

**MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA
COMMON COUNCIL
MARCH 4, 2014
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 6:03 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. Student Advisory Member, Jessica Miller was not present. Also present was City Attorney, Julie Newhouse.

MINUTES: – Minutes from the February 18, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. Conner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Pavey gave the following report:

1. Attended a partnering meeting on the Highway 52 project.
2. The comprehensive plan meetings have begun. There will be information out soon on the website.
3. Had a meeting with Duke Energy regarding the back of the old Doug Flowers. Duke said the equipment on the property does not belong to them, it is the City's.
4. Had a meeting with Caldwell and Carole Yeend on the 28th regarding the transfer station.
5. The Governor was in town this afternoon. Conversations went well. He said he appreciated all the comments on the personal property tax.
6. There will be an IEDA conference this Thursday.
7. Ground breaking for the Highway 52 project is March 10 at 8:30.
8. The first meeting on construction of 52 is set for March 13 at 9:00 a.m. at the Truster building which use to be the license branch.
9. There will be a meeting on the downtown revitalization program on March 11th at 5:00 p.m. in the Council chambers. Pavey encouraged all to attend.
10. The Chamber will host a program called "Launch Your Own Business" on the 12th at 9:00 at Riverpoint.
11. The Rotary Top 10 will be March 12.
12. Ivy Tech's Chancellor, Dr. Andy Bowen will be in town March 13.
13. St Patrick's day celebration is March 15.

14. Rachel's Challenge is scheduled for April 1st. Pavey asked Council if they wanted to change the night of the Council meeting since it is also on the first. The consensus of Council was to leave the meeting as scheduled.
15. Handed out an updated action plan for the utilities.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Council President Bridges said he received a call today from Ted Koemel regarding Wilson Estates' drainage problems coming from the North. Mayor Pavey said he has been speaking with Butler Fairman. Pavey said blow holes were found north on the Waggoner property. He said somewhere south of Waggoner there is a clogged pipe. He will meet with Butler Fairman, Kevin Mahan, John Pavey, and Drew Dora about removing the trees and repairing the section of tile.

Koemel said some residents couldn't get to their houses recently due to the high water. He asked what will happen when 16th Street opens. Pavey said we are hoping this will alleviate the problem. He said the next logical step is to repair the tile and hopefully that will get it back into the swale that use to be behind the houses. The Mayor said there will be 2 retentions ponds put in on the hill with the 16th Street project. Koemel asked to be informed when anything comes up. Pavey said he will keep Koemel informed and invited him to a meeting at 9:00 on Friday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Amphitheater/Park Board** -
2. **Comprehensive Plan** -
3. **Trash Sub Committee** -
4. **Employee Benefit/City Policy** - Mayor Pavey handed out some items for review and asked Council to let him know by tomorrow if anyone had any concerns. He said the next step will be to take all the changes back to the Department Heads and then to the policy committee for review. Sheehan said we need to define heavy equipment.
5. **APC/BZA - Building Code** - Mayor Pavey, Councilman Berkemeier, Chief Jenkins, and Kevin Tolloty met and put together a budget for a city-county department.
6. **Marketing** -

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Fire - Chief Jenkins said he talked to someone from INDOT and he said they will close 52 as of Monday from State Road 3 to Cerra Gordo.

Received a grant from Rush Shelby Roundup to be used for dry suits and gloves for swift water.

Assistant Chief Munson will approach the Rush County Community Foundation for a grant to allow 3 of our guys to receive swift water training.

Jenkins handed out his monthly report.

Police – The 2 new hire candidates have completed their physical and psychological testing.

He has received authorization from the Law Enforcement Academy for the pre-basic course as soon as it can be scheduled.

The Board of Works promoted Chris Keith to the rank of sergeant of communications to replace Gurley.

Grant monies are coming in for improvements to use the Council Chambers as a backup station for emergencies for the County.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Comprehensive Plan** – The next meeting is currently scheduled during spring break. This will probably be rescheduled.
2. **Policy and Procedure Manual** –
3. **Pioneer TIF** – McCane said the Commissioners met last Thursday and are in the process of moving forward to designating Pioneer as a TIF area. He said it is important that we don't miss the opportunity to assist the growth of the community. Pioneer is requesting water and fiber. McCane suggested that the Commissioners pass the agreement to meet the time frame. Then also suggested that the county form their own Redevelopment Commission then that would alleviate the City's responsibility for the TIF areas in the County.
4. **Fireworks – July 4th – Sandy Fussner** – Fussner said plans are being made for the 4th of July parade, car show and fireworks. She thanked Conner for volunteering to fund raise and Sheehan for advertising. Fussner said she has been asked not to use "Rush County Fireworks". She said she would like suggestions for a new name. Fussner said their goal for the fireworks is \$10,000.00. Last week they received \$200.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Aspen Drive Parking** – Chief Tucker said he discussed this briefly with Chief Jenkins. They are comfortable with no parking on the south side of the road. Newhouse will have conversation with the owner’s attorney.
2. **Outdoor Theater** – Park Board President Gurley said he applied for and received a grant from Rush Shelby for \$8,000.00 for purchase of an outdoor theater. The total cost is \$14,495.00. He said he would like to use remaining funds from the Park & Rec Non Reverting Fund. Gurley said the movies would be free. If another organization wants to use the system we would charge a fee. He said he would like to form a committee to handle the set up and tear down of the equipment. Gurley said the equipment is portable and can be placed wherever desired.
3. **FOP Lease** – The FOP is currently leasing the area to the East of the Fire Department. A water line broke and ruined a lot of the FOP’s materials. Due to the addition of the ambulance service, the Fire Department would like to be able to re-coop this area. We have offered to lease the old park office to the FOP.
4. **Purchase of Parcel 70-11-06-278-005.000-011** – This parcel was the old Louies’ Candy shop. Newhouse is drawing up paperwork. The building in the front is scheduled for demolition.
5. **ECDC Incentives Agreement – Downtown Revitalization Plan** – The ECDC has been in negotiations regarding downtown revitalizations. We will reimburse them for that in the approximate amount of \$10,000.00 over 18 months.
6. **New Trash Program and Associated Costs** – Pavey proposed to use pilot payments to implement the new trash program. Those monies would be appropriated to purchase trash and re-cycling containers for all City residents. This would include mounting lift arms on the two newer trash trucks. It will allow us to remove one person off trash pickup and place them elsewhere. The City logo will be on all the containers. Pavey said he is negotiating with the company we are purchasing the containers from to place their logo on the containers also. This would lower the cost. We will prepare an additional appropriation for \$175,000.00 to cover all costs. We will have 96 gallon containers for trash or 64 gallon containers for those requesting smaller containers. The recycling containers are all 64 gallon.

CLAIMS APPROVAL: Bridges made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE – Sheehan reminded everyone of the St. Patrick’s celebration on March 15. He said t-shirts are available.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Smith made a motion to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

