

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

Others present included: Stacey Briney, City Clerk; Charlie Burton, City Attorney; 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. 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 November 1, 2021
- b) Approve the Minutes of the Street Committee Meeting held October 25, 2021; Industrial Park Committee Meeting held October 26, 2021; Grievance & Personnel Committee Meeting held October 27, 2021; & Claims & Insurance Committee Meeting held October 28, 2021
- c) Approve “Claims for Council Approval Dated 11/15/21” & Accept Monthly Reports
- d) Approve Closing Off the Inside Lanes on the Square from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on November, 27, 2021, for the Chamber of Commerce’s Small Business Saturday Trolley Rides
- e) Approve Outside Employment for Police Officer, Nathan Rauch
- f) Consider Suspending the Rules Re: Ordinance No. 1339, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 625 (An Ordinance Providing for the Installation of Motor Vehicular and Pedestrian Control Signs and Providing Penalties for Violation of the Same) – *No Parking on South Side of East Jefferson*
- g) Pass & Adopt Ordinance No. 1339, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 625 (An Ordinance Providing for the Installation of Motor Vehicular and Pedestrian Control Signs and Providing Penalties for Violation of the Same) – *No Parking on South Side of East Jefferson*
- h) Consider Suspending the Rules Re: Ordinance No. 1340, Sale of Surplus Property
- i) Pass & Adopt Ordinance No. 1340, Sale of Surplus Property

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

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

All items were approved on the Consent Agenda.

### **6. DISCUSS & CONSIDER 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1341, ANNUAL TAX LEVY**

**Ervin MOVED TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 1341, ANNUAL TAX LEVY TO THE SECOND (2<sup>ND</sup>) READING. Dodds SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Davis, Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, Trimble, & Acker; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Ryan.**

**7. DISCUSS & CONSIDER HANDICAPPED PARKING SPOTS ON NORTH LIBERTY IN FRONT OF CLARK'S AUTO**

Street Committee Member, Paul Trimble reported the committee had met to discuss handicap spots in front of Clark's Auto. Mayor Klitz asked if there was a ramp to get over the curb, and Trimble noted there was about a two-inch (2") curb there before you can get onto the sidewalk. City Attorney, Charlie Burton stated this area is not ADA compliant. Mayor Klitz recommended getting this area where it needs to be so it can be ADA compliant before the city makes handicapped spots. **No action was taken at this time.**

**8. DISCUSS & CONSIDER INCREASING THE DOG CATCHER'S SALARY EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2021**

**Ervin MOVED TO APPROVE INCREASING THE DOG CATCHER'S SALARY FROM FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,000) PER YEAR TO SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$6,400) PER YEAR EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2021. Rebman SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, Trimble, Acker, & Davis; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Ryan.**

**9. DISCUSS & CONSIDER INSTALLING SECURITY CAMERAS ON CITY BUILDINGS & THE WATER PLANT**

Mayor Klitz reported he feels it would be more appropriate to appoint a committee of Council Members, Jeff Ervin, Richard Davis, Barry Rebman, and Paul Trimble to look into some recommendations of security for the city buildings. **No action was taken at this time.**

**10. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICIALS' REPORTS**

Council Member, Paul Trimble reported he had met with Superintendent of Operations, Nathan Campbell regarding some traffic issues on Maple Avenue. Trimble noted when school dismisses, Maple Avenue is just a big cluster and some of the bus drivers have even been complaining about the cars that park along the street. Trimble suggested maybe making Maple Avenue *No Parking on both sides* starting just north of the Tomlinson apartment building and 1<sup>st</sup> Southern Baptist Church all the way to the school. Ervin asked if this is something that would only apply when school is in session, and Trimble agreed.

Council Member, Terry Dodds reported he has also received some complaints in that area of congestion but mostly because of the food bank that is at the library. Dodds stated the traffic lines up on Mason Street and goes east to the library to pick up their food and now it seems that some of the traffic has been blocking driveways. Dodds stated that he is not sure what the answer is, but he is just bringing it up more as a public service for people to be a little more considerate. Dodds noted the food bank did change the time to 4:00 p.m. but the people seem to line up an hour before that. Dodds stated he is not sure if there is a possibility of changing the location of the pick-up. Dodds said someone mentioned to him that maybe the food bank pick up could be at the swimming pool. Chief of Police, Rick Wright stated this food bank brings in a truckload of food to hand out until it is gone. Chief Wright noted he has been out there three (3) or four (4) times in the summer for traffic control. Ervin suggested maybe having the pick-up location in the winter at the swimming pool and then in the summer back at the library when school is out of session. Trimble stressed that this is a great program, but some people just are very inconsiderate. There were no objections from the council members to use the pool parking lot. Chief Wright said he would contact Librarian, Amy Ambrosius to see if she could contact the food bank with what the council has discussed.

Street Committee Member, Paul Trimble also reported that he feels he worked very hard to get the ATV & UTV ordinance to pass, but he has been hearing stories about some people disobeying the rules. Trimble stressed that he wished people would respect the ordinance a little bit more and follow the rules so they do not ruin it for those they do. Trimble stated it has been almost one (1) year since this ordinance came into effect so maybe the police should not write anymore warnings and just start writing tickets to those that disobey the rules. Chief Wright said he was sent a picture of a side-by-side sitting in the Dairy Queen parking lot and that is definitely illegal.

Council Member, Susan Acker asked Attorney Burton if he had ever sent a letter to Jennifer Gordley for the property she owns on East LaFayette Street. Attorney Burton said he has not yet because the letter has to state what the charges are going to be. Mayor Klitz suggested listing the cost of each piece of equipment and manpower because no one knows what it will take to get the property cleaned up. Attorney Burton noted he was waiting on the council to set the amounts of the equipment. Ervin said he thinks she needs to be given a certain amount of time to clean it up before the city does. Trimble noted he will find out the cost and bring it back to the council.

Acker also asked Attorney Burton if he had ever heard back from the person from the state regarding the guardrails by Green Gables Motel. Attorney Burton said he has not heard anything back from the state, and Acker recommended he contact them again.

Industrial Park Committee Chairman, Susan Acker stated she received a call from Hannah Cox saying she was interested in the half lot next to the daycare. Acker said Cox would get back to her with what they are wanting to put there. Mayor Klitz recommended starting the price for that lot at Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000).

Acker reported the gentleman from New York called her again today about the big lot. Acker said she informed him that GROW Rushville was interested in getting a franchise hotel on that lot as well. Acker stated she told him that she would keep him informed

**11. ADJOURN**

**Ervin MOVED TO ADJOURN. Dodds SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, Trimble, Acker, Davis, & Dodds; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Ryan. THE MEETING STOOD ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY AT 7:29 P.M.**

Minutes submitted by,

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Stacey L. Briney, City Clerk/CMC

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Date Minutes Approved