

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2013**  
**6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., with Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Brian Sheehan answering roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

Boy Scouts Linclon Meckes, Brett VanNatta, Sachel Kuhn, and Walker Meckes led the pledge to the flag.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the March 5, 2013 meeting were presented for approval. Berkemeier said there was an error stating that he had a meeting with JTZ and it should have been JTL. Bridges made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with the correction. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. Thanked Council President Bridges for filling in for him at Connersville for the Black History month celebration.
2. Thanked Shares for the invitation to their open house. Pavey said he would like everyone to go next year if possible.
3. Vogels have agreed to return the planters to Main Street before Memorial Day. They will also offer the program to other Chamber members.
4. We have received the last piece of software for the BIS digital streaming and will be receiving additional training.
5. We are in the process of scheduling 227-231 North Main Street property for investigation. We are waiting for a proposal from a structural engineer.
6. Chief Jenkins has sent notice to all involved on the 351 North Arthur Street Property. It is scheduled for hearing April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m.
7. Kudos to the Police Department for identifying and ticketing the individuals who have been riding motorized vehicles at Riverside Park.
8. Tomorrow the CSO committee will be having another meeting.

9. The SEDS have been e-mailed and the State will be scheduling a meeting.
10. Attended a meeting at Purdue on economic development and education ideas.
11. Met with Ivy Tech on advanced manufacturing.
12. Attended an IACT workshop with Sandy Fussner regarding festivals, fireworks, and special events.
13. Appeared before the Rush County Community Foundation to discuss a philanthropy program and shelter improvements for the Park.
14. The Young Entrepreneurs Program is scheduled for Friday.

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15. Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> is the annual Chamber dinner.
16. The Heart of Rushville will be hosting a “roast” on May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Elks featuring Cinda Brown.
17. Small Business Development Center will have their start up meeting March 26.
18. The City of Rushville and Connersville will partner for a Mayor’s Roundtable on April 25<sup>th</sup> in Connersville.
19. April 27<sup>th</sup> is the Mayor’s 5K Walk/Run for Autism Awareness. The Chamber and Clean Green will also be having an Arbor Day event.
20. Melissa Kilgore will be inducted into the basketball hall of fame and Missy Nelson will join the “silver team”.
21. The County has invited the City, including the Board of Works and Council, to a meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m., at the Courthouse Assembly Room. The meeting will deal with the direction the County is headed for economic development.

#### **CLERK-TREASURER’S REPORT**

Copley asked Council to consider Resolution 2013-5 Adding Monies Back to Appropriations. Bridges made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-5. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Copley asked Council if they had received a Code of Ordinance Book. She asked them to let her know if they did not have the book and she would make sure that they received one which would include the new updates.

## **COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Council President Bridges thanked the Mayor for the opportunity to attend the Black History Month celebration. He said he was impressed with the number of youth involved. He said they stressed that we need to look at those who are underserved in our community.

Bridges asked if everyone had a chance to look at the overlay of the Council Districts. He said he thought it was a bit confusing in that it almost appears that the delineation between Districts 2 and 3 is cut off at 6<sup>th</sup> Street instead of 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Amphitheater** – None.

**Comprehensive Plan** – None.

**Trash Sub Committee** – Councilman Smith said Charles Parsley will attend the next meeting to show his wares. Miller has completed the bag count and it is about the same as last year.

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Pavey said he spoke to the Mayor of New Castle about the truck they are using. He said they have 2 routes and basically need 3 trucks due to frequent breakdowns.

**Employee Benefit/City Policy** – None.

**APC/BZA Building Code** – Councilman Berkemeier said the meeting with JTL was productive. He is putting together a one page summary to share with Council.

**Utility Board CSO Working Committee** – Pavey said the first meeting was productive. They will meet again tomorrow. Todd Trinkle, CSO Supervisor will be coming down to meet in a joint informational session with the Utility Board, Board of Works, and City Council.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Street** – Commissioner Miller said they are taking sidewalks applications.

**Park** – Park Director Mathews said the Easter Egg Hunt is March 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:00. If anyone would like to help hand out items it would be appreciated.

**Utility** – Les Day informed Council that they temporarily fixed the problem for Guy Herrell. They will do a more permanent repair in a couple of weeks.

### **CITIZEN CONCERNS**

**Downtown K-9 Issue** – There have been complaints downtown due to the fact that the Durbin is now allowing the residents to have animals and there is no turf area for the animals to take care of their business. Mayor Pavey said the owner of the property has been notified and they are trying to work through the problem. The owner did question proof that this was coming from the Durbin's residents' animals.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Letter to SBOA to Further Clarify B.I.F. Spending** – We have not received a response.

**I.P. Phone System – Savings/Efficiency** – We are still waiting on a quote from Frontier. We should have that by the end of the week. There is a difference in the two quotes of about \$6000.00. The bids are not quite the same in how they would do the system and we want to be sure they are bidding on the same thing.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Fire Department Promotions** – The Board of Works tabled the promotions until Chief Jenkins returns.

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Chief Tucker is gathering information on retentions issues at the Police Department. Tucker said over the last 10 years 30 different police officers have worked for the City. This is for a full time staff of 12. We have overturned 18 officers; we have completely replaced ourselves in about 6 ½ years at a cost to the City of about \$80,000.00. Tucker is trying to identify some of

the reasons for this and would like to find resolutions to stop the issue. He will be looking at some different benefits and incentives that he would like to have considered.

**Blue Ribbon Estates Street Dedication** – John Owen was present representing the homeowner’s association. Pavey said they have found a copy of the earlier request for the street dedication, but it was not recorded. Pavey said it will need to go before the zoning board to be approved. The zoning board will then send it back to the City after their approval. Owen will ask the zoning board to place this on their agenda.

**Insurance Actuarial** – Kevin Mandrell informed Council that both insurance plans offered by the City are in compliance with the Health Care Reform mandates that we need to comply with by January 1st. Both of the City’s plans cover over 68% of expenses. Health Care Reform says the plan must be at 60% or greater. Mandrell said the 2 plans meet the minimum standards on design and cost. If an employee chooses not to participate in the health plan the City would not have any obligations or liabilities as far as penalties. If the employee chooses to waive coverage the penalties will be strictly on them and they will pay those as they file their tax returns.

Mandrell said that Mayor Pavey is trying to be proactive in a preventative program and he passed out information for health care management and care clinics for the City to consider.

**Ordinance 2013-2 Approving Ordinance Codification** – Bridges made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-2. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 2013-3 Property Owner’s Responsibility for Illegal Acts Committed on the Property-** Council was given a sample ordinance to review that Julie has revised from the City of Evansville. Smith made a motion to table for further review. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**16<sup>th</sup> Street Utility Agreement** – Smith made a motion to approve the Council President to sign the title sheet for drawings in regard to 16<sup>th</sup> Street. The motion was seconded by Berkemeier. Motion carried.

**Emerson CF1’s** – Dominic Basciano and Earl Jacobs came before Council to give an update and to ask approval of the Compliance with Statement of Benefits. Council thanked Emerson for the

contributions to the City. Bridges made a motion to approve the CF1's as presented. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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**Claims** – Smith made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE**

Sheehan thanked those who helped with the St. Patrick's celebration. He said after they have a final tally he will relay that amount.

There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier made a motion to adjourn. Bridges seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MAYOR

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MEMBER

BRIAN G. CONNER, MEMBER

CRAIG A. SMITH, MEMBER

BRADLEY A. BERKEMEIER, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER