

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

MARCH 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 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: Council members, Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, Brian Sheehan, and Student Advisor, Makayla Herbert answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Julie Newhouse.

MINUTES: Bridges made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2015 meeting. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. On the 18th the Utility Board reviewed a presentation of the wet weather program to reduce costs of the next phase of the CSO project. Tests will be run to see if this will work.
2. Attended OCRA training on the 18th.
3. The first HCI meeting was on the 20th.
4. Participated in the Specialist Liera program.
5. Attended the INDOT meeting on Highway 52. We are contacting all businesses in the area and will have a sign made with logos of the businesses stating that the road is not open to thru traffic, but the businesses are open.
6. Attended the Thriving Communities Workshop in Columbus.
7. On the 26th we were informed that Campaign Flats and Campaign Quarters did not receive funding. We will reapply for the innovation round. Only 2 will be selected in this round.
8. We will be having a levee management meeting. We will take all materials and go through all paperwork and electronically scan for future use.
9. Attended a retirement party for Kevin Spilman. Spilman was a Rushville firefighter for 30 years.
10. Had a meeting yesterday with Hannum, Wagle & Kline, and ARa and another meeting today with OCRA to consider the application for stellar. We will turn in a letter of intent by March 15th. Council supported preparing the letter of intent.
11. We will know on April 6th how we faired on the innovation portion regarding Campaign Quarters.

12. On March 9th we will appear before the Drainage Board regarding the retention pond behind the Bennett & Bennett property.
13. We have not received a letter on the trailer court inspection.
14. We have turned over the agreement on the livestock facility. This will be heard this Thursday night.
15. Received \$5,000.00 in the latest round of Rush Roundup for a pavilion at Riverside Park. We will make application to the state for a grant. We have the majority of our match money.
16. I will invite Ball State and the high school 4-H group that put together the “My Community My Vision” plan to give a presentation to us. It will not be part of the comprehensive plan, but I would like to recognize their efforts.
17. We qualified for the final 3 of the Circle fund grant. This is for workout stations along the walking trail. We will need a 10 minute power point presentation that is creative and entertaining.
18. The Board of Works voted to move forward with the pool study.
19. Received a call from Kieser Consulting to see if we reviewed the questionnaire for the park master plan.

CLERK-TREASURER’S REPORT: Clerk-Treasurer Copley said she received a call from Mainsource Bank informing her that they would no longer waive their fee for returned checks. She said since the bank did not charge the City a fee, the City did not charge the customer a fee. She informed Council that the County charges a fee of \$30.00 and the City Utilities charge \$25.00 per returned check. Council agreed that we should be consistent with the utilities. Newhouse will prepare a resolution to charge a fee of \$25.00 on returned checks.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – None.
- **Marketing** – None.
- **APC/BZA Zoning** – There will be a meeting Thursday.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Fire – Chief Jenkins handed out monthly and year-to-date reports.

Jenkins said he has met with 3 companies regarding the Medicaid reimbursement program and will report back with further information.

Street – Miller and Land will be attending a road school at Purdue. He also said they have been cleaning out catch basins.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: Berkemeier asked Miller if the sidewalk by the City parking lot across from Pizza King had been cleared. Miller said they did clear it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Drainage Trailer Court South of Town** – Pavey said they have not received a letter from the State regarding the trailer court drainage issue.
2. **Contract Legal** – Pavey and Berkemeier met last week. They are researching other communities and will meet again on the 11th.
3. **Corporate Tax Incentive Discussion and Downtown TIF** – John McCane informed Council that we were waiting on the March 1st deadline to pass. A meeting is scheduled for the 16th of March with the City attorney and our financial consultant. Smith made a motion to recommend to the Redevelopment Commission to start the process for the downtown TIF. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John McCane invited everyone to attend the St. Patrick's party on March 14th.

4. **Ordinance 2015-2 Establishing Fees for Permits and Inspections** – Council has questions, therefore the ordinance was tabled.
5. **Ordinance 2015-3 Minimum Standards for Non-Residential Structures** – Wakefield said there are some blanks that need to be filled in. Pavey will provide the information. This ordinance was also tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Police Officer Swearing In** – Caitlin Smith was sworn in as a Rushville City Police Officer.
2. **Resolution 2015-5 Adding Monies Back to Appropriations** – Berkemeier made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-5. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Ball State "My Community-My Vision Results"** – Pavey said he would like to invite Ball State to host public meetings and use that to relate to downtown. Council will recognize their work by passing a resolution. We will use this in our efforts towards the stellar community project.
4. **Parking Procedures and Protocols** – We have had situations with parked vehicles procedures and protocols. Some people feel they are being harassed. A meeting will be set up with the Police and Fire Chiefs, and the Area Plan Commission Director.

CLAIMS: Sheehan 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. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.