

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of Rush City held Monday, May 9, 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 interested citizens.

Additions to the agenda included No Mow May, a Park Board vacancy, water shutoffs, and community volunteering by the Rush City High School 8<sup>th</sup> grade class.

Motion by Louzek, second by Schneider: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 25, 2022. MC

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

Notices and communications were then discussed. The GPS 45::93 newsletter was reviewed.

Fire Chief Bob Carlson then addressed the Council regarding a change order with Custom Fire to add a bumper mounted nozzle and change the hose cabinets on the tender that has been ordered.

Motion by Louzek, second by Storm: To approve the change order with Custom Fire. MC

An update was given on the status of the Financial Management Plan and Utility Rate Study that is being completed by Ehlers. They should be completed and have recommendations ready for Council review by the next regular meeting.

A change order to the water tower maintenance contract with SEH to replace the service doors to both towers was reviewed.

Motion by Meyer, second by Schneider: To approve the change order with SEH Design Build to replace the service doors on both water towers. MC

The new swimming pool/spa zoning application was reviewed and a couple changes were recommended. It was also noted that the City currently does not have a fee for review of the swimming pool/spa zoning application. The recommendation to charge \$25 per application was discussed.

Motion by Dahlberg, second by Storm: To set a rate of \$25 for the review of the swimming pool/spa zoning application. MC

Discussion followed regarding hiring retired Public Works employee Rick Cukla as a part-time laborer at a rate of \$20.00 per hour.

Motion by Dahlberg, second by Louzek: To hire Rick Cukla as a part-time Public Works laborer for \$20.00 per hour. MC

Motion by Schneider, second by Meyer: To approve the application of MN Pyrotechnics for a fireworks display during the Chisago County Fair on July 22, 2022. MC

Discussion then followed regarding No Mow May. It was noted that other cities in the country are allowing people to not mow their yard in the month of May for the benefit of bees and other pollinators. After some discussion, the request was withdrawn.

Motion by Louzek, second by Dahlberg: To appoint Fran Perreault to the Park Board. MC

At this time, those in attendance were called on for public comment.

The Administrator informed the Council that delinquent utility account letters had been mailed and water shut offs will take place on May 12, 2022, if needed.

The Administrator informed the Council that the Rush City High School 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will be volunteering by painting in the City Park, scraping the ice skating rink, and painting hydrants in the afternoon of May 23, 2022.

Mayor Dahlberg then closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing to review proposed changes to the Rush City Code, Chapter VII, Part 1. Automobiles and Trucks, by adding Section 701.11., which will designate truck routes in the City.

It was noted that the truck route to get to the Industrial Park will be located on County Road 39 (Fairfield Avenue) to County Road 7 (8<sup>th</sup> Street). This will help remove trucks from 4<sup>th</sup> Street in the residential and downtown areas, and Frandsen Avenue from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

A concerned citizen spoke in favor of the change to the ordinance.

Mayor Dahlberg called for additional public comment.

Motion by Storm, second by Dahlberg: To close the public hearing. MC

Motion Schneider, second by Dahlberg and carried: To approve the following:

## ORDINANCE 2022-02

### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RUSH CITY CODE TO AMEND CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES, PART 1., AUTOMOBILES AND TRUCKS, SECTION 701.11

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Rush City ordains that Chapter VII, Traffic and Motor Vehicles, Part 1., Automobiles and Trucks, Section 701.11, be added to read as follows:

#### Part 1. Definitions.

The following words and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall, for the purposes of this chapter, have the meanings ascribed to them herein:

*Commercial truck* means every self-propelled motor vehicle other than a passenger vehicle or a vehicle used for the purpose of transporting passengers for hire, and shall include every truck, truck tractor or road tractor or combination of truck or road tractor and trailer or semitrailer designed primarily for carrying commodities other than people, whether laden or unladen.

#### Part 2. Truck Routes Designated.

The following streets, highways and state aid roads are hereby established or designated within the city as commercial truck routes:

- (a) Fairfield Avenue/County Road 39 to 8<sup>th</sup> Street/County Road 7
- (b) Bremer Avenue/County Road 30 to 8<sup>th</sup> Street/County Road 7

#### Part 3. Maps; sign posting.

- (a) The City Administrator shall keep and maintain accurate maps setting out the commercial truck routes or streets upon which truck traffic is permitted. Such maps shall be available to the public.
- (b) The City Administrator shall make request to the Chisago County Engineer to cause all commercial truck routes and streets upon which truck traffic is permitted to be clearly signposted.

#### Part 4. Commercial trucks restricted to designated routes; exceptions.

All commercial trucks operating within the city shall be operated only over and along the commercial truck routes established in Part 2, except that this article shall not prohibit:

- (1) The operation of commercial trucks upon any street, where necessary to the conduct of business, only to a destination point, provided that streets upon which such traffic is permitted are used until reaching the intersection nearest the destination point. This exemption does not include the parking or driving of commercial trucks from or to the owner's or operator's home in a residential-zoned area.
- (2) The operation of emergency vehicles upon any street in the city.
- (3) The operation of commercial trucks owned or operated by the state, the county, the city, public utilities, or any contractor or materials man, while engaged in the repair, maintenance or construction of streets, street improvements or street utilities within the city.
- (4) The operation of commercial trucks upon any officially established detour in any case where such commercial truck could be lawfully operated on the street for which such detour is established.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the official newspaper of the City of Rush City.

ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Rush City, Chisago County, Minnesota this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

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Mayor

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Administrator

Motion by Schneider, second by Meyer and carried: To approve the following:

**RESOLUTION 2022-08**

**A RESOLUTION TERMINATING A HISTORICAL COMMERCIAL TRUCK ROUTE AND APPROVING NEW SIGNS FOR POSTING**

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2022, the City of Rush City adopted Ordinance 2022-02 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RUSH CITY CODE TO AMEND CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES, PART 1., AUTOMOBILES AND TRUCKS, SECTION 701.11, and

WHEREAS, said Ordinance defines the authorized commercial truck routes within the City of Rush City, Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, historically commercial trucks used 4<sup>th</sup> Street/County Road 1 to Frandsen Avenue to access the Rush City Industrial Park, and

WHEREAS, the City has established a new commercial truck route, as detailed in the above referenced Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RUSH CITY, MINNESOTA, as follows:

1. Commercial trucks are no longer authorized to use 4<sup>th</sup> Street/County Road 1 to Frandsen Avenue as a commercial truck route.
2. The City shall post “not a truck route” signs to provide additional notice to commercial truck drivers.
3. The City shall request that the Chisago County Engineer post truck route signs, in the locations as authorized by Ordinance 2022-02 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RUSH CITY CODE TO AMEND CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES, PART 1., AUTOMOBILES AND TRUCKS, SECTION 701.11.

Adopted by the City Council of Rush City this 9th day of May, 2022.

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Mayor

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Administrator

There were no Council concerns.

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. Rush City Regional Airport Fly-in/Drive-in will be held on Sunday, June 12, 2022, and will feature a Lions Pancake Breakfast from 8:00-Noon, a Car and Antique Tractor Show, warbirds, and airplane rides.

Motion by Louzek, second by Schneider: To adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. MC

/s/ Amy Jo Mell  
Administrator

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