

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

**APRIL 7, 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:** Members, Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, Brian Sheehan, and student advisor, Makayla Herbert answered roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, and Kate Thurston, *Rushville Republican*.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the March 17, 2015 meeting were presented for approval. Conner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

1. Campaign Quarters was not approved in the innovation round.
2. Received 4 RFP's for the City Center.
3. Made application for the pavilion at Riverside Park we will receive either \$12,000.00 or \$15,000.00 with naming rights for the Rush County Community Foundation. We need to decide if we wish to allow naming rights for the extra funds.
4. Received notification that we did not receive the stellar funding.
5. On the 18<sup>th</sup> we had the 2<sup>nd</sup> HCI session.
6. On the 19<sup>th</sup> the Flatrock retention pond was approved. Construction has begun.
7. Visited Intat and viewed a demonstration of their new equipment.
8. Met on the 24<sup>th</sup> with the City/County APC BZA. The recommendation was that we should head to a City/County combined effort.
9. Attended the National Association of Workforce Boards in Washington.
10. Emmerson's open house was last Saturday.
11. The prosperity summit is this Thursday.
12. On the 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-1:00 the awards program for "My Community My Vision" will be held at the Indiana State Library.
13. The 3<sup>rd</sup> session of the HCI will be held on the 13<sup>th</sup>.
14. The Princess Theater meeting will be the 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00
15. There will be a downtown TIF meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>.
16. There will be a pool meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>.
17. There will be a fundraiser for the Greenfield homeless shelter on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

18. Asked Councilman Sheehan to help put together an entertaining application for the Circle fund application.
19. The 1150 Coding Academy will be held on the 18th and 19<sup>th</sup>.
20. The 4<sup>th</sup> session of the HCI will be held on the 29<sup>th</sup>.
21. The 52 construction meetings are being held every Wednesday at 10::00 at the INDOT field office.
22. We are working on completing the Cherry Street project contract.
23. We had a conference call regarding the trailer court drainage issue. We will be having another conference call.
24. The agreement for the hog barn has been signed.
25. Received a letter from FEMA stating that the previous Lomar has been evaluated and they conferred the findings of DZL. They are revising the Lomar and expect that to take approximately 180 days.
26. We were contacted by Pike Lumber asking us for a price to cut timber on South Riverside Park.
27. We will be looking at ordinances regarding pedestrians crossing barricades.
28. Wilbur Hoeing asked that we put together a levee oversight committee.
29. We are wrapping up the 16<sup>th</sup> Street lighting.
30. Gary Cameron is putting together information for the Farmer's Market pricing.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Council President Bridges said he was notified that Rosie Joyner passed away.

Mayor Pavey informed Council that former Council Member, Gloria Moran passed away this week.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – The committee have their acts for this year.
- **Marketing** – Will meet with Shelly Wakefield.
- **APC/BZA Building Code** – Discussed during Mayor's report.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

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

Department physicals will be completed on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

The new chief's truck is in.

The Board of Works approved the Medicaid contract with C.L. Coonrod & Company.

Councilman Smith praised the fire department for their work on the house fire on 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

Councilman Sheehan asked for an update on BEP. Jenkins said we are waiting on Indiana Housing to approve properties before we continue.

Jenkins said the Board of Works approved moving the 127 W 7<sup>th</sup> Street property to the BEP program contingent on 302 East 6<sup>th</sup> being removed from the program.

**Animal** – Animal Warden Moran reported the intake for the quarter was 103, with 27 being euthanized, 41 sent to rescue, and 9 sent to local foster homes.

**Street** – Heavy trash should be set out April 20-24<sup>th</sup> and will be picked up the week of April 27 – May 1.

**Park** – Park Director Mathews said the Park Department received a grant from the Rush County Community Foundation. He said new swings along the fitness trail were purchased. The new train has been placed in North Memorial park and was built by city employees.

He said the pool is currently being sandblasted.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Drainage Trailer Court South of Town** – Mayor Pavey said the meeting with Solerno went well. They are checking on some items. They will talk again on Friday.
2. **Contract Legal** – We are waiting to review information from Tipton.
3. **Ordinance 2015-2 Establishing Fees for Permits and Inspections** – Conner made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-2. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion passed with Bridges opposing the vote.
4. **Ordinance 2015-3 Minimum Standards for Non-Residential Structures** – Sheehan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-3. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Ball State “My Community My Vision” Results Moving Forward** – We are coordinating our efforts.
6. **Parking Procedures and Protocols** – Work in progress.
7. **Farm Bids** – Two bids were received. One was from Cain Farms in the amount of \$405.00 per acre. However, Cain’s bid did not meet the criteria requested.

The second bid was from Liggett Farms in the amount of \$150.00 per acre with the exchange of 35 acres. Sheehan made a motion to approve Liggett's bid contingent on review by the City Attorney. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Newhouse reviewed the bid and said the bid met the requirements. Sheehan then made a motion to approve the farm contract with Liggett Farms. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Dollar Tree Subdivision Rezone and Construction Plan Approval** – Smith made a motion to give a favorable recommendation for the Dollar Tree rezone. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chief Jenkins recommended approving plans for construction. Bridges made a motion to approve the construction plans. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. **Rush County Community Foundation** – Sheehan made a motion to approve naming rights to the Rush County Community Foundation for the Riverside Park pavilion. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilman Bridges abstaining from the vote.
3. **Retention Pond Management Account** – Smith made a motion to open a fund for the management of the retention pond. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

*Councilman Berkemeier left the meeting.*

4. **Insurance Update** – Greg Andelin from First Merchants reviewed with Council the Non ACA Compliant Policies. He discussed the importance of tracking employees' hours worked per week. If an employee works 30 hours or more a week or 130 hours per month they must be offered insurance. The City will be required to track the amount of hours. Tracking and reporting to the IRS is very important and if guidelines are not followed the City can be fined. First Advantage Company will provide the tracking and also include audit defense through their health care reform division. The cost to the City would be \$3,643.00. This is based on the number of employees. Bridges made a motion to move forward with First Advantage Company with the ACA Compliance. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE** – Smith said he received a concern regarding kids hanging out in the gazebo and along the walking trail. He said he relayed the concern to Chief Tucker.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Bridges made a motion to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.