

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

JULY 1, 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 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO FLAG:** The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

**PRAYER:** Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Council members, Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, and Brad Berkemeier answered roll call. Brian Sheehan arrived after the roll was called. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, and Kate Thurston, *Rushville Republican*.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the June 17, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. Bridges made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. Attended a Quality of Placement meeting in Richmond.
2. The Harvey property was auctioned on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.
3. Met with the financial consultants on the 2014 and 2015 budgets.
4. Associated Images was in town last week preparing a piece for PBS.
5. We have had two successful concerts.
6. Met today with the consultants on the revisions to the handbook.
7. On July 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a parade, car show, and fireworks.
8. There will be a public meeting on the Comprehensive plan on July 9<sup>th</sup>.
9. The 3<sup>rd</sup> concert will be July 12<sup>th</sup>. This will also be Relay for Life night.
10. The City retreat is scheduled for July 17<sup>th</sup>.
11. The Intat grand prix will be July 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>.
12. The School was awarded the Four Star accreditation for the school year 2012-2013.
13. The City was awarded the Indot Map 21 for the industrial corridor (Cherry Street extension).
14. Today The Heart of Rushville was awarded a downtown enhancement grant.
15. State Police Officer, Chris Griggs, complemented Rushville City officers Shaver and Irvine for their help and professionalism in a recent serving of an arrest warrant
16. UAV handouts were distributed to Council for review.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Council President Bridges said he did some further investigation regarding the request from Christian Values for funding. He found that there is no such legislation as far as any relief for those impacted by state highway renovations.

### ***COUNCILMAN SHEEHAN ARRIVED***

The County Treasurer said she will accept payments for taxes from Christian Values if that would be helpful. The County Assessor also said she will look to see if anything is out of line with the assessment.

Bridges received a letter from the Public Library stating that Tim Yazel's appointment to the Library Board will be up in July. They requested that the City re-appoint Yazel. Berkemeier made a motion to reappoint Yazel to the Library Board. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** –
- **Comprehensive Plan** – A public meeting is scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup> at the 201 Building.
- **Marketing** –The newspaper will be publishing information for the public.
- **Trash Sub Committee** – Everything has been ordered and should be completed by July 15<sup>th</sup>. Inserts will be delivered via the utility bills. Upon delivery there will also be information with the totters. One of the trucks was taken today to have the arm installed.
- **Employee Benefit/City Policy** – Met with consultants today. We should have revisions in approximately 2 weeks.
- **APC/BZA Building Code** – Berkemeier said Rhea Dawn Buckley has been named as the executive director for the APC.

Dave Rogier, the planning consultant, said the City and County ordinances are not in compliance with the State. Pavey said this was confusing since Rogier has been paid to take care of such matters since 1972.

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Police** – Chief Tucker said the EOC equipment has been installed. The renovation of the dispatch room is almost complete.

**Street** – Informed Council that Landon Meckes' last day will be July 9<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Works hired Justin Lafray to replace Meckes.

**Park** – Pavey commended Park Director Mathews for his help with the tournament at the west end ball diamonds this past weekend.

**Fire** – Chief Jenkins passed out month end reports for June. Jenkins said they have had 452 runs this year. 79% of those have been EMS runs and 21% were fire runs.

Councilman Smith thanked Jemmy Miller, Danny Mathews, and their crews for cleaning up the many properties that are not being taken care of by the property owners

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** Bridges said he has received complaints on 700 N Sexton and 8<sup>th</sup> & Sexton. Jenkins said the property at 8<sup>th</sup> & Sexton is HUD owned. On 7<sup>th</sup> & Sexton a truck is parked and is full of trash. It has been there for a lengthy time. The neighbors want it moved. Pavey said we hope to have an ordinance by the next meeting.

Smith said he has received complaints about trees and a pile of rubble along the old rail line by Wilson Estates. It is in the County, but he is trying to find out who to contact to have the trees and rubble removed.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **TIF Expansion of Existing and Consideration of Downtown** – Pavey said John McCane is out of town but believes the TIF expansion is feasible. McCane will be working with Umbaugh on the consideration of the downtown TIF.
2. **Junk Peddler Ordinance 2014-12** – Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-12 amending the peddler's ordinance as it relates to food vendors. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Ordinance 2014-9 Use of Edit Tax** – Sheehan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-9. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Ordinance 2014-10 Minimum Housing Standards** – Not ready.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **INTAT New SB1** - Kevin Chestnut presented the Statement of Benefits for approval. David Reed was also present. This will add an additional 6 jobs, and is a \$6 million project. Smith made a motion to approve the Statement of Benefits. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **"No Truck" Signage West End of Town** – Chief Tucker said there was a crash on 1<sup>st</sup> Street because there was not enough room for trucks to fit through the area. He asked

Council to consider a temporary ordinance to site truck drivers if they are in areas that are not wide enough. It was suggested that there be no parking in the 800 and 900 blocks of 11<sup>th</sup> Street to allow for truck traffic. "No Truck" signs are in place and will issue warnings now until an ordinance has been passed. Newhouse will prepare the ordinance.

3. **Ordinance 2014-11 Supplement to Code of Ordinances** – Conner made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-11. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **2015 Budget Prep July 29<sup>th</sup>** – The Department Heads have turned in their proposed budgets. Meetings will be scheduled with the Department Heads. The Clerk-Treasurer and Mayor will meet with the DLGF July 29<sup>th</sup>.
5. **INDOT Award** – The City has been awarded the Indot Map 21 grant. This is an 80-20 match. This is the Rushville Corridor Project, which is the Cherry Street extension. Construction of the first phase will begin in 2018. There are four phases. The first phase goes up to foster heights with a roundabout. The State will purchase the right of ways and do the environmental. The first phase is \$5.7 million. Our part of phase one would be \$1.155 million. We will need to apply for each phase.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:** Pavey asked Newhouse to prepare an ordinance for the new trash program.

Berkemeier said the County is pursuing an innkeeper's tax, and suggested the City send a letter of support.

Berkemeier asked the status of the old Park Restaurant building. Pavey said we should be receiving a letter from Shelley Wakefield. This will be part of our discussion at the City retreat. Berkemeier said a Contractor is interested in the building.

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

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