

**MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA  
COMMON COUNCIL  
JANUARY 7, 2014  
6:00 P.M.**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** The City of Rushville Common Council 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 6:05 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO FLAG:** The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

**PRAYER:** Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Brian Sheehan answered roll call. Councilman Bridges arrived after the roll was called. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse and Frank Denzler, *Rushville Republican*.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the December 17, 2013 meeting were presented for approval. Conner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. Many positive comments have been received in regard to the condition of the streets due to the Arctic blast.
2. Met with State elected officials for an Informational meeting in regard to our projects and where we are.
3. The State of the City address was cancelled for today and will be re-scheduled.
4. We were to meet with INDOT Monday regarding a call for projects. It has been rescheduled for Friday.
5. The 16<sup>th</sup> Street meeting for tomorrow has been cancelled.
6. We will appear before the Commissioners at their next meeting regarding the APC.
7. The Harvey property demolition is approximately half way completed.
8. The rough draft of the ADA report is complete. ARC will review.
9. Hannum Wagle & Cline have been notified to begin work on the Comprehensive Plan.
10. Appeared before the BZA regarding a transfer station to be placed on the property owned by the City west of town. It was approved by the BZA.
11. Rush County was one of the 29 counties in the Governor's disaster declaration due to the weather. Department reports should be sent to Chuck Kemker by next Friday.
12. Carolyn Bunzendahl was to attend the ACT seminar in California but her flight was cancelled.
13. We will be getting together to discuss the Police benefit package.  
*Councilman Bridges arrived.*
14. Marketing – Sheehan will schedule a meeting.

15. Congratulations to the Sheehan's on the completion of Heather's chemo.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Copley passed out the Nepotism Compliance Forms for the elected officials to sign.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Council President Bridges said the roads are bad and it is cold outside.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **Amphitheater/Park Board** – None.
2. **Comprehensive Plan** – None.
3. **Trash Sub Committee- RFP** – We will go ahead and request RFPs.
4. **Employee Benefit/City Policy** – The Mayor will send Council a PDF file for review.
5. **APC/BZA – Building Code** – We will be making a presentation to the Commissioners.
6. **Marketing** –

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Animal** – Moran will have the end of the year report at the next meeting. Moran said they are still doing straw and stray cat houses.

**Street-** Mayor Pavey said it was kind of the Tressler's to donate lunch to the Street Department on Monday. Some residents have been cleaning sidewalks beyond their own property and it is very much appreciated.

**Police** – Chief Tucker said they had testing for the new patrolman on December 28th. 12 candidates have moved forward for interviews.

Tucker said he has been contacted that there are 2 people interested in the reserve unit.

**Fire** – Chief Jenkins said the Board of Works approved hiring of 11 on call personnel. He said the ambulance calls are going well. They have been busy. They have had 12 transports, 17 patient contacts and 5 Signatures of Release. The time of dispatch to arrival is just under 3 minutes.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** Frank Denzler said he wanted to say thank you since the car sitting by his parent's house has been moved.

Denzler also said the newspaper has hired a new person, Kate Thurston. She will be handling the Council meetings.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Rachel's Challenge - Jessica Miller** – Pavey will speak with Rob Hadley from the School regarding financing.
2. **Ordinance 2014-1 Amended Salary Ordinance** – Berkemeier made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-1. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Approve Encumbrances** – Berkemeier made a motion to approve the encumbrances as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Transfer Resolution 2014-1** – Sheehan made a motion to approve Transfer Resolution 2014-1. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Transfer Resolution 2014-2 Rainy Day Fund** – Berkemeier made a motion to approve Transfer Resolution 2014-2. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Resolution 2014-3 Water PILOT** – Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-3. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Resolution 2014-4 Sewer PILOT** – Conner made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-4. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **Ordinance 2014-2 Amending Chapter 130 General Offenses Section** – Berkemeier made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-2. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. **Department Head Liaisons** – It was the consensus of the Council and the Department Heads not to change the department liaisons.
8. **Council President** – Sheehan made a motion for Bridges to remain as Council President. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
9. **Appointments:**  
**Mayor's Appointment to Alcoholic Beverage Board** – The Mayor's appointment to the Alcoholic Beverage Board is Dave Payne.

**Mayor's Appointment to Park Board** – The Mayor's appointment to the Park Board is Dave Malson.

**Mayor's Appointment to Redevelopment Commission** – The Mayor's appointments to the Redevelopment Commission are Bill Herdrich, Mark Hass, and Ron Lienemann.

**Mayor's Appointment to Historic Board** – The Mayor's appointment to the Historic Board remains the same.

**Mayor's Appointment to APC** – The Mayor's appointment to the APC is Joe Rathz.

**Council Appointment to ECDC** – Bob Bridges

**Council Appointment to Solid Waste** – Brian Conner

**Council Appointment to Fiber Board** – Craig Smith

**Council Appointment to Redevelopment Commission** – John McCane and John Pavey.

Sheehan moved to approve Council's appointments as indicated above. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE** – None.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Bridges made a motion to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.