

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

MAY 17, 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, Gary Cameron, and Makayla Herbert, Student Advisor, answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

PUBLIC HEARING WAGGONER ANNEXATION: Mayor Pavey opened the public hearing. Newhouse explained the annexation process. Pavey asked for questions or comments. Councilman Smith commented that he wished the process was quicker. Berkemeier questioned if these were the correct parcel numbers. Newhouse said he would double check the parcels, but he was sure they came off the deeds. Newhouse said if Council is uncomfortable we can do a survey. Council agreed that they were ready to move forward. Bridges moved to close the public hearing. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING LEASE/ISSUANCE OF BONDS: Mayor Pavey opened the public hearing and asked for questions or comments. Smith asked Jason Semler if he had new numbers. Semler said he did not. Smith asked Mayor Pavey if he had a discussion with Martin Riley to see what we could do to lower the numbers. Pavey said he did discuss the numbers with them. The numbers in the lease are the maximum not to exceed amounts. Semler said we won't know the actual numbers until the project is bid.

Smith said this is a big undertaking. He said he was curious as to why we need a building corporation and what authority they would have. Semler said this is required by statute. The City can only assess so much debt which is not a very large amount. We can get around that by issuing a lease to the City through the building corporation, thus making this a lease and it would not count against the City's debt.

Bridges asked if the building corporation would ultimately have the say in what is paid. Pavey explained that on the 24th he will be meeting with Semler and Shanahan to put all the pieces together, which will be our capital plan. We will be looking at the affordability of this project

along with Stellar. Pavey said we will have to value engineering, which we have already done by taking the back addition off.

Smith said he is not sure how we come up with the match if we get Stellar. Pavey said some of the revenue for Stellar comes from property. We have also been in discussion with the County and the Community Foundation. Bridges said we have a lot of projects at one time. He is concerned about the effect the financing will have a few years down the road. Semler said there is a deadline with the Ocra grant for the elevator making us move quickly. Pavey said we are starting the process but we can stop if needed. We are looking to make the project more affordable.

Bridges asked if the building corporation make-up could be changed. Semler said it could be changed but we would need to follow up with Jimmy Shanahan for the specifics. The building corporation is in place until the bonds are paid off. Once the bonds are sold there is nothing else for the corporation to control. We won't issue bonds until we receive bids. Cameron made a motion to close the public hearing. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION CITY CENTER: Mayor Pavey open the public hearing and asked if there were any questions or concerns. There were none. Berkemeier made a motion to close the public hearing. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Conner made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2016 meeting. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. The Stellar SIP formal plan is due July 1st.
2. The Stellar visitation is July 26 from 9-12. Pavey encouraged Council to attend.
3. The award announcement will be August 11.
4. We are getting another housing proposal.
5. Brian Sheehan is putting together a Stellar workshop to bring Council up to date on what we have done. We are getting much better responses than anticipated from, property owners.
6. The pavilion is here. The foundations are in. Sub-grading is the next step. After the pavilion is complete we will start on the farmers market.
7. The Wayfinding signs are in and we have the permits.
8. We had our 16th Street quarterly meeting. We have put in for a road maintenance program.
9. The commissioners approved the reassessment for the retention pond.
10. Will be attending a class next week on Bills 1001 and 67 for road funding.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Bridges said the May 21 celebration for the Community Foundation has been cancelled due to not enough response. There will be a celebration in the fall. He also thanked the Street Department for putting up the sign.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Nothing.
- **Marketing** – We sat down with the school and county to discuss a growth marketing program.
- **APC/BZA** - Nothing
- **Cherry Street Extension** – We have some issues related to property owners. We are discussing this with the consultants.
- **Brownfield Grant** – Nothing.
- **ECDC** – McCane said Carolyn’s replacement has been hired. We have a site visit next week. The Street Department will be cutting the grass before the visit.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker said the last day of school is Friday. He suggested that residents watch properties for vandalism.

Street – Commissioner Miller reported that they filled 41 dumpsters for heavy trash with a cost of \$14,819.00. He said this is very high. Bridges said we need to make alterations to this program. Miller said the loader was needed to pick up trash 41 times. He also passed around a flyer with Shelbyville’s trash program.

He informed Council that Dan Hoover’s last day of employment will be June 17.

Animal – A report was passed out.

Park – Pavey reported, in the absence of Gurley, that things are going well. The pool is in good shape. The old lockers have been removed and the inside has been painted.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: Smith said he was approached by a contractor asking about the property ordinance that we passed last year. He said he has spoken to Bryant Niehoff and he said there are adjustments that will need to be made. Pavey said if anyone finds something they should report it to Niehoff.

Conner said Dusty Reynolds asked him if he could get information on the closing on the revitalization program since he had not heard anything. Pavey said we will check with ARa.

Bridges provided Chief Tucker with a presentation from the students at RES East.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Attorney Contract** – Mayor Pavey said the Board of Works approved the attorney contract. Conner made a motion to approve the attorney contract. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Ordinance 2016-10 Outdoor Flea Markets** – Councilman Cameron will review for adjustments.
3. **Ordinance 2016-9 Waggoner Annexation** - Council will act on the Ordinance at the next meeting.
4. **Resolution 2016-17 Property Liquidation Hwy 52** – Newhouse said this will require a public hearing before action is taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 2016-11 Authorizing Lease; Sale of Real Estate; Issuance of Bonds Re: City Center** – Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-11 contingent on the final estimate numbers from Umbaugh and the bid. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Ordinance 2016-12 Additional Appropriation City Center** – Berkemeier moved to approve Ordinance 2016-12. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Resolution 2016-14 Adding Monies Back to Appropriations** – Conner made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-14. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Resolution 2016-15 Stellar Recognition Endorsement (SIP)** – This will be for the next meeting.
5. **Ordinance 2016-13 Internal Controls** – Copley presented the ordinance to Council for their review.
6. **Resolution 2016-16 Electing to Join Perf Enlargement Process** – Berkemeier moved to approve Resolution 2016-16. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. **Interlocal Agreement PEGS (City of Rushville & Rush County Schools)** – Pavey said this would be a public Information channel. A grant has been applied for through the RCCF. The school will approve 1st.

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

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Mayor Pavey said 16th Street drainage seems to be draining very well.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Smith made a motion to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.