

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA

COMMON COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 16, 2016

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 15th 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 City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Kate Thurston, *Rushville Republican*.

PUBLIC HEARING – ANNEXATION 101 N Spencer Street #70-07-31-179-002.000-010: Berkemeier made a motion to accept the introduction of Ordinance 2016-7. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mayor Pavey then opened the public hearing regarding the annexation of 101 N Spencer or parcel # 70-07-31-179-002.000-010. Newhouse said this is the L & P property which is adjacent to the city. Bridges said there would be no impact on city services at this point. Conner moved to close the public hearing. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Conner made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2016 meeting as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. Pavey, John McCane, Sandy Fussner, and Carolyn Bunzendahl toured businesses in Ohio regarding their retention and expansion program. We received some very good information.
2. The Drainage Board met on the 8th. The legal drain was approved. They will now assess the values.
3. SET was here on the 9th.
4. There was a meeting of the Joint Planning and Zoning. It was decided not to have separate attorneys and consultants.
5. Board of Works conducted engineering firm interviews and scored the candidates for the storm water project.
6. Met with Thomas Miller to discuss taking fiber out to Fraley and Shilling.

7. The pre-construction conference was today on the second set of BEP. Demolition will begin the 1st week of March.
8. Saturday the Heart of Rushville will roast Brian Sheehan.
9. On the 22nd we will meet with Active Living Workshop.
10. We will be having a meeting on housing regarding the property we are in the process of annexing.
11. We have a meeting on the 29th to start the process of the financing for the city center.
12. The City's Stellar letter is due March 11th.
13. St. Patrick's celebration is March 12th.
14. A Hoosier event is April 9.
15. Bowl for Kids is April 17.
16. The Mayor's 5K is May 14.
17. The pavilion for Riverside Park has been ordered.
18. The Wayfinding signs have been delivered.
19. Received an estimate from RL Coon that they think will alleviate some of the drainage issues on 16th Street. We have forward the information to Butler Fairman.
20. Today the Board of Works affirmed Chief Jenkins' order regarding the structural assessment of the Durbin. They also allowed an additional 30 days to come up with a plan of action. It was also recommended to close the sidewalk on the 1st Street side.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Bridges reminded everyone of the program, "Breaking the Gray" is Thursday. The convocation is at 2:00 at the gym and the concert is from 6:00–9:30 at the Laughlin Center. Counselors will be available.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – The announcement has been made concerning the bands for this year.
- **Marketing** – Nothing new.
- **APC/BZA** – We are receiving good feedback.
- **City Center** – We have a meeting scheduled to discuss financing.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – This is in the design phase.
- **Brownfield Grant** – A spreadsheet of possible properties was sent out for review.
- **ECDC** – McCane said there will be a Hometown Collaborative meeting on Monday focusing on economic development.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker handed out an annual report prepared by Assistant Chief Click and the format was copied from the Greensburg Department.

Testing for the patrolman position took place this past Saturday. There were 7 participants. We will interview 5 and then cut that to 3 to be interviewed by the Board of Works.

Park – Park Director Gurley said Bowles Construction informed him that they will install the new plumbing equipment either at the end of March or 1st of April.

He continues to meet with Keiser on the Master Plan.

Fire – Assistant Chief Munson said they received a grant from the Department of Homeland Security for ice rescue equipment. Greenfield will train our department on the equipment since they are experienced with it.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Attorney Contract** – Mayor Pavey said they are working to complete the contract.
2. **Emerson Copeland Tax Abatement** – Earl Jacobs came before Council to request 10 tax abatement. Councilman Smith thanked the Emerson Corporation for giving back to the community and being good stewards. Bridges made a motion to approve the SB1's for real estate and personal property. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried with Berkemeier opposing the vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **CGI Banner Program** - Mayor Pavey said CGI has approached the City regarding a banner program on Main Street consisting of 20 signs. They would sell the advertising and the City would not be responsible for the advertisements. They would promote under the City's name. There were several questions. The matter was tabled for further information.
2. **Petition for Annexation** – Bridges made a motion to approve the fiscal plan Resolution 2016-6. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Ordinance 2016-7 Annexing Certain Territory** –Berkemeier moved to approve Ordinance 2016-7 on 1st reading. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Declaratory Resolution Downtown TIF** – McCane presented the Declaratory Resolution for Downtown TIF Area. He will provide a timetable.

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

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:

Councilman Sheehan asked if the house next to Main Street Christian Church is coming down. Pavey said yes.

Berkemeier said the program All Pro Dads will take place tomorrow morning.

Thursday Relay for Life will have their kick-off event.

Mayor Pavey said this was Kate Thurston's last meeting since she will be moving to Florida. Pavey thanked Thurston and wished her good luck.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Conner made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.