

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

Others present included: Stacey Briney, City Clerk; Nathan Campbell, Superintendent of Operations; Rick Wright, Chief of Police; and David Haney of *The Rushville Times*.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Carson Klitz.

3. LINDA BUTLER, REPRESENTING GROW RUSHVILLE TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL RE: LOT 10 IN THE INDUSTRIAL PARK

Linda Butler was not able to attend tonight, so this matter will be placed on the next council agenda.

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 November 15, 2021
- b) Approve the Minutes of the Grievance & Personnel Committee Meeting held November 17, 2021; & Combined Sidewalk & Lighting & TIF Committee Meeting held November 17, 2021
- c) Approve "Claims for Council Approval Dated 12/06/21" & Accept Monthly Reports

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

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

All items were approved on the Consent Agenda.

7. DISCUSS & CONSIDER 2ND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1341, ANNUAL TAX LEVY

Rebman MOVED TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 1341, ANNUAL TAX LEVY TO THE THIRD (3RD) READING. Ryan SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Davis, Dodds, Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, Trimble, & Acker; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Ervin.

8. DISCUSS & CONSIDER BONUSES TO GOLF COURSE EMPLOYEES

Grievance & Personnel Committee Chairman, Paul Trimble reported Council Member, Jeff Ervin approached him about giving Laverne Maxwell and Mike Howard a bonus for all the extra work they had to do when there was not a groundskeeper. Trimble said he agreed and had a meeting to discuss it and those present agreed as well.

Trimble MOVED TO APPROVE A SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLAR (\$750) BONUS TO LAVERNE MAXWELL AND MIKE HOWARD. Rebman SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Dodds, Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, & Davis; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Ervin.

9. DISCUSS & CONSIDER REPAIRS TO SIDEWALKS

Sidewalks & Lighting Committee Chairman, Trimble reported the committee met about the sidewalks but he would like to get more information first.

10. DISCUSS & CONSIDER HIRING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Mayor Klitz reported the County Board had appropriated Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to go toward the salary of an Economic Development Director, with that being Gogo Her. Mayor Klitz noted since then, Her has changed her mind. Council Member, Bob Lambert stated he has talked to Her and she really appreciates the offer, but when she went home to Georgia at Thanksgiving, she discussed it with her family and they wanted her to come back home and look for something there. Mayor Klitz stressed that it is important to have an Economic Development Director because he thinks there is a lot of money out there but it takes a special person to know where to find it. **No action was taken.**

11. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICIALS’ REPORTS

Cemetery Committee Chairman, Bob Lambert reported all of the summer help is gone at the cemetery except for one guy that is on call. Lambert said Cemetery Sexton, George Vincent has been doing some repair work on the tombstones.

Parks & Recreation Committee Chairman, Barry Rebman reported he attended the Schuy-Rush Park Board meeting last month and they were asking about a bench that had been stolen and said they had given the video to the police. Chief of Police, Rick Wright stated the video shows a car backing in that area and pulling away. Chief Wright noted they know who the car belongs to so they did some “knock & talks” but have not been able to find it. Chief Wright again said they know whose car it is but they do not have any proof right now. Chief Wright stated the incident is still under investigation.

12. ADJOURN

Acker MOVED TO ADJOURN. Dodds SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, Davis, & Dodds; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Ervin. THE MEETING STOOD ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY AT 7:07 P.M.

Minutes submitted by,

Stacey L. Briney, City Clerk/CMC

Date Minutes Approved