

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA

COMMON COUNCIL

JULY 2, 2013

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. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING STATEMENTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS ENGINEERING SERVICES/LEEVE SYSTEM EVALUATION:

Mayor Pavey opened the public hearing in regard to the Statement for Qualifications for Engineering Services for the Levee. He said he received one proposal from DLZ. This proposal is less than the Army Corp's quote. He asked for questions or comments from the public. There were none. Conner made a motion to close the public hearing. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge of Allegiance 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. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, and Melissa Conrad, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES: Minutes of the June 18, 2013 meeting were presented for approval. Bridges made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. The 4th of July parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. with line up to begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Pizza King parking lot on Perkins Street. Questions should be directed to Sandy Fussner or Aaron Gurley.
2. There have been several questions regarding rules for fireworks. They are allowed from June 29 to July 9th between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 2 hours after sunset. The rules for July 4th are between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight. It is the responsibility of the shooter to make sure the fireworks does not leave their property.
3. An agreement has been signed with INDOT when 52 closes there will be an alternate route which will come down Seven Hills to Old 44 into town. We also added Water Street. After the project is complete INDOT will evaluate those streets and will probably resurface them.
4. We received a quarterly report on the animal shelter. It was very positive.

5. Attended a Fiber meeting last week. It was agreed that the Fiber Board will pay for fiber to run down to the utilities allowing us to connect to the water treatment plant and to the animal shelter. It will also allow fiber to go to the water tower on the northeast side of town and down to the street department.
6. Had training last week, "Face of the Community". Thanks to the Chamber & ECDC.
7. Attended a SEDS meeting. They noted the population trends for 2020 & 2050 which doesn't look too optimistic for us. The top items addressed were skills gap training and education after 12th grade. The most identifiable project was probably the improvement of a connector between 70 & 74.
8. Passed out the ECDC newsletter.
9. Upcoming is the Cinda Brown roast sponsored by the Heart of Rushville on July 13 at 7:00 at the Elks.
10. Rush Fest weekend, which is a Friday night concert; Saturday is community day; 3 quarter midget races are Saturday night; and competitive races on Sunday.
11. Hospital comedy night is July 12.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Clerk-Treasurer Copley said she and the Mayor will be meeting with the DLGF on Tuesday at 9:15 on the budget.

She also said she received approval of Council's request to increase the CCD Fund to .05 from the DLGF.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Amphitheater** –
2. **Comprehensive Plan** –
3. **Trash Sub Committee** –
4. **Employee Benefit/City Policy** – Pavey and Copley have been working on the handbook policy cleaning up areas and marking them for suggested changes.
5. **APC/BZA – Building Code** – Meeting tomorrow with JTL engineering to continue conversation in regard to the building code & property maintenance code.
6. **Utility Board/BW/CC – Working Committee** – Received the latest version of rate study. The water was okay, but sewer was not as good.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Park – Park Director Mathews invited everyone to check out the west end shelter. They have remodeled and it looks good.

Pavey said Matt Vance asked him to thank Danny and the park department for helping out with the tourney this past weekend.

Police – Chief Tucker informed Council that the Board of Works accepted the resignation of Brad Wessell effective September 24th. They also agreed to hire two officers contingent upon PERF approval.

CITIZEN CONCERNS: Berkemeier said he has had conversation with Dez Stevens regarding Crystal Woods' complaint. Stevens said work on the lots is mostly completed. They will not be building there in the near future.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Utility Board Appointment** – Michael Butch Singleton was the only applicant. Sheehan made a motion to re-appoint Singleton to the Utility Board. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilman Bridges voting in opposition.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Award Request for Statement of Qualifications Engineering Services/Rushville Levee System Evaluation** - Bridges made a motion to engage DLZ to do the engineering study for the levee. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **EMS – City of Rushville** – Pavey said this has been a topic of conversation for the past year and a half. He said in conversation last week with some of the hospital people he informed them that this would be brought up to the Council for a decision, but if approved we would not rush out immediately to begin. Conversations could still take place. Pavey said we have documented the process and met several times with the hospital and have found a point of diminishing return. It is time that we need to determine how interested we are.

Smith asked Chief Jenkins if his department can provide the service to the City. Jenkins said yes they could, but they would need to purchase an ambulance. They currently have some of the equipment that is needed.

Smith asked if there would be any additional manpower required. Jenkins said no they would use what they now have.

Conner asked how many of the firemen are trained. Jenkins said 12 are basic and 2 are advanced.

Jenkins said currently they are looking at BLS, but within 12-18 months they would like to **consider** moving toward ALS.

Smith asked if there is any thought into expanding to encompass outside the city limits. Jenkins said yes, but those discussions are way down the road.

Sheehan said a concern of his was what If we do something that earns the City \$50,000.00 but cuts \$100,000.00 from the County. Jenkins said he doesn't believe that will occur. Sheehan said it would be a derelict of duties not to investigate this.

Jenkins said he would encourage Council to allow the RFD to move forward with BLS service in the City of Rushville.

Bridges said Chuck has opened the door and held it open for dialog. He has given 150%.

The Council members and Mayor thanked Chief Jenkins for his many hours of hard work on this matter.

Smith made a motion for the Rushville Fire Department to provide BLS ambulance service within the City of Rushville no later than Jan 1, 2014. Conner seconded the motion. Pavey asked if this still allows to keep the door open for dialog with the hospital. Council agreed that it did. Motion carried with a vote of 4-1; with Sheehan voting in opposition.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Pavey said he called a meeting as a result of the CNC Recycling Center. He had a report from Larry Copley, the City's BZA representative, who presented a list of items he thought needed to be tightened up in the City's zoning ordinance. Julie put together a list of these items for Council to consider. Berkemeier made a motion to move forward with submitting a petition to amend the City's Zoning Ordinance as specified. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier made a motion to adjourn. Bridges seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.