

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

Others present included: Stacey Briney, City Clerk; Nathan Campbell, Superintendent of Operations; Chris Walters, Labor Attorney; David Haney of *The Rushville Times*; Schuyler Isley, representing Schuyler County Economic Development Commission (SCEDC); Wendy Stevens and Amanda Higgins.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Carson Klitz.

3. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL – 5 ILCS 120/2 (C)(1); DISCUSS LITIGATION – 5 ILCS 120/2 (C)(11); & APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MAY 3, 2021; GRIEVANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD MAY 12, 2021, AUGUST 20, 2021, & OCTOBER 27, 2021; & POLICE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD OCTOBER 12, 2021 – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21)

Ervin MOVED TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL – 5 ILCS 120/2 (C)(1); DISCUSS LITIGATION – 5 ILCS 120/2 (C)(11); & APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MAY 3, 2021; GRIEVANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD MAY 12, 2021, AUGUST 20, 2021, & OCTOBER 27, 2021; POLICE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD OCTOBER 12, 2021 – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21). Dodds SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Acker, Davis, Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Ryan, & Trimble; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Rebman. OPEN SESSION STOOD ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:01 P.M.

4. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Open Session reconvened at 7:22 p.m. with the following present: Mayor Klitz; Council Members – Acker, Davis, Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Ryan, & Trimble; City Clerk, Stacey Briney; Superintendent of Operations, Nathan Campbell; Labor Attorney, Chris Walters; David Haney of *The Rushville Times*; Schuyler Isley, Economic Development Director; Wendy Stevens and Amanda Higgins.

5. DISCUSS & CONSIDER PENDING GRIEVANCE

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments at this time.

7. 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 held July 18, 2022
- b. Approve the Minutes of the Combined TIF & Joint Review Board Committee Meeting held July 20, 2022; Street Committee Meeting held July 26, 2022; & Grievance & Personnel Committee Meeting held July 28, 2022
- c. Approve “Claims for Council Approval Dated 08/01/22” & Accept Monthly Reports

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

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

All items were approved on the Consent Agenda.

9. DISCUSS & CONSIDER APPROVING A POUR & CARRY LICENSE FOR JYANTNANDI CORPORATION

Mayor Klitz reported no one knows anything about this guy or the corporations. Council Member, Susan Acker said she feels like Mr. Patel should come and at least introduce himself. Council Member, Richard Davis googled the address and it looked like an empty old apartment building. City Clerk, Stacey Briney stated the only thing she knows was that Nasir Ahmed was going to be leasing the BP Station to Patel and that Patel owns the gas station in Industry.

Acker MOVED TO DENY A POUR & CARRY LICENSE TO JYANTNANDI CORPORATION. Ryan SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Ryan, Trimble, Acker, Davis, Dodds, Ervin, & Lambert; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Rebman.

10. DISCUSS & CONSIDER PURCHASE OF DUMP TRUCK

Superintendent of Operations, Nathan Campbell reported the Street Committee had met and recommended advertising for bids for a dump truck. Campbell noted if the city does not receive any bids, then we are able to shop around at places that do not have the state bids. Mayor Klitz said after discussing it with Clerk Briney, he thinks the cost of the dump truck could be split between street, water, and sewer.

Ryan MOVED TO APPROVE ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR A DUMP TRUCK, AND IF NO BIDS ARE RECEIVED, THE CITY WILL SHOP AROUND AND FIND WHAT IS SUITABLE FOR US. Ervin SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Trimble, Acker, Davis, Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, & Ryan; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Rebman.

11. DISCUSS & CONSIDER APPROVING REPLACEMENT OF WILSON STREET SEWER & ENGINEERING COSTS

Sewer Committee Chairman, Jeff Ervin reported everyone had a document at their seats from Benton & Associates for engineering the sewer on Wilson Street. *Said document is attached and a part of these minutes.* Ervin stated the sewer is all collapsed and needs replaced. Ervin said they felt the city could get a better deal if we did this sewer along with the water line replacement project on Silverleaf. Ervin noted Benton’s are hoping to bid these jobs out in the winter so we can get it done next spring.

Ervin MOVED TO APPROVE REPLACING THE WILSON STREET SEWER AND THE ENGINEERING COST FROM BENTON & ASSOCIATES IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$8,000). Ryan SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Acker, Davis, Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Ryan, & Trimble; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Rebman.

12. DISCUSS & CONSIDER REPAIRING HVAC SYSTEM AT THE WATER PLANT

Campbell reported the HVAC system at the water plant went out last fall or early winter. Campbell said he tried to get the parts from a couple local dealers but they could not get them, so he had another local dealer price a new system and it came in at One Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$132,000). Campbell stated Jim Toland at Toland, Inc. contacted a company out of Quincy and they are going to repair the system at a cost of Thirty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Five Dollars and Seventy-Six Cents (\$34,345.76). Campbell noted the reason this system is so expensive is because of the dehumidifier that is has to have. Ervin said this is also the heating system. Campbell stated they kept the water plant around fifty degrees (50°) last winter and then had to buy a couple dehumidifiers to keep the humidity out this year.

Ervin MOVED TO APPROVE REPAIRING THE HVAC SYSTEM AT THE WATER PLANT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-SIX CENTS (\$32,345.76). Dodds SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Davis, Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Ryan, Trimble, & Acker; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Rebman.

13. DISCUSS & CONSIDER ADVERTISING FOR A CUSTODIAN AT CITY HALL

Trimble MOVED TO APPROVE ADVERTISING FOR A CUSTODIAN AT CITY HALL AT EIGHTEEN DOLLARS (\$18) PER HOUR NOT TO EXCEED SIX (6) HOURS PER WEEK. Dodds SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, & Davis; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Rebman.

14. DISCUSS & CONSIDER RAISING WAGE FOR CUSTODIAN AT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Grievance & Personnel Committee Chairman, Paul Trimble reported when the committee met to discuss the custodian at City Hall, they also discussed raising the hourly rate for the custodian at the police department from Sixteen Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$16.50) to Eighteen Dollars (\$18) per hour. Ervin asked how many hours it took to clean over there, and Clerk Briney stated the custodian turns in one and one-half (1 ½) hours per week.

Trimble MOVED TO RAISE THE HOURLY RATE FOR THE CUSTODIAN AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM SIXTEEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$16.50) PER HOUR TO EIGHTEEN DOLLARS (\$18) PER HOUR EFFECTIVE WHEN THE CUSTODIAN JOB IS FILLED AT CITY HALL. Ryan SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Ervin, Lambert, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, Davis, & Dodds; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Rebman.

15. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICIALS’ REPORTS

TIF Committee Chairman, Bob Lambert reported the committee met with the Joint Review Board and they did not approve any of the applications because there were some questions about the completeness and one of them had changed the plans on what was going into the building.

Sidewalks & Lighting Committee Member, Terry Dodds asked Campbell where the city stood on the sidewalk projects. Campbell stated he had met with the engineer last week and there were some requests from the building owner south of Subway. Campbell noted the owner and the engineer met and came out with some good results so he is just waiting on the drawings.

Public Buildings Committee Member, Richard Davis said he has not heard any more on the cameras that were going to be installed. Campbell reported the cameras have been installed at City Hall and at the street shed. Campbell noted parts were needed to be ordered and then they were going to move forward on the other ones.

16. ADJOURN

Dodds MOVED TO ADJOURN. Acker SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Lambert, Ryan, Acker, Davis, Dodds, & Ervin; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Rebman . THE MEETING STOOD ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY AT 7:40 P.M.

Minutes submitted by,

Stacey L. Briney, City Clerk/CMC

Date Minutes Approved