

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, Mike Ryan, and Paul Trimble. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Others present included: Stacey Briney, City Clerk; Charlie Burton, City Attorney; Nathan Campbell, Superintendent of Operations; and Alan Icenogle of *The Rushville Times*; and Kent Paisley.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Carson Klitz.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kent Paisley, representing the Late Night Cruisers Car Club reported he was in attendance to request the use of the north, south, and east sides of the square for the Father's Day Car Show. Paisley noted he hopes that none of the merchants will get upset this year. Council Member, Susan Acker asked if Paisley had talked with the one merchant that was upset last year before the car show, and Paisley said he did not but he will this year. Paisley said he would like to also request some cones and barrels from Superintendent of Operations, Nathan Campbell. **City Clerk, Stacey Briney was directed to place Consider Reserving Central Park on Sunday, June 19th, for the Father's Day Car Show on the next council agenda.**

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 22, 2022
- b) Approve the Minutes of the Industrial Park Committee Meeting held February 22, 2022
- c) Approve "Claims for Council Approval Dated 03/07/22" & Accept Monthly Reports
- d) Consider Line Item Transfers
- e) Consider Suspending the Rules RE: Ordinance No. 1344, Ordinance Approving the Lease of Old City Hall to Schuyler County Economic Development Commission
- f) Pass & Adopt Ordinance No. 1344, Ordinance Approving the Lease of Old City Hall to Schuyler County Economic Development Commission

Ervin MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. Dodds SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Acker, Davis, Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, & Trimble; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT.

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

All items were approved on the Consent Agenda.

6. 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 Council Member, Barry Rebman gathered some information from Ameren regarding these ordinances. *Said information is attached and a part of these minutes.* Rebman reported Ameren will do pretty much whatever the city wants. City Attorney, Charlie Burton stated it appears the only difference is the amount of money. Rebman said if the city would go with a twenty (20) year contract

and the population would go down by three percent (3%) in five (5) years, they would look at it again, but if the city only wants to do this for five (5) years, then it is a moot point.

Ervin MOVED TO PASS 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 TO THE SECOND (2ND) READING. Ryan SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Davis, Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Ryan, Trimble, & Acker; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT; 1 ABSTAIN – Rebman.

7. DISCUSS & CONSIDER 1ST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1343, 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 AN ELECTRIC UTILITY SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, COUNTY OF SCHUYLER AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

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8. DISCUSS & CONSIDER SILVERLEAF WATER MAIN PROJECT

Water Committee Chairman, Jeff Ervin reported Benton & Associates sent him an estimate to replace the water line that goes down Silverleaf Street, Hamilton Street, and over to Lawn Street and install a fire hydrant. Ervin noted the estimate was Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$15,600), but that price does not include having an on-site engineer. Ervin said Benton's thought this would be a twenty-one (21) day project and that would be approximately Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) more for the on-site engineer. Ervin stated that is something the council can decide at a later date. Mayor Klitz thought having an on-site engineer would be good business. Campbell reported some of the engineering work has already been done, but just the bare bones. Campbell stated Benton's would bid the project out, answer any questions, open bids, etc. A discussion followed.

Ervin MOVED TO APPROVE MOVING FORWARD WITH THE SILVERLEAF WATER MAIN PROJECT WITH AN ESTIMATED ENGINEERING COST OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$15,600) WITH BENTON & ASSOCIATES. Dodds SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, Davis, & Dodds; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT.

9. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Council Member, Susan Acker reported she talked with Campbell and he had gotten the information on the cost of equipment to Attorney Burton for the dilapidated properties.

Attorney Burton stated he had a zoom meeting scheduled with IDOT, but they had to reschedule.

Council Member, Barry Rebman reported he would like to request placing *Discuss & Consider Renewal Prices for ATV/UTV & Golf Carts* on the next council agenda.

Council Member, Jeff Ervin reported he had talked with Cemetery Sexton, George Vincent and Vincent wondered if the city was going to hire a part-time person to water the flowers in Central Park this year or if he was going to lose one (1) of his mowers three to four (3-4) days per week to do it. **Consensus was of the council was to advertise for someone to water in Central Park.**

Superintendent of Operations, Nathan Campbell reported G M Sipes Construction will do the road work on South Liberty Street on Wednesday.

10. ADJOURN

Ervin MOVED TO ADJOURN. Rebman SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, Davis, Dodds, & Ervin; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT. THE MEETING STOOD ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY AT 7:13 P.M.

Minutes submitted by,

Stacey L. Briney, City Clerk/CMC

Date Minutes Approved