

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA

## COMMON COUNCIL

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

**PUBLIC HEARING: Transfer/Trade of Property** – Mayor Pavey opened the public hearing and asked for questions or comments from the public. There were none. Conner made a motion to close the public hearing. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the January 20, 2015 meeting were presented for approval. Bridges made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried with Berkemeier abstaining from the vote.

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

1. There was a meeting regarding the APC/BZA. There will be another meeting this Thursday.
2. Participated in Changing Footprints Trivia Night. Congratulated Berkemeier's team for coming in 1st place, Sheehan's team was 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Pavey's team was 3<sup>rd</sup>.
3. The Amphitheater committee had their roll out party.
4. There was an inspection on the 5<sup>th</sup> of the trailer park south of town. The State will be back on the 9<sup>th</sup> to do another inspection.
5. Thursday we will tour Launch Fishers, an entrepreneur program.
6. Friday will be traveling to Indianapolis to discuss an education initiative.
7. Sunday Bridges will represent the City at Mount Zion Church in Connersville for the Black History Celebration.
8. Smith will attend the Workforce Lead Elected Officials meeting in New Castle.
9. Attended a Stellar webinar and on the 13<sup>th</sup> we plan on attending a Stellar workshop.

10. Everyone has signed the Memorandum of Understanding on the drainage issue with Bennett & Bennett North of town. Bennett has signed a consulting firm to do the design of the pond.
11. The Princess Theater committee toured the North Vernon city hall and Park Theater. The Street Department has gutted the entire bottom of the south side on the first floor of the building.
12. Sent a copy of the FEMA notes meeting to council.
13. Harry Maginity and Jim Harvey will hold a public meeting on February 25th at the high school cafeteria regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the 52 construction. The meeting will be from 6:00 – 7:00. They are hoping to begin construction March 1<sup>st</sup>
14. The correct date for the grand prix is May 30 and 31<sup>st</sup>.
15. March 28<sup>th</sup> Emerson/Copeland will be having an open house from 1:00-4:00.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:** Clerk-Treasurer Copley reported that Jeremy Green and Phillip Harr have been approved by PERF as of January 24<sup>th</sup>.

She also passed the Deed of Dedication that was approved at the prior meeting for signatures.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Bridges said he had a conversation with the owner of the trailer court south of town. He stated that he is ready to take care of the problem.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Discussed under Mayor's report.
- **Marketing** – Work in progress.
- **APC/BZA – Building Code** – Meeting Thursday.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Police** – Chief Tucker said that he would not be applying for the grant for new rifles, due to receiving donations from Herdrich Petroleum and the Prosecutor's office. He will also be using funds from his budget.

Purchased a vehicle for the reserves from the City of Greensburg in the amount of \$5,069.00.

Tucker said he would like to trade in the 2008 Dodge Charger for \$6,500.00 and use that money towards the purchase of a new vehicle. Bridges moved to approve the vehicle trade in. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board of Works approved taking applications for a dispatcher position due to Stephen Hershberger accepting a position with Greensburg.

Kaitlyn Smith has completed testing and is waiting on PERF approval.

“Coffee with a Cop” will be February 11<sup>th</sup> at the Park Restaurant from 7:00-9:00 a.m.

**Park** – Park Director Mathews said the Valentine dance will be this Friday from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Benjamin Rush Middle School.

**Fire** – Chief Jenkins distributed monthly reports.

The Board of Works approved promotions of Matthew Connolly to Captain and Aaron VanNatta to Lieutenant upon the retirement of Kevin Spilman on March 11th.

Jenkins said he is working with a CPA company to get reimbursement from Medicaid for municipalities.

**Animal** – Animal Warden was not at the meeting due to giving a program to the Girl Scouts.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** Councilman Smith reported a concern on Hollywood Drive. The north side of the street has dropped several inches causing the curb and sidewalk to buckle. After discussion Pavey said that after the weather breaks we will look into the matter.

Berkemeier said the citizens on Baker Street were pleased to see that the vehicles have been tagged and removed. Pavey said the Unsafe Hearing Board also increased the fine on the trash that has not been removed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Drainage – Trailer Court South of Town** – Pavey said Newhouse and Bridges spoke with Selerno and he said he is willing to work with us to remedy the problem. There has also been discussion with ARa regarding a storm water drainage grant. The state inspector will be back Thursday for further review. Anderson stated he is not giving up. He said he has heard this before from Selerno and nothing was done.
2. **Contract Legal** – Berkemeier will meet with the Mayor for discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Transfer Resolution 2015-3 Board of Public Works** – Berkemeier made a motion to approve Transfer Resolution 2015-3. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Transfer Resolution 2015-4 Police Department** – Bridges made a motion to approve Transfer Resolution 2015-4. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Corporate Tax Incentive Discussion** – Pavey said he and John McCane have had discussion in regard to creating a policy that if Rushville is chosen to be a company’s National North American Headquarters that we would consider a tax break incentive. Pavey asked Council if this was something they would like him to continue pursuing with the ECDC. Council encouraged him to pursue the matter further.

4. **Transfer of Real Estate** – Berkemeier made a motion to proceed with the transfer and or trade of real estate. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:** The 2015 local government consultation meetings will take place in Rushville February 18<sup>th</sup> at Riverpoint conference room from 1-4 p.m. Pavey encouraged Council to attend this program sponsored by OCRA.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Bridges made a motion to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.