

RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JULY 3, 2012
6:00 P.M.

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier and Brian Sheehan answering roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Julie Newhouse.

MINUTES

Minutes of the June 19, 2012 meeting were presented for approval. Conner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pavey reported:

- We are still working on the Brackney settlement with the engineer.
- On August 25th we will be having an employee picnic. This will be at the last concert.
- Some of the windows need to be replaced at Booker T. Building. We have had a contractor looking at windows to determine the best replacement option.
- Mayor Pavey has met with all shifts of the Fire Department regarding the EMS proposal that will be given later this week.
- Pavey passed out documentation from Edward Jones offering a retirement plan to all City employees.
- Pavey expressed his appreciation to Jemmy Miller and Danny Mathews for coming out on Sunday to help out with the youth baseball tourney. He also thanked Sandy Fussner for providing maps for visitors. Councilman Sheehan also thanked all that were involved. He said he heard several people from other communities commenting that they were impressed with Rushville.
- Pavey thanked those responsible for the sesquicentennial celebration at East Hill Cemetery.
- The Mayor said the City of Rushville was the winner of the Seymour Mayors' Cup in the grand prix race last weekend.
- Participated in a discovery walk on the south side of Flatrock.
- Due to the lack of rain, last Friday Assistant Fire Chief Munson watered the trees on Main Street. This will be done again.
- There was a meeting yesterday concerning the drainage in South Memorial Park. We are hoping to come up with a better design.
- The benefits committee will meet July 9th at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- At some point we will be asking for volunteers to work in South Memorial Park. Sheehan will let us know the date on this.

The Parks Department was awarded a partial grant amount for the walking trail from the Community Foundation. The City was also awarded their request for the meeting technology.

- The Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer will be meeting with the DLGF on the budget on July 6th.
- The next concert will be July 14.
- We have received complaints on yard signs. Pavey said it is becomes a big deal when people fail to take them down.
- Fireworks and parade – The public fireworks is moving forward. Sandy Coons thanked the Fire Department and Chief Tucker. She gave a brief history of the parade and fireworks and said the parade will travel north on Harrison Street.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Copley passed out a copy of a letter that was sent to the adjoining taxing units stating that the Redevelopment Commission has determined that there is no excess assessed value in the TIF district.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Comprehensive Plan – Councilman Smith said they are currently putting together a survey. The target date to get this out is August 1st, with a 4-6 week response period. He said they are hoping to have something to Council to review by November.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police – Chief Tucker handed out his statistics report.

Fire – Chief Jenkins said until we receive some rain they are planning to water the trees on Main Street every Friday.

Park – Director Mathews said he would like to thank the Street Department for their help in clearing the branch in South Memorial Park. Mathews said he appreciates the great working relationship with all City departments.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Yard Sale Policy – Pavey said there is currently discussion on the enforcement part of the policy.

Ordinance 2012-15 Peddler's Ordinance – Berkemeier made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-15. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Hoosier Environmental Council – Emilie Pinkston and Tim Maloney gave a presentation showing how the implementation of high speed rail would benefit Indiana’s economy.

Burn Ban/Fireworks – Mayor Pavey said it was his recommendation to the Council to ban personal fireworks due to the drought conditions. After discussion among Council members, Bridges made a motion to ban personal fireworks. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims – Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no further business to come before Council; Bridges made a motion to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 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