

MEETING OF THE RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

AUGUST 20, 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, 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: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, and Brad Berkemeier answered roll call. Councilman Sheehan arrived immediately after the roll was called. Also present were City Attorney, Geoff Wesling, and Melissa Conrad, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES: Minutes of the August 6, 2013 meeting were presented for approval. Bridges made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. Tomorrow night the Chamber of Commerce and the ECDC will invite the School Board to a meet & greet at the Earnest Conference Center at the hospital.
2. There will be a concert this weekend at Riverside Park.
3. We will be having a ribbon cutting ceremony for the final 2 trails, but the date is not known yet.
4. We have been having conversation in regard to the 16th street project with INDOT to make sure we are in agreement with the numbers. We are now prepared to write a check so the project can move forward. \$484,204.00 of the bill is for the water & sewer for 16th street. This amount will be paid by the City at this time and then reimbursed.
5. The City has been awarded an Ocra Grant for the levee recertification in the amount of \$115,875.00 plus the City's portion of \$11,600.00.
6. We received word that the EDA has approved to release the North Industrial Park project for bidding. The Redevelopment Commission will be meeting this Thursday. This is a \$3.2 million dollar project.
7. The meeting with the Lieutenant Governor was very interesting. One of the main topics of discussion was improvements to Highway 3.
8. We are working towards a marketing piece to promote the community. Mayor Pavey said he would be looking to Councilman Sheehan and Darrin McGowan to assist with this.
9. Rush Fest is September 21st.

10. September 26th will be an all-day event in regard to the grant we received from the Rush County Community Foundation for philanthropy.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Copley informed Council that she will be purchasing an upgrade from Keystone called Key-Fund which is real time posting. This will allow more than one user to be in the program at the same time. The cost of the program is \$7,750.00. She has \$1,800.00 in this year's budget and the remainder will come out of next year's budget. The utility department will also need to upgrade. Their portion of the upgrade is \$4,000.00.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Bridges said he spoke with the Project Manager for the 16th Street and he confirmed that 16th Street will meet up with 100 North. He also said the fall/winter schedule would be a good time to do the utility portion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Amphitheater** – Who's Bad will perform this weekend. Rush Fest will be the final concert of the year.
2. **Comprehensive Plan** – We are waiting to move forward until we wrap up the Library grant.
3. **Trash Sub Committee** – Waiting until we complete the utility rate increase.
4. **Employee Benefit/City Policy**
5. **APC/BZA – Building Code** – Berkemeier said we continue to meet with JTL. The APC held a special meeting last week and gave a favorable recommendation to the amendment to the zoning ordinance that we requested
6. **Utility Board/BW/CC – Working Committee**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker said he received notification from PERF that the 2 men we have offered employment to have been approved for employment. Parmalee will begin Monday. Faw will begin at the end of September or the 1st of October.

He reminded everyone that tomorrow is "Coffee with a Cop" at the Park Restaurant.

Pavey said they have received information on upgrading cameras for the police cars. They will probably be able to replace 2; however 3 need to be upgraded.

Animal – Pavey said the vehicles have new decals and the Animal Shelter employees are sporting new shirts with logos on them.

Street- Pavey said the Street Department is looking into the boat ramp near the river. He said they may try to change the width to one lane entry. They will be clearing trees and widen the paths.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: Sheehan voiced his concern about high weeds at 8th and Harrison Streets.

Conner asked what was going on with the lot across from Hubler. Pavey said they will close on it in a week or so. Therefore, dirt will be moving soon.

Conner said he was concerned about the safety of kids due to a hollow tree at 7th & Perkins Streets. He thanked the Street and Fire Departments for taking care of the matter.

Mayor Pavey said he had a request from Jimmy Huffman & Terry Barnett to write a letter to CSX to improve the railroad crossing. This request came after the accident last week.

Bridges asked the Mayor if he had received a letter requesting to purchase the property at 7th & Harrison. Pavey said he called and spoke to the people inquiring and told them that it was up for sheriff's sale and we will try to liquidate the property.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Revisions to City Animal Shelter Policy/Dog Bite/Incarceration vs. Time to Hold:**
Moran said we are not much further along. She said there are grey areas. Council all agreed that there should not be a 3rd bite. Pavey suggested that Moran meet with the City Attorney and bring a proposal for review at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution 2013-7 – Adding Monies Back to Appropriations** – Bridges made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-7. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Resolution 2013-8 – Transfer for Animal Shelter** – Berkemeier made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-8. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Ordinance 2013-10 – Rate Increase for Water – 1st & 2nd Readings** – John Skomp said we are looking at a 39% increase for both water & sewer combined. He passed out information for surrounding communities on Pilot and storm water rates. He said the improvements are a federal mandate. He said you can fight it in Court, but you will not win and then could be fined for not being in compliance. The City's last rate increase was October 1, 2009. The date of the increase is scheduled for October 1st, unless Council decides to change the date.

Berkemeier made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-10 on 1st and 2nd readings. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2013-14 Water Bond Ordinance - Berkemeier made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-14 on 1st and 2nd readings. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. **Ordinance 2013-11 – Rate Increase for Wastewater – 1st & 2nd Readings** – Sheehan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-11 on 1st and 2nd readings. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2013-15 Sewer Bond Ordinance – Conner made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-15 on 1st and 2nd readings. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. **Ordinance 2013-13 – Amending Chapter 96 – Weeds** – Bridges made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-13. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. **Kevin Tolloty- New APC Director** – Mayor Pavey introduced the new APC Director, Kevin Tolloty. Tolloty will officially begin his duties September 1st. He also introduced Dave Rogier who has been serving as the interim director. Tolloty said he is excited to be here.

Berkemeier said he is happy with Tolloty's background. They will be meeting Friday at 11:00 a.m. at City Hall if anyone would like to attend.

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

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: Bridges made a motion to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.