

RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2013
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier let those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Brian Sheehan answered roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, and Melissa Conrad, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES: Minutes of the March 19, 2013 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:

1. Congratulated Darrin McGowan for being selected "Citizen of the Year".
2. Congratulated Paige Newhouse for being accepted to Duke University.
3. Thanked INTAT for being a corporate sponsor for the Grand Prix.
4. Training for the BIS digital streaming will be April 8th.
5. Mayor Pavey said he was asked where we stand with the question of the hospital being the sponsoring hospital for the possible ambulance service. Pavey said he has not received an answer. He said he would like to get this resolved one way or the other by the end of April.
6. The Park Department will sponsor a summer camp July 15-19.
7. This Friday at 9:30 at City Hall the Utility CSO Steering Committee will meet with Reedy Financial & Crowe to go over numbers.
8. There will be a meeting April 3 with Ivy Tech to discuss a new program, Complete College America. The Mayor will be putting together a group of people to work on improved graduation rates for post-secondary education.
9. April 10 after the County Council meeting Hoosier Energy will be giving a short course on tax abatement at Courthouse Assembly Room.
10. April 16 Dave Terrel from the State will meet to talk about EIDD & SEDS and reorganization.
11. April 23 at 6:00 the Board of Works, City Council, Utility Board, and the CSO Steering Committee will have a joint meeting with IDEM. Todd Trinkle, Director of CSO, will be the speaker.

12. Rushville and Connersville will co-host the Mayor's roundtable on April 25th. The meeting will take place in Connersville. We will take the train from Connersville to Laurel and back.
13. Tomorrow we will be meeting to review submissions, drawings, and specifications for the North Industrial Park.
14. Library formal kick off on April 13.
15. Mayor's 5K Run/Walk will be April 27.
16. Heart of Rushville will be roasting Cinda Brown May 11th at the Elks.
17. The Department Heads will be receiving a training session given by Brian Sheehan. The date has not been scheduled.
18. On April 8 we will roll out the Rushville Small Business Loan Program. The program will be overseen by ARa, if approved by ECDC. Applications can be picked up at City Hall, the Chamber, and the ECDC office, or they can be emailed. The minimum amount of the loan is \$5, 000, and the maximum is \$30,000.00.
19. The City has helped with the removal of the canopy at the old Millers' restaurant. The material from the canopy was offered to the City by the owner. Davis' also helped with the removal.
20. There are 2 properties we are having problems with as far as upkeep. The properties are the Cohee property on Donald Street, & 1023 N Maple. It has been determined that these are more than a trash problem and more of a zoning problem. Berkemeier will speak with the Area Plan and they will take a look at it.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Amphitheater – None.

Comprehensive Plan – The Board of Works voted to sign the contract with Hannum, Wagle, & Cline.

Trash Committee – Smith said they are crunching numbers.

Employee Benefits – Pavey said he attended a Mayor's Institute and was informed that an employee working 30 hours is considered full time under the Health Care Act. Any employees that we currently consider part-time, but are working 30 hours or more a week should be offered health insurance. If we are not offering health insurance to 95% of qualifying employees we could receive a substantial fine. We will be reviewing our policy.

APC/BZA Building Code – None.

Utility Board BW/CC CSO Committee – The committee will be meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Street - Miller reported that heavy trash pickup has been scheduled. North of the Bridge trash should be set out the week of 4-15 through 4-19 and will be picked up the week of 4-22. South of the bridge trash should be placed out the week of 4-22 through 4-26 and will be picked up the week of 4-29. The dump site will be open during this time and will be free during the week of April 22nd.

Fire – The Board of Works promoted Kent Clark to Captain and Kirk Trebley to Lieutenant.

Park - Mathews said the Park Department received \$5,000.00 from the Rush County Community Foundation for the West end shelter house. He said they are hoping to eventually make this into a year round shelter. They also received \$457.58 grant from Rush County Community Foundation for an open shelter at amphitheater.

Berkemeier said, “Kudos” on the Easter egg hunt.

Police - Tucker reported that there will be 7 individuals taking part in Park patrol training tomorrow. The program actually started yesterday.

The registration deadline is coming up soon for the Mayor’s 5K Walk/Run.

Tucker said he has been notified that Officer Griffith will be accepting a position with Shelby County at the end of May or the 1st of June. The Board of Works gave him permission to start the hiring process.

Bridges thanked Chief Tucker for training the Cert Team on traffic control.

CITIZEN CONCERNS: Resident, Crystal Woods, asked Council to consider putting up some type of tornado alarm south of town. Sheehan suggested that she sign up to be notified by phone. Bridges also said she could sign up for Code Red through the County or EMA. Pavey said he will call Verlin Custer to see what the cost would be. Bridges said he will talk to Chuck Kemker to see if something can be sent out to the residents, Pavey said he will see about putting something on the utility bills as to how to receive notification of emergency weather conditions. Jenkins said at one time EMA had weather alert radios.

Woods also asked Council to consider changes to the time frame of the City’s noise ordinance. She indicated that a Contractor is disturbing neighbors by beginning work before daylight. She has asked them to be more considerate, to no avail. She said Berkemeier asked about this request for her before, but no change was made. Berkemeier asked Woods what is a reasonable time request? Woods said possibly day light, then no equipment would need to be

used to light the work area. The contractor is tearing down an old house now and intends to rebuild. Pavey said he would expect the contractor to be good neighbors and not harass the neighbors. The contractor said they would do their best to alleviate the problem. Berkemeier said he thought the building code would also help to alleviate this matter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNT'S RESPONSE BIF SPENDING** - Received a letter stating that the re-definition of community center would be acceptable.
2. **I.P. PHONE SYSTEM** - Only 2 quotes were received. The quotes are being compared to make sure they are equal in comparison. We will discuss this further in May.
3. **BLUE RIBBON ESTATES STREET DEDICATION** - This will be heard by the Planning Commission on April 23, and then it will come back to the City for final approval.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **CHARLES PARSLEY, BEST EQUIPMENT, TRASH PROGRAM:** Charles Parsley, from Best Equipment, gave a presentation to Council on containerized trash equipment. He suggested a back side tipper. He said this will eliminate the employee from lifting the cans and exposure to trash. Therefore, it would reduce workman's' comp claims. It would also reduce the cost of collection, the City would have a cleaner appearance, and it would increase recycling. Parsley said it is very important to educate all citizens.
2. **ORDINANCE 2013-3 PROPERTY OWNER RESPONSIBILITY FOR ILLEGAL ACTS COMMITTED ON PROPERTY OF OWNER:** Pavey said this should be tabled until we receive further direction from the legislature.
3. **ORDINANCE RE-ESTABLISHING THE CITY'S CUM CAP DEV FUND:** Pavey said this is something that Reedy Financial suggested we consider to increase the Cum Cap Development rate to the maximum of 5 cents. Information will be sent to Council for review.
4. **INTRODUCE DISTRICT 6 MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT:** Tucker attended a meeting in Muncie. He said this would be very valuable to the City. The County has already signed the agreement. This would provide mutual aid during a natural disaster and also provide training, and grant money. This would benefit both the Police and Fire

Departments. Smith made a motion to approve the mutual aid agreement with District 6. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. **POLICE DEPARTMENT RETENTION PROGRAM:** Tucker said it is not ready. He will send it out for review.

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

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council, Conner made a motion to adjourn. Smith seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 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