

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

OCTOBER 15, 2013

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville, Indiana met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:02 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. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

PUBLIC HEARING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS: The public hearing was open for discussion. Copley explained that she was asking for an additional appropriation for the Debt Service Fund because there was an error and enough money was not appropriated. There were no comments or questions from the public. Bridges made a motion to close the public hearing. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Minutes of the October 1, 2013 meeting were presented for approval. Sheehan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. The Town Hall meeting on the former Park Restaurant will be tomorrow. The building will be open from 5-6, with the meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.
2. On October 21st Mike Harmless will be giving a short training session to City employees explaining how to handle questions and comments in regard to the utility rate increase.
3. There will be a wine tasting fund raiser for the Boys & Girls Club on November 2nd.
4. Farm Credit is beginning new construction north of town.
5. Hubler is also doing new construction.
6. North side Shell is pulling old tanks.
7. We will be discussing reconfiguring the West end park for better traffic flow at our next meeting.
8. I have sent questions to DNR on the "Rails to Trails".
9. With the government being out, we have heard nothing from EDA in regards to the grant.
10. Visited today with Rush Shelby Energy, Millers and Bunge. Tomorrow we will visit Flatrock River Lodge and Holland Ceramics.

11. I spoke with Dr. Tincher from Ivy Tech. The classes scheduled at the hospital for this fall have been cancelled. They have assured us that this spring they will be more active in Rush County.
12. Presented the key to city and a city medallion to Floyd Cameron on his retirement from the Police Department Reserves.
13. Bi-weekly meetings on 16th Street will begin tomorrow.
14. The Abate ride went well.
15. Intat received permission for a new sign.
16. Talked to the Historic Board regarding demolition of the Neeb building,

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Bridges said tickets are available for the wine tasting fund raiser for the Boys & Girls Club.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Amphitheater/Parks Board** – The Riverside Park Committee have booked 4 of 6 shows for next season.
2. **Comprehensive Plan** –
3. **Trash Sub Committee** – I have met with Councilmen Sheehan and Smith. We will be asking for RFP's.
4. **Employee Benefit/City Policy** – 50% complete
5. **APC/BZA – Building Code** –
6. **Utility Board/BW/CC/Steering Committee** –

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker said Trick or Treating will be October 31st from 5:00-9:00 p.m.

The County wide Active Shooter Exercise will be October 23rd.

Fire – Chief Jenkins said one of the ambulances is in and is being detailed. He has ordered the initial supplies for both vehicles. He said he anticipates receiving the other ambulance around the 1st of November.

Street- Commissioner Miller said they will be sponsoring a haunted hayride on October 19th & 26th. The Park Department and the Rush County Players will also be helping.

Park – Park Director Mathews said the Halloween parade will be October 26th at Riverside Park. Sign up will be from 4:00-5:00 p.m. The parade and judging will be at 5:30. We plan to be finished in time for everyone to enjoy the hayride. In case of rain the parade will be held at the cattle barn at the fairgrounds.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:

Councilman Conner asked where we are on the Little Star’s street signs. Miller said we have ordered the signs and are waiting to receive them. We will paint the cross walk when we put the sign up.

Councilman Sheehan said the canoe launch is nice.

Campbell Brothers are working on a muffler shop.

Mayor Pavey thanked the Boy Scout troop for cleaning up downtown this weekend.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Budget Spreadsheet-Discussion to Follow Regular Meeting** – Immediately following the Council meeting there will be a discussion on the City’s budget.
2. **Park Restaurant – Town Hall Meeting** – There will be a “Town Hall” meeting tomorrow evening on the future of the old Park Restaurant. The building will be open from 5:00-6:00 p.m. for the public to view. We will then meet at 6:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 2013-18 Amending Peddler’s Ordinance** – Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-18. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Ordinance 2013-19 Additional Appropriation Debt Service** – Bridges made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-19. Sheehan 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: None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Sheehan made a motion to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.