

**MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA
COMMON COUNCIL
AUGUST 5, 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, Brad Berkemeier, and Brian Sheehan answered roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, and Kate Thurston, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES: Minutes of the July 15, 2014 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. The Purple Xperience and Satisfaction appeared at Riverside Park.
2. The City retreat went well.
3. Thursday we will find out if we are a recipient of Premise of Place Award from Ball State.
4. FIT will have a kick-off event at the fairground on the 16th. It will coincide with the Boys & Girls Club event.
5. The handbook revision meeting will be on the 18th.
6. The Fire Department will play a softball game with the Police Department. They are known as the "Guns and Hoses". The game will take place on the 24th at noon.
7. Chuck Jenkins and Julie Newhouse attended an abandoned property workshop. Pavey urged Council to write down addresses of blighted properties and give to Jenkins.
8. 15th Street has been paved. Next Monday and Tuesday they will be chipping from Main Street around the curve onto Water.
9. The Grand Prix event will not take place this year.
10. We received the 2nd part of a grant for the outdoor theater.
11. Met with Fraley and Indot to discuss road closures.
12. Met to discuss the kickoff of the Cherry Street project.
13. Received a letter from Indot regarding the removal of the light at 2nd and Morgan Streets. Chief Tucker said he did not think the light was necessary.

14. The post office has asked the City to consider removing the temporary no parking along the East side of Harrison Street.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Copley passed out a copy of an Additional Appropriation to be considered at the next meeting.

Also distributed were updates to the code of ordinances.

Informed Council that the budget meeting with the DLGF went well, however, we still need to consider the circuit breaker.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Bridges said he attended the Replace Don't Erase workshop in regard to the personal property tax. He urged everyone to visit the website: www.citiesandtowns.ppp Pavey said that presently 66% of our bonds are backed by personal property taxes. Councilman Smith strongly urged everyone to please call your representatives and senators and ask them to replace don't erase. Smith said this would cause great financial harm to us. Bridges said it would also affect schools and libraries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Pavey said they will be suggesting to the Park Board to come up with how to handle people that get out of hand in the parks.
- **Comprehensive Plan** – We are wrapping up but still have one more piece to work on.
- **Marketing** – We are waiting on Shelly Wakefield to return from Washington to move forward.
- **Trash Sub Committee** – Information is being distributed this week. Totters will be delivered this weekend in front of the residences.
- **Employee Benefit/City Policy-Internal** – The committee will meet August 18th.
- **APC/BZA Building Code** – We are working through the normal process.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Street – Miller and Land attended pazer training, a program on capitol maintenance and scoring roads.

Fire – Jenkins will be doing several inspections in the next few weeks.

Animal – Pooches at the pool will take place this Saturday. Intake for the year is 331 and 42 have been euthanized.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: Bridges said he had been talking to Butch Singleton about the lift station on Zona Drive. He asked Miller when they took millings off the street if some of that could be put at the lift station on Zona Drive. Miller said he could.

Conner asked how deep the retention pond was going to be in the North Industrial Park. He asked how we would protect citizens and traffic from entering the pond. Pavey said he thought there would be a berm. McCane said if it appears to be an issue then we could petition the highway to put up guard rails. He said they will be 14 feet deep with a safety ledge that is designed to hold up anyone approaching.

Berkemeier said he had a concern on the Mohler property. He informed the citizen of the Court hearing next month.

Sheehan questioned the rental piece. Pavey said we need to tweak the ordinance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution 2014-13 Rushville Levee Plan** – Berkemeier made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-13. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Swearing in New Reserve Officers-** Brandon Meyer, Jonathan Steed, and Stephen Hershberger were sworn in as reserve police officers.
2. **Resolution 2014-12 Intat Tax Abatement** – Conner made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-12. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Ordinance 2014-17 Designation of Depositories** – Sheehan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-17. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Resolution 2014-10 Billable Right-off Policy** – Conner made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-10. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Termination of Deed Restrictions** – Pavey said this is in regard to Campaign Flats Campaign Quarters. Sheehan moved to have the Mayor approve the termination of the deed restrictions subject to a letter from Campaign Flats. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: At the next meeting we will address the new trash ordinance which will include a recycling component. We will also discuss possible tax abatement for Campaign Flats, Campaign Quarters.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Conner made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m...