

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

APRIL 5, 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 6:10 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, and Brian Sheehan answered roll call. Makayla Herbert, Student Advisor, was not present. Also present was City Attorney, Julie Newhouse.

MINUTES: Sheehan made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2016 meeting as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. We received word today that we are one of 3 finalists for Stellar. Our competitors are Shelbyville and Warsaw. Pavey thank Cory Daly, Ara, ECDC and the Chamber of Commerce for their help with the Stellar application.
2. Met on 16th Street. We sent a proposal to Butler Fairman from R.L. Coon for a potential fix to the drainage issue. BF reviewed the proposal and suggested that we have Coon proceed.
3. Attended a SET meeting.
4. McCane and Pavey met with C & M to discuss their future expansion.
5. The Active Living Workshop was attended by a diverse group and the participation was good. Thanks to Rush Memorial and Kroger.
6. Sheehan started his new position yesterday. He has been very busy.
7. Will be attending an OCRA workshop Thursday in Lawrenceburg.
8. Fleis will be in town on the 15th regarding Cherry Street. They will be preparing to begin testing. Council was informed that they may get phone calls wanting to know what they are doing.
9. On the 19th there will be a round table in Hagerstown.
10. There will be a public meeting on the 7th regarding the Park Master Plan.
11. This weekend will be the Hoosiers event. Proceeds will go to the Princess renovation.
12. There will be a library fundraiser on the 16th.
13. Bowl for Kids is April 17th.
14. The Utility Board will be having a meeting to discuss a SRF loan.

15. Rotary Race Night is April 25th.
16. The Mayor's 5K is May 14th.
17. The Utility beta test was approved by IDEM for site specific projects. This moves us in the position to start the process for funding. SRF will be the funding source. We will make application for the funding. We need to determine how we will fund the storm water project.
18. The Riverside Park pavilion will be delivered on the 22nd.
19. House Bill 1001 Senate Bill 67 is a bill that will distribute funds to local communities. There is a stipulation that 75% has to be used for paving.
20. Thanked Councilman Bridges for resolving an issue with a homeless person.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Councilman Bridges asked if the road funding was separate money from what was announced this morning. Pavey said no, it is different.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Preparing for the concert series.
- **Marketing** – No update.
- **APC/BZA** – Everything seems to be going well on the City side.
- **City Center** – The building committee members have been chosen.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – Discussed.
- **Brownfield Grant** – The Laker property was inspected today. Other properties were looked at for consideration.
- **ECDC** – McCane passed out a TIF report for 2015. McCane said they interviewed 6 applicants for Carolyn Bunzendahl's position and have narrowed them down to 2. Carolyn retires in June.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Animal – Warden Moran said the intake for this year to date is 101 and 3 have been euthanized.

Fire – Assistant Chief Munson handed out monthly reports. He said they switched their data collecting system the 1st of April.

Park – Director Gurley said Brenntag will be here on Friday, weather permitting to replace the chemical tank.

The portable handicap lift has been put together.

The pool lockers have been removed.

Bowles is waiting on materials to do the plumbing at the pool.

WiFi should be in the park by mid-April.

The 1st phase of Safe Routes to School is complete.

The Easter egg hunt was successful.

Pinterest night in the park will be on the 25th. This will be a wine bottle decorating program.

The Active Living Workshop had an attendance of 46 people.

Street – Commissioner Miller said heavy trash will be picked up the last week of April.

The Board of Works hired Tyler Workman for seasonal employment.

Police – Chief Tucker handed out statistic reports.

Perf is waiting on a signature from the doctor before they will approve Hoeing for employment.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

Mayor Pavey informed Council that the Unsafe Hearing Board voted to move forward with the condemnation of the Durbin. They also agreed to review and consider Rasner's proposal for renovation. They will discuss it again in 2 weeks.

The Board of Works agreed to bid out approximately 35 acres for cash rent of the property that we purchased south of 16th Street.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Attorney Contract** – Final corrections are being made.
2. **Resolution 2016-9 Declaratory Resolution Downtown TIF** - McCane passed out a financial impact statement for the downtown TIF district that was prepared by Umbaugh.

He said the Redevelopment Commission has advertised for a public hearing on April 11.

After very lengthy discussion Smith made a motion to approve Declaratory Resolution 2016-9. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried with Bridges and Berkemeier voting “nay”.

3. **City Center Building Committee** – The City Center Building Committee will consist of Joe Rathz, Kirk Wildey, and David Payne.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Tax Abatement Request Campaign Flats** – Eric Frye asked Council to consider his request for tax abatement for Campaign Flats. He said they will invest over a million dollars in refurbishing the building. Council agreed to take it under advisement.
2. **City Variance Letter Vogel’s** – Conner made a motion to approve Vogel’s request to build in the right of way. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Resolution 2016-11 Support of Parks Master Plan** – Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-11. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Resolution 2016-12 Support of Trails Master Plan Map** – Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-12. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: This being the final meeting for Sheehan as Councilman for District 3, he gave the following facts: “Just for fun”: Bill Goins served as Councilman for 5,808 days; John Byrne served 4,847; Brian Sheehan served 4,478; Pavey and McGowan and Les Blair were next.

Sheehan said he would beg of all to continue your humility, passion, experience and stay connected to the average fellow out there that wants to see good things happen in Rushville. Sheehan said “tonight was a really good night to end on because it is what I have said all along, this is by far, and I would say one of the best councils in the state of Indiana. Whether we are all the same party or not when issues come before us we take them seriously, we weigh them out. It is not anything that is cooked up behind the scene. It is done right here and you saw that tonight. That is what I am most proud of from serving with this Council and with this group of guys. So whether it was the ambulance, which I was on the other side, now the downtown TIF, Berk saw the other side tonight. We have **consistently** been for Rushville. We have been friendly with what we are doing and we have a common goal of a better Rushville. Sometimes that view looks slightly different. I seriously want to thank the Board. I never thought I would run for Council and not complete a term; the only way I would ever do that is to be able to do what I am doing now. I think I will have the opportunity to do a lot more stuff for Rushville. The last 2 days have already been fun. I am doing things for the City all day long, not just a

couple of hours a day. I hope you will allow me to claim 20% of the credit for the good things that have happened from the Council prospective. It has been a joy and I ask that whoever comes in will take it as serious and put as much passion into the position as I have and you guys have. Thank you.”

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before Council; Smith made a motion to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.