

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

Others present included: Stacey Briney, City Clerk; Nathan Campbell, Superintendent of Operations; 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 January 18, 2022
- b) Approve the Minutes of the Economic Development Committee Meeting held January 4, 2022; & the Combined Sidewalk & Lighting & TIF Committee Meeting held January 26, 2022
- c) Approve "Claims for Council Approval Dated 02/07/22" & Accept Monthly Reports
- d) Consider \$2,500 Donation to the Schuyler Co. Fair for Fireworks (*as per past practice*)

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

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

All items were approved on the Consent Agenda.

6. DISCUSS & CONSIDER APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE & GROW RUSHVILLE/SCEDC

No information has been given to the city at this time. **No action was taken.**

7. DISCUSS & CONSIDER 1ST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1342, ORDINANCE RENEWING AN EXISTING FRANCHISE & GRANTING FOR A PERIOD OF 5 YEARS TO AMEREN ILLINOIS, A CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE FRANCHISE RIGHT PERMISSION & AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT, RECONSTRUCT, EXCAVATE FOR, PLACES, REMOVE, EXTEND, MAINTAIN, & OPERATE A GAS UTILITY SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, COUNTY OF SCHUYLER AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

Mayor Klitz reported he would like to have City Attorney, Charlie Burton review these ordinances and see what suggestions he might have. Council Member, Jeff Ervin stated he would recommend Attorney Burton look at these as well but they should not exceed five (5) years because in one section it states twenty (20) years. **No action was taken at this time.**

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See information on item #7.

9. DISCUSS & CONSIDER APPROVING ENGINEERING COST TO REPAIR AND/OR REPLACE SIDEWALKS ON SOUTH LIBERTY, NORTH CONGRESS, & EAST LAFAYETTE STREETS

Sidewalk & Lighting Committee Chairman, Paul Trimble reported the committee met and discussing hiring IMEG to help engineer the sidewalks next to Subway, Station 1883, & from Rushville State Bank to the Princess Theater. Trimble noted the cost estimate was Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$16,500). Council Member, Terry Dodds asked if that was just for engineering work, and Trimble said it was. Trimble stated he spoke with Megan Crook of IMEG and she said if the city would like for her to be on the job, then there would be an additional cost. Ervin thought it would make sense to have Crook on scene to make sure the specs are being followed. Mayor Klitz said he thinks it is just good business to hire an engineer because it would take the city and employees out of a settlement.

Trimble MOVED TO APPROVE HIRING IMEG FOR ENGINEERING THE SIDEWALKS ON SOUTH LIBERTY, NORTH CONGRESS, & EAST LAFAYETTE STREETS AT A COST OF SIXTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$16,500) AND REVIEW THE COST OF AN ON-SITE ENGINEER AT A LATER DATE. Rebman SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, Trimble, & Acker; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Davis.

10. DISCUSS & CONSIDER ACCEPTING BID FROM EVERETT CONTROL SYSTEM FOR SCADA SYSTEM

Water Committee Chairman, Jeff Ervin reported Everett Controls was the only bid that the city received. Ervin noted they are the ones that have been doing all the work anyway so it would just make sense to have them replace the SCADA system. Ervin stated the bid was Thirty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$38,450) and that would give the city a brand new SCADA system and get up to date.

Ervin MOVED TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM EVERETT CONTROLS FOR THE SCADA SYSTEM AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$38,450) WITH FUNDS TO COME OUT OF THE WATER FUND NEW EQUIPMENT LINE. Dodds SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, & Dodds; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Davis.

11. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICIALS’ REPORTS

Council Member, Susan Acker reported she talked with Kirk Fuqua from IDOT and he gave her the name of the engineer to contact regarding the guardrails at West LaFayette Street and Route 67. Acker noted she was going to give that information to Attorney Burton.

Acker wondered if there was any need for Attorney Burton to also ask the IDOT engineer if there could be some lighting installed out there as well. Mayor Klitz thought if there was lighting, there really would not need to be the guardrails too. Acker wanted permission to have Attorney Burton ask both things, and the council members were okay with it.

Council Member, Bob Lambert reported the local DAR chapter is going to be holding a Colonial Days on April 27th, with a rain date of April 29th, with the Jail Museum and The Hub. Lambert said they are asking permission to use the sidewalk and parking lot north of the Jail Museum for their displays and activities. **Consensus of the council was to allow them to use the sidewalk and parking lot.**

Street Committee Member, Terry Dodds reported people are complaining about a big bump where the street is heaved up on South Liberty as you are coming into town. Superintendent of Operations, Nathan Campbell said that is the old highway so it is concrete and the concrete is starting to heave. Campbell stated he had talked with Pete Hamm of G M Sipes Construction and they were thinking about purchasing the equipment that could repair this and asked if that was something they could demo the

equipment on and repair it. Campbell noted he has not talked to Hamm for a while now, but he will contact him again and see if this is still the plan.

Council Member, Jeff Ervin commended the city crew on a great job with the snow removal.

12. ADJOURN

Dodds MOVED TO ADJOURN. Ervin SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, Dodds, & Ervin; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Davis. THE MEETING STOOD ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY AT 7:14 P.M.

Minutes submitted by,

Stacey L. Briney, City Clerk/CMC

Date Minutes Approved