Park Committee Meeting held October 18, 2021
- c) Approve "Claims for Council Approval Dated 11/01/21" & Accept Monthly Reports

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

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

All items were approved on the Consent Agenda.

6. DISCUSS & CONSIDER RENEWAL & DOWN-PAYMENT OF LIABILITY & WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Insurance Committee Chairman, Richard Davis stated the committee had met and reviewed the liability and worker's compensation renewal with Joe Redshaw of Redshaw Insurance. Redshaw presented the renewal and reported that last year, the premium was One Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars (\$138,369) and this year's renewal was up a little at One Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$144,297). Redshaw noted the payroll and work comp was up a little from last year and that is part of the increase. Redshaw stated the premium amount will be pro-rated since there were some late equipment additions.

Redshaw said there is a new cyber liability up to One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) that the city can get in addition at a cost of Nine Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$990) per year. A discussion followed regarding the cyber liability, police work comp, and training.

Redshaw reported that ICRMT has their own attorneys and they have worked closely with City Attorney, Charlie Burton. Redshaw noted he feels that when they need to work together, things have worked out pretty well.

Trimble MOVED TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL & DOWN-PAYMENT OF TWENTY FIVE PERCENT (25%) OF THE TOTAL PREMIUM FOR THE CITY'S LIABILITY & WORKER'S COMPENSATION, WITH THE ADDITION OF THE CYBER LIABILITY. Ryan SECONDED.

Davis asked Redshaw if the city would get a discount of some sort if we installed security cameras, and Redshaw said it would be worth looking into.

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

7. DISCUSS & CONSIDER SALE OF LOT 7 IN THE INDUSTRIAL PARK

Industrial Park Committee Chair, Susan Acker reported everyone had a copy of Fletcher Construction, Inc.’s plan. *Said plans are attached and a part of these minutes.* Acker stated Zach Fletcher wants to purchase Lot 7 in the Industrial Park for Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000).

Acker MOVED TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 1126, APPROVING THE SALE OF LOT 7 IN THE INDUSTRIAL PARK TO FLETCHER CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000). Ryan SECONDED.

Mayor Klitz said there is a tentative closing date of January 15, 2022, but that can be expedited once the title work is complete.

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

8. DISCUSS & CONSIDER POSSIBILITIES OF LOT 10 IN THE INDUSTRIAL PARK

Acker reported she had received a call from a gentleman from New York that was interested in putting a twenty-five (25) unit motel on Lot 10, which is the big lot between Dr. Gerleman’s office and Dollar General. Acker stated the committee has been in touch with Linda Butler who represents GROW Rushville and they are still working on something similar like the feasibility study the city did a few years ago. Acker noted Butler said they are looking a forty to fifty (40-50) unit motel that would be a franchise. Acker said she would like to see if Butler and her group can get something like that because she feels that would be better for the community. Acker stated she just needs to know what to tell this gentleman so we can put him on “hold”. Mayor Klitz recommended telling him that the city has another opportunity and we are researching our options. Industrial Park Committee Member, Bob Lambert said that Butler knows where the city is at with this lot. **No action was taken at this time.**

9. DISCUSS & CONSIDER HIRING FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE

Grievance & Personnel Committee Chairman, Paul Trimble reported the committee had met and interview nine (9) applicants.

Trimble MOVED TO HIRE MARC WILSON AS FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE. Dodds SECONDED.

Council Member, Mike Ryan asked who Marc Wilson was and if he was even qualified for this position because he does not know anything about him. Superintendent of Operations, Nathan Campbell stated Wilson works for Toland, Inc. and has been an apprentice plumber and welder for a couple years. Campbell said he sat in on the interviews and he agrees with the committee’s recommendation.

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

10. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICIALS’ REPORTS

Council Member, Richard Davis reported he has received a few calls regarding drainage issues during the heavy rains we just had. Davis stated there is a ditch on West Clinton Street that runs between 545 West Clinton Street and 539 West Clinton Street. Davis said he took Campbell down there to look at it and it appears it is blocked by a possible berm. Mayor Klitz asked whose property this was on, and Davis thought the issue might be on the property at 220 S. Cedar Street. Mayor Klitz stressed that the city cannot do anything on private property and it is a landowner problem. Attorney Burton agreed and said the city would need permission from all landowners.

Davis also reported the culverts on Parkview Road are fourteen to sixteen inches (14”-16”) but as you go south, they get smaller. Davis wondered if the city could do something about that. Campbell stated the biggest problem is that people like to rake their leaves into the ditches and then they leave them there.

Davis said there is also a water problem on Cathy Lane. Mayor Klitz stated that it is coming from FS and he has talked to Aaron Winner about the problem they created and they need to fix it. Mayor Klitz noted Brian Tomlinson is trying to make Cathy Lane nicer and the water issue is not helping. Davis said Tomlinson is also concerned about a gentleman that lives down there speeding and wondered if the city could put in speed bumps or speed limit signs. Trimble noted the city had talked about speed bumps in another location before and decided it was not a good idea due to the issues it would cause during snow plowing.

Street Committee Chairman, Mike Ryan reported the committee met and came up with a good idea to correct the parking in front of Clark's Auto.

Superintendent of Operations, Nathan Campbell reported he had spoken with Gregg Snyder of Culbertson Memorial Hospital and the hospital board met last Thursday and approved taking care of the snow plowing and any other problems that may come up with the road if they put the MRI machine in the alley. Campbell said Snyder had talked with the MRI truck driver and he did not see any problems with there being any damages. Campbell stated Snyder said this would be a major win to the hospital so they would probably do anything the city asks. Ryan asked if the city would need a contract with the hospital, and Campbell noted he told Snyder to talk with Attorney Burton.

City Clerk, Stacey Briney asked if Chuck Bainter from the County Board has spoken to anyone regarding the Dog Catcher's salary. Mayor Klitz said he has not spoken to Bainter or any other member about that particular thing. Clerk Briney reported the county has agreed to give Dog Catcher, David Edwards a raise if the city would match it.

11. ADJOURN

Trimble MOVED TO ADJOURN. Acker SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Ryan, Trimble, Acker, Davis, Dodds, & Lambert; 0 NAYS; 2 ABSENT – Ervin & Rebman. THE MEETING STOOD ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY AT 7:30 P.M.

Minutes submitted by,

Stacey L. Briney, City Clerk/CMC

Date Minutes Approved