

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

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

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

**ROLL CALL:** Council members Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, and Brad Berkemeier answered roll call. Councilman Brian Sheehan was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, and Kate Thurston, *Rushville Republican*.

**PUBLIC HEARING: Designating an Economic Revitalization Area Resolution 2014-14 –** Mayor Pavey opened the public hearing and asked for questions or concerns. There were none. Bridges made a motion to close the public hearing. Conner seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the September 16, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

1. Attended a sight selector for elected official's seminar.
2. Appeared before the APC and BZA regarding the drainage of the 2 lots that were previously discussed. Newhouse is working on an agreement.
3. Personnel policy committee met. There are a couple of items that are being discussed for better clarification. We will be scheduling another meeting.
4. Met with Marvin Hedrick to discuss a City/County APC/BZA.
5. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> we had a branding meeting. We are kicking around initial concepts.
6. A presentation of the comprehensive plan will be given to the APC, and will then come back to Council possibly the first meeting in December.
7. Highway 52 and 16<sup>th</sup> Streets are both opened. Asked Council to look at their schedules for a ribbon cutting for 16<sup>th</sup> Street.
8. Attended a public meeting for the library which was to consider converting to a County library instead of City.
9. Attended OCRA open forum today.

10. Tomorrow evening you are all invited to the Community Entrepreneur Initiative. We are a beta test program.
11. Meeting with Ivy Tech on the 9<sup>th</sup>
12. The high school Red Ribbon program will be October 14 & 15
13. I have been trading phone calls with Dave Amos to set up a tour of the old Princess Theater.
14. We are scheduling a meeting in November for the City's long range planning.
15. We will be working with the animal shelter on the issue of how to handle nuisance animals.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Clerk-Treasurer Copley reported that the City is currently being audited by the State Board of Accounts for the year 2013.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Council President Bridges said he attended the audit preconference.

Bridges said he received a letter that Intat was applying for an air permit application. He said comments or concerns can be addressed to IDEM.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – The Amphitheater Committee held their close out meeting. They are selecting bands for next year.
- **Comprehensive Plan** – The rough draft mark ups were due Friday.
- **Marketing** –
- **Trash Sub Committee** –
- **Employee Benefit/City Policy** – Another meeting will be scheduled.
- **APC/BZA – Building Code** – Mayor Pavey met with Marvin Hedrick.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Police** – Chief Tucker said they are testing new video equipment that is worn by the officer. He said if they decide this is something that they would like to purchase he was sure he could obtain a grant for the purchase. He said the cost is approximately \$800.00 per unit.

The department is working on a couple of fund raisers. The first one will be October 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. In conjunction with Farm Boys Smokehouse. The officers will be serving the

customers and will be given any tips that are received. We are also planning a dance for the middle school students November 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Street** – Commissioner Miller said they had a walk through for 16<sup>th</sup> Street. He said there are a couple of low spots that will be ground out. A guard rail will be put up by the lift station.

The recycle totes were delivered Saturday.

The haunted hayride is scheduled for October 18 and 25 at 7:00 p.m. Volunteers are welcome.

**Park** – The Halloween parade will be October 25<sup>th</sup> at the livestock building.

**Animal** - Warden Moran said she would like to amend the nuisance ordinance to better address repeat offenders.

**Fire** – Chief Jenkins said the underground tank at the location of the old FOP building has been removed.

Jenkins reported that 16 applications were picked up but only 8 were turned in. Those applicants have completed the agility and written testing. The pension board will be holding interviews and will cut the applicants to 4 to be interviewed by the Board of Works.

There will be tours at the station this week in conjunction with fire prevention week.

Jenkins said he received results of ISO valuation. We were previously rated at 5 and continue to be at a 5 rating

Monthly reports were distributed.

An EMS analysis was provided from Reedy Financial.

**ECDC** - Senator Donnelly will be in town tomorrow at the ECDC office at 4:00.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** Bridges was asked if there have been any problems with school traffic since 16<sup>th</sup> Street has been opened, and if there would be any street lights. He said the Mayor informed him that there have been no problems reported from the school. We will be putting in street lights.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Resolution 2014-14 Economic Revitalization Area (Downtown)** - Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-14. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Resolution 2014-15 Campaign Quarters (Durbin Hotel) Blue River Investment Group** – Berkemeier made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-15. Conner seconded the

motion. Motion carried. Berkemeier rescinded his motion. Berkemeier then revised his motion to approve Resolution 2014-15 subject to modification of the SB1. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. **Resolution 2014-16 Campaign Quarters (Salvation Army) SIHCDC** – Bridges made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-16 subject to a modification of the SB1 being submitted. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Resolution 2014-18 Campaign Flats (Boy's & Girls Club) Rush County Players, Inc.** – Berkemeier made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-18 subject to the SB1 modification. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Resolution 2014-17 Adoption of City's Property Redevelopment Program** - Deb Lilly said the blight elimination application has been submitted. There were 2 properties that did not score high enough to be included. Next week they will walk through the process with the first property.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **2015 Budget Adoption** – Bridges made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-23 adopting the 2015 budget. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **2015 Salary Ordinance 2014-24** – Conner made a motion to approve Salary Ordinance 2014-24. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **2015 Elected Officials Salary Ordinance 2014-25** – Bridges made a motion to approve the Elected Officials Salary Ordinance 2014-25. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Transfer Resolution 2014-21 (Police Department)** – Conner made a motion to approve Transfer Resolution 2014-21. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Fire Department-Administrative Vehicle Purchase** – Chief Jenkins provided the following quotes for purchase of a vehicle:

▪ Bob Poynter (Columbus)	Dodge 2015	\$25,968
▪ Sandman (Shelbyville)	Dodge 2015	\$26,442
▪ McCoy Ford (Muncie)	Ford 2015	\$28,787
▪ Don Meyer (Greensburg)	Ford 2015	\$29,835
▪ Hubler (Rushville)	Chevy 2015	\$31,227

Jenkins suggested the low bid of Poynter @ \$25,968.00. Conner made a motion to accept the bid from Poynter. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. **Traffic Restrictions-Road Construction** – Chief Tucker said during the US 52 construction the Council implemented temporary parking on 11<sup>th</sup> Street and re-routed truck routes. He said this was no longer necessary with the end of the construction. Smith made a motion to rescind the restrictions that were in place due to the US 52 construction. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

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

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Smith made a motion to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.