

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of Rush City held Monday, April 25, 2022, in the City Hall Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Dahlberg called the meeting to order with the following members present: Councilors Frank Storm, Mick Louzek, Dan Meyer, Tom Schneider; Mayor Dan Dahlberg.

Others present included Fire Chief Bob Carlson and Fire Department members Andrew Kaufmann and Eric White, Sergeant Jason Foster and Deputy Taylor Farrand of the Chisago County Sheriff's Office, Amy Doeun of the County News Review and interested citizens.

Additions to the agenda included the Chisago County Sheriff's Office newsletter and introduction of Deputy Taylor Farrand, ARPA reporting, and the extension of the trail along County Road 7.

Motion by Schneider, second by Storm: To approve the amended agenda. MC

Motion by Louzek, second by Storm: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 11, 2022 and special meeting of April 13, 2022. MC

Motion by Schneider, second by Meyer: To approve the Bills and Claims of the City as presented to the Council and on file in the City offices. MC

Motion by Meyer, second by Schneider: To approve pay application number 1 from Minnesota Petroleum for the airport fuel tank project. MC

Notices and communications were then discussed. The agenda for the Chisago County HRA-EDA meeting was reviewed, as was the Rush City Chamber of Commerce newsletter.

The Chisago County redistricting map that was approved by the County Commissioners was reviewed and discussed.

Sergeant Jason Foster then addressed the Council and reviewed the newsletter from the Chisago County Sheriff's Office and the statistics from the first quarter of 2022. He also introduced Rush City Contract Deputy Taylor Farrand.

The Administrator then explained that the first report for the ARPA funds is due by the end of April 2022 and it is recommended that the City elect the standard allowance available under the revenue loss provision of the Act, which will streamline the reporting process.

Motion by Louzek, second by Storm and carried: To approve the following:

#### RESOLUTION 2022-07

##### A RESOLUTION TO ELECT THE STANDARD ALLOWANCE AVAILABLE UNDER THE REVENUE LOSS PROVISION OF THE CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

WHEREAS, Congress adopted the American Rescue Plan Act in March 2021 ("ARPA") which included \$65 billion in recovery funds for cities across the country.

WHEREAS, ARPA funds are intended to provide support to state, local, and tribal governments in responding to the impact of COVID-19 and in their efforts to contain COVID-19 in their communities, residents, and businesses.

WHEREAS, The Fiscal Recovery Funds provides for \$19.53 billion in payments to be made to States and territories which will distribute the funds to non-entitlement units of local government (NEUs).

WHEREAS, The ARPA requires that States and territories allocate funding to NEUs in an amount that bears the same proportion as the population of the NEU bears to the total population of all NEUs in the State or territory.

WHEREAS, \$351,670.24 has been allocated to the City of Rush City (“City”) pursuant to the ARPA.

WHEREAS, The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ensures that governments have the resources needed to fight the pandemic and support families and businesses struggling with its public health and economic impacts, maintain vital public services, even amid declines in revenue, and build a strong, resilient, and equitable recovery by making investments that support long-term growth and opportunity.

WHEREAS, In May 2021, the US Department of Treasury (“Treasury”) published the Interim Final Rule describing eligible and ineligible uses of funds as well as other program provisions, sought feedback from the public on these program rules, and began to distribute funds.

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2022, Treasury issued the final rule. The final rule delivers broader flexibility and greater simplicity in the program, responsive to feedback in the comment process.

WHEREAS, the final rule offers a standard allowance for revenue loss of up to \$10 million, allowing recipients to select between a standard amount of revenue loss or complete a full revenue loss calculation.

WHEREAS, recipients that select the standard allowance may use that amount, in many cases their full award, for government services, with streamlined reporting requirements.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RUSH CITY, MINNESOTA, that the City elects the standard allowance available under the revenue loss provision of the American Rescue Pan Act in the amount of \$351,670.24 to be used for the general provision of government services.

Adopted by the City Council of Rush City this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

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Mayor

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Administrator

The extension of the trail along County Road 7 was discussed. It was noted that it would run from the intersection of Fairfield Avenue and County Road 7, to the intersection with Keller Avenue. Estimated costs were reviewed and discussed.

At this time, those in attendance were called on for public comment. Discussion followed regarding E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

Fire Chief Bob Carlson then addressed the Council and informed them that 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Chris Nelson has decided to step down from his officer position, but will remain a member of the Department. Chief Carlson explained that he would like to move Captain Andrew Kaufmann to the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief and recommend Eric White to fill the Captain position.

Motion by Louzek, second by Meyer: To approve the recommendation of Fire Chief Bob Carlson to appoint Andrew Kaufmann to the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief and Eric White to Captain. MC

Motion by Storm, second by Louzek: To approve the Hangar Ground Lease of Jason Foster for location 14A at the Rush City Regional Airport. MC

The March 2022 finance report was reviewed and discussed.

The letter from Ehlers regarding continuing disclosure fees was reviewed.

Motion by Schneider, second by Meyer: To approve the 2022-2023 beer and liquor licenses, provided all necessary paperwork and fees are received. MC

Council concerns were then discussed. The timeline for the installation of the electric vehicle charging station at the Grant House was discussed, along with the timeline for hiring an additional City Hall office person.

Announcements were then given that Rush City Garage Sale Day will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2022. Rush City Clean-up Day will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2022, from 8:00-10:30 a.m. at the Public Works Garage, 51569 Forest Boulevard, Rush City. The Rush City Chamber of Commerce Summer Shell Series will kick off on Thursday, May 26, 2022 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Rush City Park, featuring music by Just Rite Country and a Chili Cook-off.

Motion by Louzek, second by Schneider: To adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. MC

/s/ Amy Jo Mell  
Administrator

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