MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA
COMMON COUNCIL
JUNE 1, 2020
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 North Main Street Suite 200 Rushville Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brad Berkemeier, Elton Marzon, Mike Daubenspeck, and Aaron Gurley answered roll call. City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse was also present.

MINUTES: Berkemeier moved to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2020 meeting as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:
1. Last week the sprinkler system went off at the old Taff building. There was little damage. Jenkins is trying to figure out the next move between the contractor and the insurance.
2. There will be a parks tour Wednesday.
3. Concert dates have been moved out of June and July. This will leave 5 concerts for August and September.
4. Brew Fest has been moved to October.

CLERK-TREASURER’S REPORT: Copley said on the water billing there was a line for the new trash fee. However, at the bottom of the bill it was showing no trash fee. This line was to be deleted, but it was not. Keystone has been informed that this needs to be removed.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Council President Berkemeier said he has received a few emails since the last meeting. He has responded and will forward to Council. Berkemeier said it might not be a bad idea to keep this email open. It is a good avenue for people to use.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
• Stellar Designation – Nothing.
• Amphitheater/Park Board – Discussed.
• APC/BZA – Nothing.
• Housing – Nothing
• ECDC – Approximately $57,000.00 worth of gift cards were sold in 3 hours. The donors were Rush County Community Foundation, The Rush County Chamber, Citizens State Bank, Rush County ECDC, Duke Energy, Vectren, Rush Shelby Energy, HWC Engineering, Corma USA, and Edward Jones. Local businesses were very appreciative.

• Cherry Street – Nothing.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Fire – Chief Munson reported that they are back on track to complete their physicals.

Police – Chief Tucker said the new car that was ordered the first of the year is in Michigan. They should receive it July 1.

Code Enforcement – Director Jenkins said the State Health Board inspected Rushview Trailer Park and will re-issue their license. There were some small issues, but the well caps were the biggest issue and they have been taken care of. Jenkins will not lift his orders until the properties are cleaned up.

Gurley thanked Jenkins for his quick response regarding the property next to French’s Insurance. He has ordered a title search and sent notice for weeds.

Street – Commissioner Miller said the Board of Works approved for him to hire a Community Corrections person to work the trash truck for 24 hours per week.

Animal – Director Hannah reported that they are working to pack up the current building. They are hoping to start moving into the new building by the end of the week.

Park – Director Burkow said the guys are mowing tonight and tomorrow to get caught up. The fitness equipment is scheduled to arrive tomorrow. The labyrinth has been delivered. Vogels will install it in a couple of weeks. The basketball hoops and swings are up.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Street Lights – We will secure the last 3 easements.

2. Ordinance 202-8 Downtown Parking – Tucker handed out a re-draft of the ordinance for Council’s review. He said this should take care of most of the issues. It will eliminate long term parking for residents between 2nd and 4th Streets. It is a work in progress and will probably need more updates as time goes by.

3. Rushville Property Revitalization Program –
   a. 1900 N Main – We are waiting to move forward.

4. City of Rushville Public Giving and Community Improvement Corporation – Appointment to Board of Directors – Berkemeier moved to appoint Alisa Winters to serve a 1 year term, Amy Jacobs to serve a 2 year term, and Keith Perin to serve a 3 year term. Gurley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. Attachment A (Ordinance 2020-7) Final Approval – Mayor Pavey said this is to clarify the language. Berkemeier made a motion to accept attachment A to Ordinance 2020-7 as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried with Gurley voting “nay”.

NEW BUSINESS:
1. INTAT CF1’s – TIF & NON TIF – Kevin Chestnut and David Reed were present to answer any questions or concerns. Bridges moved to approve Intat’s CF1’s. Gurley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. INTAT SB1’S – TIF & NON TIF – Marzon moved to approve the SB1 for Intat and Resolution 2020-26. Gurley seconded the motion. Motion carried.


4. Resolution 2020-25 Authorizing Submittal of COVID-19 Immediate Response Grant Application to OCRA – Berkemeier moved to approve application for a $250,000.00 grant for Covid-19. Gurley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Resolution 2020-28 13th Street T/W Bridge/Culvert Project – Newhouse will prepare paperwork for the upcoming piece of right of way.

6. Ordinance 2020-17 Naming Downtown Alley’s – This Ordinance is related to an Indot program. This will allow us to count the alleys as streets miles.

7. COVID-19 Update - The departments are beginning to relax the rules and open back up slowly to the public. City Center will stay the same until June 15th. At that time we will require that masks be worn when entering City Center and those entering will have their temperature taken.

    The task force has moved to one meeting a week.

CLAIMS AND APRIL MONTHLY BANK RECONCILIATION: Bridges moved to approve the claims as presented along with the April 2020 bank reconciliation. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Relief Fund Acceptance Certificate Covid – Berkemeier made a motion to allow the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to make application for funds designed by the federal government known as the Cares Act. Gurley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Berkemeier asked when Ivy Tech and the theater would be opening back up. Mayor Pavey said he was not sure about Ivy Tech. He said it may not be until this fall. He thought the theater would check how
they are doing in Greensburg. He said he thought they would open slowly with a few customers at first and gradually add more until they are at 100% around June 14th.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Duabenspeck moved to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.