

May 2, 2022

**PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE PROPOSED
APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE 2020-2021
FISCAL YEAR**

Rushville City Hall Council Chambers
6:50 p.m.

The following were in attendance: Mayor Carson Klitz; Council Members – Susan Acker, Richard Davis, Terry Dodds, Jeff Ervin, Barry Rebman, and Mike Ryan; City Clerk, Stacey Briney; Chief of Police, Rick Wright; and David Haney of *The Rushville Times*.

The public hearing was called to review the proposed appropriation ordinance for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Notice was posted to meet state requirements.

Ervin MOVED TO ADJOURN. Rebman SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Acker, Davis, Dodds, Ervin, Rebman, & Ryan; 0 NAYS; 2 ABSENT – Lambert & Trimble. THE PUBLIC HEARING STOOD ADJOURNED AT 6:54 P.M.

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

Others present included: Stacey Briney, City Clerk; Nathan Campbell, Superintendent of Operations; Rick Wright, Chief of Police; David Haney of *The Rushville Times*; Schuyler Isley, representing Schuyler County Economic Development Commission (SCEDC); Joan Sullivan, representing PRIDE; Mark Thompson, representing the Rushville Housing Committee; Lacey Cunningham, representing Rushville Chamber of Commerce; Erika Coleman and Stan Wallace.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Carson Klitz.

3. DISCUSS & CONSIDER HELPING PAY FOR FLOWERS IN CENTRAL PARK

Joan Sullivan, representing PRIDE, introduced herself and told the council that they really appreciate all of the city’s help, especially with the watering of the flowers on the square. Sullivan said, in the past, the city had donated Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) to go towards the purchase of plants and PRIDE would like to ask for that same amount this year. Sullivan noted all the plants and flowers are purchased from Boehm’s Garden Center. Council Member, Terry Dodds asked if the council would agree to raise the amount to Six Hundred Dollars (\$600).

Ervin MOVED TO APPROVE PAYING SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$600) TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF FLOWERS & PLANTS FOR PRIDE TO PLANT ON THE SQUARE. Acker SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Acker, Davis, Dodds, Ervin, Rebman, Ryan, & Trimble; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Lambert.

Council Member, Jeff Ervin told Sullivan that the city is still trying to find someone to water uptown. Sullivan said she was asked if the person would need a drivers license and Sullivan was told that was not necessary. Sullivan stated PRIDE would like to have the flowers watered two (2) times per week but that would all depend on the rain and heat.

Joan Sullivan left the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mark Thompson, representing the Rushville Housing Committee introduced himself to the council. Thompson reported the committee's thoughts are to help sustain the beautification of properties in town. Thompson said the committee wants to help residents with yard clean-up, exterior of the houses, clean-up items in yards, etc. Thompson stated the committee would like to start with houses in Ward I in June, Ward II in July, Ward III in August, and Ward IV in September. Thompson noted the committee would assist the homeowners with those types of clean-ups.

Thompson stated the committee would like to have a dumpster located at the City Shed where the residents could take the items that are acceptable and then if there is yard waste, the committee would like to be able to take that to the dump. Thompson stressed this is a process that the committee would like to start but sustain as well. Thompson reported the dumpster would cost Five Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$575) from Rocket Disposal and the committee is asking the city to pay for it and to utilize the City Shed. Ervin asked if the committee was wanting to use the city facilities on weekends, and Thompson said they are planning on the second (2nd) Saturday of each month and be there no later than 11:30 a.m. A discussion followed regarding the placement of the dumpster since it was a weekend. **Consensus of the council was to provide a dumpster for the Rushville Housing Committee for the beautification of properties in town.**

Superintendent of Operations, Nathan Campbell wondered if Area Disposal would give the city a better price since we had a contract with them. Mayor Klitz asked Campbell if he had any other concerns and Campbell asked if this was happening on Saturdays. Thompson noted it was and they would have someone on site to make sure everything that is put in the dumpster is an acceptable item. Campbell said he can make it work because if the dumpster is outside the fence, it is very possible that it will fill up with other items.

Lacey Cunningham, representing the Rushville Chamber of Commerce introduced herself and informed the council that the Farmer's Market that is on the square on Fridays would like to expand and include the third (3rd) Saturday as well from June to October. Cunningham said they would like to use the square from May to October for the Farmer's Market.

Cunningham also requested the use of the square on June 18-19 for Summer Splurge. Cunningham noted the Chamber is working with the Late Night Cruisers as well for this event.

Council Member, Bob Lambert arrived at the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Erka Coleman introduced herself and asked permission to put her ice cream trailer back on the square. Coleman said she was not going to be in Rushville much this year, but City Clerk, Stacey Briney had mentioned to her that there was a lot of stuff going on uptown this year so she thought she better ask permission. Council Member, Mike Ryan noted the ice cream truck has been a good thing for the kids. Council Member, Susan Acker asked if the ice cream trailer would be in the same spot as it was last year, and Coleman said she would like to put it in the same spot because it is closer to the water and electric. Ervin recommended Coleman get the dates from Clerk Briney as to when events were going to be uptown. Coleman also would like to pay as she goes and Ervin felt that every month would work out for payment.

Coleman also reported that she would like to put the dumpster back up in front of her building again to finish up the inside work. Coleman stated that she was going to have someone take out the slab of concrete in the back of the building for the dumpster but Brent Greer of Rocket Disposal said he still cannot get a dumpster back there. Ervin asked how long the dumpster would be up there, and Coleman thought she had about one (1) month worth of work to do. A discussion followed regarding the location of the dumpster. **Consensus of the council was to place the dumpster on the corner off the northeast part of the square for one (1) month.**

Erika Coleman, Stan Wallace, Lacey Cunningham, and Mark Thompson left the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

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 April 18, 2022
- b) Approve "Claims for Council Approval Dated 05/02/22" & Accept Monthly Reports
- c) Consider Mayoral Appointments
- d) Present 2022-2023 Committee Appointments
- e) Present Report of Licenses Issued May 2, 2022
- f) Approve Public Notice of the Regular Meeting Dates of the City Council for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year

- g) Approve Line Item Transfers
- h) Pass & Adopt Resolution No. 1128, Designating a Depository and Authorizing Signatures (RSB)
- i) Pass & Adopt Resolution No. 1129, Designating a Depository and Authorizing Signatures (Marine)
- j) Pass & Adopt Resolution No. 1130, Designating a Depository and Authorizing Signatures (1st Bankers Trust)
- k) Pass & Adopt Resolution No. 1131, Designating a Depository and Authorizing Signatures (West Central Bank)
- l) Pass & Adopt Resolution No. 1132, Resolution Appointing City Attorney
- m) Approve \$500 Donation for Veteran's Flags in Central Park (*as per past practice*)
- n) Approve Hiring Part-Time Employees (*see attached memo*)

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

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

All items were approved on the Consent Agenda.

7. PASS & ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1345, ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES, WAGES, & BENEFITS FOR CITY DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENTS & EMPLOYEES

Trimble MOVED TO PASS & ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1345, ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES, WAGES, & BENEFITS FOR CITY DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENTS & EMPLOYEES. Dodds SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, & Davis; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT.

8. PASS & ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1346, ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Ervin MOVED TO PASS & ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1346, ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE. Ryan 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. DISCUSS & CONSIDER LIGHTING THE GAZEBO GREEN FOR MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DURING THE MONTH OF MAY

Parks & Recreation Committee Chairman, Barry Rebman reported there are eight (8) inside lights and eight (8) outside lights around the gazebo and the Health Department would like to light just eight (8) lights green for Mental Health Awareness month. Rebman noted the Health Department will provide the bulbs.

Rebman MOVED TO APPROVE LIGHTING EIGHT (8) LIGHTS AROUND THE GAZEBO IN CENTRAL PARK GREEN FOR MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DURING THE MONTH OF MAY. Ervin 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.

10. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Street Committee Chairman, Mike Ryan reported he is going to schedule a committee meeting to discuss building a salt shed at the maintenance building.

Ryan also reported he has looked at the firehouse with Campbell and they are looking into some ideas.

Mayor, Carson Klitz reported a member of Rotary approached him about replacing the trees that the city had to take down. Mayor Klitz stated he will talk with Boehm's on what kind of trees should be replanted in Central Park.

Chief of Police, Rick Wright reported their K-9, Drax, had to retire due to unforeseen circumstances out of the department's control. Chief Wright stated that the department was very fortunate because the Quincy Police Department had to retire their K-9, Cody, because his handler retired. Chief

Wright said Quincy Police Department donated Cody to the city. Chief Wright noted Police Officer, Nathan Rauch and Cody will be back to school starting May 23rd. Chief Wright said Drax just failed to certify and he is now with one of the officers because they wanted to leave him with one of the officers. Mayor Klitz asked Chief Wright to compose a letter to the Quincy Police Department thanking them and he will sign it.

11. ADJOURN

Dodds MOVED TO ADJOURN. Ervin SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Rebman, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, Davis, Dodds, Ervin, & Rebman; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT. THE MEETING STOOD ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY AT 7:31 P.M.

Minutes submitted by,

Stacey L. Briney, City Clerk/CMC

Date Minutes Approved