

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 18, 2014

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 led by Boy Scout, Larry Welter.

PRAYER: Councilman Brad Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, Brian Sheehan, and Student Advisor, Jessica Miller answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

MINUTES: Minutes of the February 4, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. Bridges 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 State of the City address will soon be loaded on YouTube.
2. At the Fiber Board meeting there was a discussion regarding a problem with switches. The Board agreed to pay for new switches.
3. The Comprehensive Plan will kick off with the first meeting on February 25 at 6:00 at Council Chambers. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
4. Rachel's Challenge has been re-scheduled for either February 27 or March 5 or 7th. We are waiting on confirmation of the date.
5. The Saint Patrick's celebration is March 15th.
6. The Mayor's 5K walk/run is scheduled for May 10.
7. The Intat grand prix will be July 19 & 20.
8. The Harvey property is down and the alley is open.
9. The Board of Works instructed Chief Jenkins to ask the contractor to move his equipment to the downtown project.
10. We will review the revised handbook policy at the next meeting. Changes need to be in to the Mayor as soon as possible so they can be included in the revision.
11. A meeting is scheduled tomorrow with the FOP regarding the lease of the building and the possibility of moving.

12. Had discussion with the Clerk-Treasurer and decided we would break down the Park and Recreation budget making a separate pool budget for the 2015 budget. The pool bond will be paid off and this will allow better tracking for the cost of running the pool.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Amphitheater/Park Board** –
2. **Comprehensive Plan** –
3. **Trash Sub Committee** – The committee met today. We should have some information for review at the next meeting.
4. **Employee Benefit/City Policy** –
5. **APC/BZA Building Code** – The committee met this morning. The County is putting together a proposed budget and program.
6. **Marketing** – This is on hold while working on the Comprehensive Plan.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker said they have switched over to the 800 megahertz system. The air cards are in and working well. We have interviewed 2 reserve candidates and have 2 more to interview. The Board of Work appointed Alex Shaver to be trained as the new investigator. Accepted the resignation of Aaron Gurley. Will be posting a notice to replace the vacancy of Aaron Gurley. A notice will also be posted for the dispatch supervisor position.

Fire – Chief Jenkins informed Council that the Board of Works approved a 5 year lease for new cots for the ambulance. He said the 2nd ambulance should be delivered around March 3rd.

RMH denied the changes to the Intercept agreement. Jenkins said he will gain more data before addressing the issue again.

Park – Park Director Mathews thanked the Mayor, Brad Berkemeier, Chief Tucker, Assistant Chief Click, and Aaron Gurley for chaperoning the valentine dance.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: Wendy Elsworth said her daughter lives at the Old Havens apartments and they are having hazardous living conditions such as mold, holes, bed bugs, live wires, and trash all around the property. She wanted to know if the City could pass some sort of ordinance. Mayor Pavey said he had a meeting this morning and this type of problem was

discussed. The Health Department is working toward getting an ordinance in place to take care of this type of problem. Elsworth said she has contacted the owner, Larry Coffey and the manager, Linda Wildey to no avail. Newhouse will call Coffey regarding the conditions.

Mayor Pavey said he received a concern regarding parking on Aspen Drive and parking on both sides of the road. He said people living there are having a hard time getting out. Aspen Drive is not a dedicated City street. However, we plow it when it snows as if it were a City street. Pavey asked the Street, Police, and Fire Departments to review the matter and give their recommendation to the Mayor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 2014-4 – Registration Requirements and Fees of Precious Metal Dealers –** Bridges made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-4. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Relay for Life – Lesley Wright –** Stacey Berkemeier introduced Leslie Wright. Their goal last year of \$40,000.00 was surpassed. This year's event will take place June 14 and 15. The theme is "Hat's off to Hope" and the goal is \$50,000.00.
2. **Joint Resolution 2014-1 Legislation to Reduce or Eliminate Business and Personal Property Tax –** Smith made a motion to approve joint Resolution 2014-1. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Pioneer TIF Water Extension – Agreement to Perform Powers and Duties of Redevelopment Commission –** John McCane informed Council that Pioneer has asked if the City could run water to Pioneer due to the fact that there is arsenic in their wells. They cannot consume the water on the property. TIF will not generate enough revenue to extend the sewer. McCane said they will look for other funding to extend sewer to the area. McCane said they are proposing to TIF Pioneer and the City's property for the proposed transfer station. Smith made a motion for the City's Redevelopment Commission to oversee the TIF district for Pioneer. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

McCane said they would ask Pioneer to sign a waiver of remonstrance for possible future annexation.

North Industrial Park – McCane said they are capping the wells. The ground breaking ceremony is scheduled for March 24th at 11:00 a.m.

4. **Utility Report Review –** Pavey handed out an action plan as a way of averting problems with water main breaks. Also there is a schedule of procedures and policies to follow.

Pavey said communication was very weak with the recent water break, but that has already improved.

5. **Fireworks July 4th** – The Chamber of Commerce took over the parade last year. This year they will also need to find someone to take over the fireworks. The Chamber has asked for City Council involvement. Council said they would like Sandy Fussner to come to the next meeting to see exactly what she is looking for.

CLAIMS APPROVAL: Conner said he would like to thank the Department Heads for keeping costs down. Conner made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE – Mayor Pavey presented a portfolio binder to Jessica Miller.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Bridges made a motion to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.