

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

JULY 15, 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 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 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: Council members, Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, and Brad Berkemeier answered roll call. Councilman Brian Sheehan was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Kate Thurston, *Rushville Republican*.

PUBLIC HEARING RUSHVILLE LEVEE PLAN: Deb Lilly informed Council that this grant is being funded with DR2 funds. The City's plan is complete. It will be submitted to OCRA by the end of August. Jason Hughes, a consultant from DLZ reported on the findings: The plan includes the levee alignment; inspections; a survey of the top of the levee; soil borings for construction of levee; and lab testing; flood elevation results; stability of embankments, seepage; and interior drainage. The biggest issue is the flood level vs. the top of the levee. The Army Corp's requirements are not the same as those required by FEMA. There are maintenance related issues such as cracks that need to be sealed.

Bridges said he didn't understand since the levee was built per the Army Corp and now FEMA says it is not right.

Smith asked what standards we have to meet.

Pavey said we are trying to figure that out.

Smith said then we are stuck in limbo waiting on the Corp and Fema to decide what criteria we have to meet.

Pavey said he would write a letter to our Representatives for assistance and recommended that Council also write letters to our Representatives.

Bridges made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES: July 1, 2014 – Minutes of the July 1, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. Berkemeier made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. The grand prix will be rescheduled due to an insurance issue.
2. Informed Council that the new Board of Works member replacing Angie Barton is Dr. John Williams.
3. Named the Board of Public Works to also be the review board for the ambulance hardship applications.
4. The 3rd concert was this past weekend and was well attended.
5. Thanked Sandy Fussner for a successful 4th of July parade. The car show and fireworks were also very well received by the community.
6. Last week many children enjoyed the summer camp program in the park.
7. July 9th we had the first public meeting regarding the comprehensive plan.
8. The City retreat will be this Thursday.
9. The concert on July 26th will be The Purple Xperience. On August 2nd Satisfaction will be performing.
10. They are paving 52 this week. The next step will be sidewalks and street lights. They are discussing with Indot the possibility of continuing with the next section instead of waiting until next spring.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:

Copley reported that she filed \$14,500.00 worth of mowing and clean-up liens this past week.

The meeting on the budget with the DLGF is on July 29th.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Council President Bridges said he informed Tim Yazel of his re-appointment to the Library Board.

Bridges said he attended the hearing on the Mohler property south of town. It was postponed until September 2nd.

Bridges will be attending the "Replace Don't Erase Workshop" next Wednesday regarding property tax levies.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Amphitheater/Park Board –**
- **Comprehensive Plan –**
- **Marketing –**

- **Trash Sub-Committee** –
- **Employee Benefit/City Policy** – We have received a copy of the revised rough draft from the consulting company. It has been sent out to the committee for review.
- **APC/BZA Building Code** –

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: None.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **TIF Expansion** – Mayor Pavey said it does not look like it will be of any benefit to expand the Intat TIF district.
2. **Ordinance 2014-10 Minimum Housing Standards** – Shelly Wakefield said she is adding a clause to address bats in a structure. Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-10 with the addition of the bat clause. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Rushville Levee Plan** – Nothing further.
2. **UAV Map Approval – Doug Anderson** - Pavey said discussions on the UAV Map began in March 2013. The process at the time was to go before the Attorney General to apply to the FFA for a certificate of authority. Our policies for the Police Department are in place. They are training, investigating, marketing, and project monitoring. Our goal and real focus is economic development. The UAV has ability to do a land survey. It can also be helpful to us in dealing with unsafe structures.

Anderson said the idea was that we could fly cheaper with better products. Anderson presented a grid that has been selected for testing and asked Council for their approval. He said we would be the first city in Indiana to do this. Bridges made a motion to approve the UAV map. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. **Property Revitalization Program** – Eric Frye explained that this is meant to determine the best use for vacant, blighted, and abandoned properties. Frye said they would put incentives in the program, such as home grants. He asked if Council wanted him to pursue this. It was the consensus of Council to pursue the program.

4. **Ordinance 2014-14 Building Code** – The ordinance was presented to Council for review. The fee portion still needs to be added to the ordinance. Wakefield asked permission to submit to the Fire Prevention Building Commission for their approval. Bridges made a motion to send the ordinance to the State for their perusal. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Resolution 2014-9 Adding Monies Back To Appropriations** – Bridges made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-9. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **Former Park Restaurant Letter** – Pavey said the recommendation was to head in a different direction.
7. **Rushville City Utility – SOP** – Pavey said he asked the City Utilities to put together an action plan of what to for water outage, etc., to make sure our checks and balances are in place. He said this is just for water. The SOP for Waste Water will be included as the current project is completed.
8. **Trash Program Package** – Paperwork was passed out. It included a blueprint for the new trash program. The first semi load of totters arrived today. The second shipment should be in tomorrow.

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

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Councilman Smith said he is working on revising the current trash ordinance so it matches our new program

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Smith made a motion to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.