

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 Mike Ryan. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Council Member, Paul Trimble 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 February 7, 2022
- b) Approve the Minutes of the Police Committee Meeting held February 16, 2022
- c) Approve "Claims for Council Approval Dated 02/22/22" & Accept Monthly Reports
- d) Reserve Central Park on Saturday, April 16, 2022, for the Masonic Lodge Easter Egg Hunt
- e) Reserve the Gazebo on Saturday, June 11, 2022, for a Wedding

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

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

City Attorney, Charlie Burton distributed copies of an ordinance and lease agreement. *Copy of lease agreement is attached and a part of these minutes.* Attorney Burton reported he had discussed this lease with Scott & Linda Butler and they made some assumptions that are included in this lease. Attorney Burton said the lease is for one (1) year but it will not terminate unless either party decides to terminate it. Attorney Burton noted he made up a legal description since the entire property will not be used. Attorney Burton said this lease will take in six hundred fifty square feet (650 sq ft) on the east side of the occupied portion of the building. Attorney Burton stated there is a general statement in the lease where Schuyler County Economic Development Commission (SCEDC) will pay for their utilities, which will have to be figured on their square footage. Attorney Burton said each entity will hold their own insurance.

Attorney Burton reported he was under the assumption that the city was not charging SCEDC rent, but there is a little wrinkle in that where SCEDC is not a governmental unit so the city will be leasing to a non-for-profit, which is not exempt of paying real estate taxes. Attorney Burton stated the city should not have to stand with the charge of real estate taxes, so SCEDC will pay that in lieu of rent.

Council Member, Richard Davis asked if the utilities included water and sewer, and City Clerk, Stacey Briney noted it would include that along with electric. Attorney Burton stated the telecommunications would all be up to SCEDC but he is not sure how many lines come into that building, so they might have to put in a separate service.

Council Member, Susan Acker asked if the rent was ever discussed, and Attorney Burton said he was not sure about that. Ervin noted he does not think the council ever discussed rent.

Lambert MOVED TO APPROVE A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE & GROW RUSHVILLE/SCEDC AS PRESENTED. Ervin SECONDED.

Council Member, Mike Ryan said he was not sure why no one was here to discuss this lease and answer the questions that have been brought up. Acker thought maybe the council should wait to approve this until someone was in attendance. Ervin stated that he was under the impression that this lease agreement needed to be approved before February 28th.

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

7. DISCUSS & CONSIDER HIRING PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER

Police Committee Member, Jeff Ervin reported the committee had met because Chief of Police, Rick Wright had received an application from Heath White wanting to be a part-time police officer. Ervin stated White is already qualified with the Illinois State Police and would only have to recertify with his gun and taser.

Ervin MOVED TO APPROVE HIRING HEATH WHITE AS PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER. Dodds SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, Acker, & Davis; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Trimble.

8. DISCUSS & CONSIDER APPROVING AN ADDITIONAL BUILDING ON LOT 7 IN THE INDUSTRIAL PARK

Industrial Park Committee Chair, Susan Acker reported the committee met earlier with Zach & Emily Fletcher regarding Lot 7 that they have purchased. Acker noted Fletcher is looking at putting a small-scale lumber yard in the bigger building and would like to put an additional building for a salon, barber, and spray tan. Acker stated, in the future, Fletcher might want to have video gaming machines with a pour & carry license. Acker said the video gaming is not a dire strait thing, but maybe when the motel goes in.

Ervin MOVED TO APPROVE AN ADDITIONAL BUILDING ON LOT 7 TO HOUSE A SALON, BARBER, AND SPRAY TAN AS OF RIGHT NOW WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF VIDEO GAMING IN THE FUTURE, CONTINGENT UPON RECEIVING A COLORED PHOTO OF THE BUILDING. Rebman SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, Acker, Davis, & Dodds; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Trimble.

9. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICIALS’ REPORTS

Council Member, Susan Acker reported Attorney Burton gave her a copy of a letter that he had sent to IDOT regarding the signs at the intersection of West LaFayette Street and Route 67. Acker noted the city is probably going to have to keep on them because Attorney Burton is not hopeful that we will hear anything back from them.

Acker said the last she can remember about the Jennifer Gordley property on East LaFayette Street was that Council Member, Paul Trimble was going to get some prices on the equipment rental. Attorney Burton reported that the issue is the city would have to send a notice to Gordley to clean up the property with a deadline, along with a notice that the city will clean it up if it is not done. Attorney Burton said that notice would have to include a table stating the cost of each item. Attorney Burton noted this price table should be generic so it can be used on any other property that might come about. A discussion followed regarding the labor.

Superintendent of Operations, Nathan Campbell stated that he just received hourly rates on almost all of the city’s equipment through the Motor Fuel Tax reimbursement. Acker suggested getting that information to Attorney Burton.

Street Committee Member, Terry Dodds asked Campbell if he had been able to check on those holes that were reported. Campbell stated the hole on Bessie Street was a meter pit that was smashed in from a snow plow. Campbell said he went down to the 300 block of LaFayette Street but he could not really tell if some spots were getting worse. Campbell noted he will keep an eye out on that location.

Council Member, Barry Rebman reported he has received several complaints on the One Hundred Dollar (\$100) sticker fee. Rebman said there are a lot of people getting new side-by-sides that are unhappy about having to pay another One Hundred Dollars (\$100). Rebman noted he would like to discuss this in a meeting at some time.

Police Committee Member, Jeff Ervin reported that part-time police officer, Matt Henricks will start school on Saturday. Chief Wright stated he should be able to start ride alongs in June or July.

10. ADJOURN

Ervin MOVED TO ADJOURN. Acker SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, Acker, Davis, Dodds, & Ervin; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Trimble. THE MEETING STOOD ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY AT 7:26 P.M.

Minutes submitted by,

Stacey L. Briney, City Clerk/CMC

Date Minutes Approved