

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 3, 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 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, 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, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, Brian Sheehan, and Makayla Herbert, Student Advisor, answered roll call. Also present were Julie Newhouse, City Attorney, and Kate Thurston, *Rushville Republican*.

**MINUTES:** Conner made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2015 meeting as presented. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. He met with Tom Saunders on the 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss legislation issues.
2. Met with Butch Singleton and Ann Copley to discuss the structure of City Center.
3. Met with a representative from OCRA to choose a site for the pavillian.
4. Traveled to Atlanta to interview a possible prospect for the industrial park.
5. Met with Hannum, Wagle & Kline to discuss the development of the 50 acres.
6. Last Friday there was a ribbon cutting for the 52 project.
7. The State is in the process of rebuilding corners through the detour route making them handicap accessible. We will grind down and repave Water Street and Indot will reimburse us.
8. Thanked the Police Department for the extra patrol during the activities for Halloween.
9. Attended the Commissioners meeting regarding the APC/BZA
10. Met with the architects yesterday on the City Center.
11. Had a meeting with Herdrich to discuss vacating the alley for the construction of the new jail.
12. Will be meeting with BFS to discuss the 16<sup>th</sup> Street drainage.
13. The ribbon cutting for the industrial park will be Monday at 4:00 p.m.
14. Carthage will have a town meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> to approve the APC/BZA.
15. The governing board of the APC/BZA will meet on the 10<sup>th</sup>.
16. We will have architectural meetings on the 13<sup>th</sup>.
17. The next HCI meeting is on the 16<sup>th</sup>.
18. The Optimist Youth in Government day is the 17<sup>th</sup>.
19. Ribbon cutting for the Dollar Tree will be the 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00.

20. Santa will come to town on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Sponsored by the Chamber and the Heart of Rushville.
21. The lights are in on 16<sup>th</sup> street. We are working on the ponds.
22. We received a check for \$15,000.00 from Dollar Tree for their portion of the retention pond.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT** – None.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – Council President Bridges asked everyone to keep the family of Don Denzler in prayer. Denzler served on the APC for several years.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – New officers were elected with Charlie Stout being elected as president. They are beginning the process of selecting music for 2016.
- **Marketing** – No report.
- **APC/BZA** – Discussed.
- **City Center** – Discussed.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – Will have a report from Larry Lawlor.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Police** – Chief Tucker reported that Caitlyn Smith will graduate this Friday from the police academy.

The department received a ceremonial OPO check for 2016. Officer Campbell was also awarded a letter of commendation as coordinator for the project. Only 6 commendations are given out throughout the state.

Christopher Reynolds was sworn in as a reserve officer.

**Street** – Foreman Mike Land reported that Indot will be resurfacing small areas on Thursday.

The Street Department has begun picking up leaves. They also installed a backstop at Community Park.

**Fire** – Chief Jenkins handed out month end and year-to-date reports.

Jenkins said that Dairy Queen will have a sponsor night on Nov 9<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-9:00 p.m. with 15% of their revenues being donated to RFD kid's Christmas fund.

The pension board is currently holding interviews for a new firefighter. They will choose 4 to be interviewed by the Board of Works.

Passed out a BEP schedule. He said the 1<sup>st</sup> set will be rebid. All are tear downs. The contractor has 30 days to get the property down.

**Park** - Park Director Gurley said he and Chief Tucker gave a Halloween safety program to 86 RES students.

Assisted the Street Department with the haunted trail with approximately 1000 attending.

186 participated in the Halloween costume event.

He is working through the list from Keiser on the park master plan.

New playground equipment was installed at RES with assistance from the Street Department.

The pool, concession stand and most of restrooms have been winterized.

**Animal** – Pavey said he has reviewed the animal quarantine piece and will forward to Newhouse for review.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** Mike Land congratulated the elected officials who will be serving another four year term.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **16<sup>th</sup> Street Drainage** – Discussed.
2. **Flatrock Retention Pond** – Discussed.
3. **Waggoner Pool** - We are obtaining pricing for automated plumbing.
4. **Animal Quarantine Fees** – Discussed.
5. **Off-Road Vehicle Report** – Chief Tucker said he sent out his report. He said there are no surrounding municipalities that allow off-road vehicles on city streets. The lack of safety features and stability are major concerns. Bridges made a motion to approve the recommendation from Chief Tucker not to authorize the off-road vehicles. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **Executive and Capital Planning Retreat** – The retreat is set for November 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Adoption of Rev. Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Creating (JPZO)** – Mayor Pavey and Gerald Mohr handed out a draft of the schedule. Pavey said we are still on track. The Citizen Action Committee asked for minor changes to the agreement. Council thanked Mohr for assistance in this endeavor. Bridges made a motion to approve the revised agreement. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Smith made a motion to nominate Bridges to serve as the governing board representative and Councilman Berkemeier to serve as the Council appointment to the City APC Board. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pavey said we will coordinate with Shelly Wakefield to hit all items on the calendar timely.

Bridges made a motion to advertise for Public Hearing for the next meeting for the subdivision control/zoning ordinance. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. **2016 Utility Budget** – Bridges made a motion to approve the 2016 utility budget. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Transfer Resolution 2015-18 Sanitation** – Sheehan moved to approve Transfer Resolution 2015-18. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Ordinance 2015-12 Elected Officials 2016 Salary Ordinance** – Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-12. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Ordinance 2015-13 Salary Ordinance 2016** – Sheehan moved to approve Ordinance 2015-13. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **Ordinance 2015-15 Regulated Parking Downtown** – The ordinance was passed out for Council's review.
7. **Cherry Street Update – Larry Lawler** – Lawler showed plans for the Cherry Street project. He said he has given design and environmental reports to Mayor Pavey. Phase one alignment extends out past Foster Heights, which is approximately the half way spot. They hope to have all of this funded by June.
8. **Insurance Update - Kevin Mandrell** – Mandrell informed Council that the Affordable Care Act has eliminated community rating for small groups of 51-99 employees. He reviewed several reports with Council.

Mandrell said the renewal for the medical had increased by 5%, but after negotiations they agreed to no increase.

Metlife also had a rate hold also on the dental policy. However, Anthem also gave a dental quote at 3% less than Metlife. With the same coverage.

The vision policy increase by 1.79%.

Sheehan made a motion to accept the insurance quotes and to switch to Anthem for dental coverage. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:** Sandy Fussner said Christmas on Main is scheduled for November 20<sup>th</sup>.

**CLAIMS:** Smith made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Conner made a motion to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.