

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

JUNE 17, 2014

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The City of Rushville Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. In the absence of Mayor Pavey, Mayor Pro Tem Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was led by Scott Williamson, a candidate for Eagle Scout.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Council Members, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, and Brad Berkemeier answered roll call. Councilman Sheehan arrived after the roll was called. Student Advisor, Jessica Miller was not present. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

PUBLIC HEARING – “Campaign” Multi-Family Rental Unit – Deb Lilly explained that Southern Indiana Housing and Community Development Corporation, which is an affordable housing developer, is partnering with Milestone Ventures on two projects for the City of Rushville.

One of those projects is “Campaign Flats” which is a seven unit multi housing project. The second project is “Campaign Quarters” which is 22 unit housing for seniors.

Lilly asked for questions or comments from the audience. Smith asked when they would receive notice of funding approval. Lilly said they probably would not know if all the funding is in place until February.

There were no further questions; Conner made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Minutes of the June 3, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor Pro-Tem Bridges reported the following:

1. Bridges introduced Scott Williams. Williams is working to earn his government communication badge for Eagle Scouts. He is looking for a project to finish up his Eagle Scout accreditation. This project needs to one that helps people of the community.
2. Mayor Pavey is attending the Mayor’s conference in French Lick.

3. Relay for Life was this last weekend. Attendance was down.

Councilman Sheehan arrived.

4. The fair will be in town next week.
5. All of the department budgets for 2015 have been turned in. The Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer will be meeting with the DLGF at the end of July.
6. Construction is moving forward on the 16th Street project.
7. A lot of dirt is being moved on the North Industrial Park, they are a little behind schedule due to rain, but should be able to make that up.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:

Amended Salary Ordinance 2014-10 - Copley said the amended ordinance was discussed at the last meeting, but failed to get on the agenda. The amendment adds the position of quartermaster to the Police Department. Berkemeier made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-10. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** –
- **Comprehensive Plan** – There will be a meeting next month. The housing draft is being looked over along with other chapters. Sheehan said the comments have been very positive.
- **Marketing** – Sheehan said we are running on a somewhat parallel tract, but a little behind intentionally. The group is working to determine how we should market ourselves in the community and outside the community.
- **Trash Sub Committee** – Councilman Smith said he spoke with Charles Parsley and we are on target for the 1st of July. We are preparing a city map for delivery of cans. The tippers should be installed on the trucks by the end of the month. Hopefully we can begin the new program within 30 days. Sheehan asked if there was a communication plan. Smith said we are working on that.
- **Employee Benefit/City Policy** – We will be meeting with the consultants the 1st of July.
- **APC/BZA – Building Code** – Councilman Berkemeier said there is a meeting tonight. Smith asked if the new APC Director has been named. Berkemeier said it was offered to Rhea Dawn Buckley, but he has not heard if she accepted. Marvin Reese is currently acting as director.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

None.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Review Basic Overview and Funding “Campaign” Project** – This was discussed during the public hearing.
2. **TIF Expansion of Existing and Consideration of Downtown** – The Redevelopment Commission voted to move forward. McCane is checking to see what other communities have done.
3. **Ordinance 2014-9 Use of Edit Funds** – Newhouse is preparing the ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Park Board Smoking Recommendation** – Berkemeier said the Park Board voted to send Council a strong recommendation to make all parks smoke free if the parks don't already provide for that. Chief Tucker said we need to make sure the verbiage is very well defined as to the “structure”. Sheehan said he thought posting signs in shelter house, dugouts etc., would give a common sense compromise and would be better than an ordinance. Chief Jenkins said enforcement would be a big problem. Newhouse said we need to focus on making this a part of contracts with ball leagues and the shelter rentals. Council suggested having Mathews post signs on the dugouts, etc.
2. **Steve Mohler Property** – Newhouse said in 2007 the City placed a judgment against Mohler because he failed to connect to water and sewer. A foreclosure action was also filed. It was scheduled for Sheriff's sale, but was cancelled by the creditor. The City filed a Motion for Contempt and Rule to Show Cause. It is scheduled for hearing on July 7th.
3. **Tax Abatement Request Christian Values** – A request for tax abatement was received from Christian Values. The owner was not present at the meeting. Bridges said the request is not an abatable issue per the law. This is more of a business interruption situation due to road construction. Bridges said he would contact the owners and suggest the option of contacting the State for a business distress refund.
4. **Ordinance 2014-11 Minimum Housing Standards** – Berkemeier said he reviewed the ordinance. He questioned if 72 hours is too much notice. It was also suggested to add something pertaining to bed bugs and smoke detectors.

CLAIMS APPROVAL: 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; Smith made a motion to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.