

**MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE
COMMON COUNCIL
JANUARY 20, 2015
6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m., which was immediately following the executive session of the Common Council.

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

PRAYER: Councilman Bridges led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Council Members, Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brian Sheehan, and Student Advisor, Makayla Herbert answered roll call. Councilman Berkemeier was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, and Kate Thurston, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES: Conner made a motion to approve the January 6, 2015 minutes as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. He had a conversation with FEMA regarding the levee certification. The pre-levee and post-levee elevation seems to be the same. FEMA and DLZ agree that number can't be right. FEMA will send a letter explaining what needs to be done. Pavey informed them we will wait until we have instructions before doing anything further.
2. A hearing was held by the BZA on the hog barn. There was an unofficial compromise. Newhouse is putting together the paperwork to take to their next meeting.
3. There was a meeting on the Grand Prix. The event is scheduled for May 29th.
4. JP Hall and Marsh Davis took a tour of Princess Theater.
5. Interviews were conducted to hire a new Police Officer.
6. The ECDC celebration was very nice.
7. There will be a meeting tomorrow with ARA regarding grants.
8. Thursday we will meet with the County regarding the BZA and APC.
9. Changing Footprints Trivia will be this Saturday.
10. The State of the City address will be next Tuesday at Rotary.
11. The roll out party for the amphitheater concert series will be January 28th.
12. There will be a group traveling to North Vernon on the 31st to tour their City Hall and theater.
13. The Utility Board has sent a notice to invite Council to a wet weather presentation.
14. Received a resignation from Will St. John resigning from the Park Board.
15. The Redevelopment Commission named the industrial park "Commerce Park at Rushville".

16. Congratulations to East Hill Cemetery for being listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Copley passed out the new Personnel Policy Handbook.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Roll out party is January 28th.
- **Marketing** – Still reviewing.
- **APC/BZA Building Code** – Meeting scheduled for Thursday.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Fire – Chief Jenkins passed out reports for December along with the annual report. There was a total of 908 runs. The runs ran pretty close to 80/20 EMS/fire.

Currently there are four full-time and 1 part-time employees taking ALS classes. They will complete the course in April.

The EMS billing company has asked if we want to increase prices. Jenkins said he did not wish to do so at this time.

Jenkins said he is researching a supplemental Medicaid benefit to see if it is worth our while to pursue. He said Medicaid has increased by 1.5%.

Police – Chief Tucker said they would like to purchase new rifles. He would like to make application to the Rush County Community Foundation for a grant of \$7,290.00. The total cost of the rifles would be 12,290.00. Conner asked what they would do with the old rifles. Tucker said because they are a part of the military surplus program they would have to be maintained until another agency wants them. They are not allowed to destroy or sell them. Smith made a motion to approve filing the grant application. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilman Bridges abstaining from the vote.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Rush County School Road Dedication** – The School has completed their process for the road dedication. This is north of 16th Street. Bridges made a motion to approve the Sexton Street road dedication. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Personnel Policy Handbook** -

3. **Drainage-Trailer Court South of Town (Old Airport)** – The County Surveyor sent Mr. Salerno a letter regarding the drainage issue. A letter was also sent to Salerno from the City. Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, Jemmy Miller, and Les Day visited the premises. Smith stated that there are certainly drainage issues. The Surveyor said something needs to be filed with the drainage board. Berkemeier is going to attempt to contact the owner personally. Pavey said when he first came into office he checked to see what the cost would be if we intercepted the water. The cost was approximately \$125,000.00. Marvin Rees stated that the jurisdiction for this issue would be under the State Board of Health.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Contract – Legal** – This has not been approved. The Mayor is reviewing with the Newhouse's. If any of the Council members would like to be involved in this process they should contact the Mayor.
2. **Police Hire** – The Board of Works offered a conditional offer of employment to Kaitlyn Smith from Muncie.
3. **Parks Master Plan** – The Board of Works approved a contract with Keiser Consulting. Dave Keiser was present. He said this would be the master plan for the Park for the next 5 years. He said he has been preparing these plans for 25 years. Keiser said surveys will be sent out.
4. **Formal Benefits Process Update** – The Board of Works made it mandatory that full time employees will meet with HR before beginning employment.

CLAIMS APPROVAL: Conner made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Smith made a motion to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.