

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA
COMMON COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 16, 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 6:15 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 was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Pavey opened the public hearing on the 2015 City budget. He asked for questions or comments. Berkemeier said he was glad to see the Hoosier Youth Challenge included in the budget. He said it was good use of tax dollars. There will be a work session on Tuesday, September 23 at 5:00 p.m. at the council chambers. Conner made a motion to close the public hearing. Smith seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

MINUTES: Bridges made a motion to approve the September 2, minutes as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. Congratulated Councilman Sheehan and his team on their win of the old timer's basketball tourney.
2. Attended the NAPA ground breaking on the 6th.
3. The Comp Plan committee met last week.
4. Attended a Drainage Board meeting.
5. The Mayor and Julie Newhouse met with CSX rail and discussed applying for a grant.
6. Attended the IACT conference last week.
7. Attended the County budget meeting. They agreed to funding for animal control and Eidd. They were very interested in coordinating the planning and zoning.
8. City Hall received a visit from St. Mary's students today.
9. We will be scheduling a tour of the Princess Theater.
10. We met last week on the comprehensive plan. The steering committee will review the draft by September 26th. It will be up for approval by the APC in October, and by the City Council at the 1st meeting in November.
11. We will be scheduling a landlord meeting.
12. Thursday morning I will be in Indianapolis at sight selectors with IEDA.

13. This weekend is Rush Fest; Friday night is Dinner and a Bridge; the parade is at 10:00 a.m. Saturday; a poker run; and Saturday night is the last concert of the year.
14. Will appear before the drainage board on the 22nd.
15. Appear before the APC on the 23rd.
16. The 24th and 25th I will attend the SPIA Institute
17. October 2nd will attend OCRA's regional conference.
18. On the 7th will attend the workforce leado meetings.
19. Carla Sharpe became a grandma on September 13th.
20. 16th Street and 52 should be open the 1st week in October.
21. McCane sent out a press release for NIP to use caution when traveling in the area due to working on the entry off of highway 3.
22. They are working on the ambulance report.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Copley reported that the additional appropriation was approved by the DLGF. She filed \$15,200.00 worth of mowing liens today. She said she still needs to tweak some numbers on the budget and will forward a copy as soon as possible.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – The amphitheater committee will meet Thursday to choose bands for next year's concerts.
- **Comprehensive Plan** –
- **Marketing** – Brian is working with Shelly.
- **Trash Sub Committee** – We are waiting on the recycle containers to arrive and to be distributed.
- **Employee Benefit/City Policy** – A meeting will be scheduled.
- **APC/BZA Building Code** –

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker said there will be traffic restrictions Saturday due to the parade and festival.

Fire – Chief Jenkins said they received a grant from District 6 Training Council for \$1552.98. The money is to be used to purchase a 14 foot roof ladder and a 24 foot extension ladder and 45 sheets of 4 X 8 SOB board to be used at the training center.

Animal – Warden Moran said their intake for last month was 39, and 12 were euthanized. They will be at Rush Fest this weekend and at Family Video next weekend.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: Chip West informed Council of the 3rd annual Youth Work Camp in Rush County, which is scheduled for July 5-11th. There will be approximately 400-450 kids in town making minor improvements and home repairs for the elderly and handicapped. West asked if the City would once again be willing to help with trash removal and additional monitoring at Benjamin Rush. West thanked the City for their help and support. For further information you can visit the web site at rushcountyyouth.org or call (765) 932-5147. Sheehan moved to give the help that was requested by West. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Berkemeier said he spoke with Anna Karen Pennington regarding the trash problem at the Mohler property. Jenkins said the minimum housing standard ordinance will be effective September 27th. Jenkins will send a letter immediately after that date. Conner said he will talk to Mohler to see if he can get some cooperation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Termination of Deed Restrictions** – This has been signed.
2. **Trash Ordinance 2014-15 Additional Totter Clarification** – For those residents requesting an additional totter the price will be pro-rated through the end of the year. Each year thereafter the Clerk-Treasurer will bill the residents.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution 2014-14 Economic Revitalization Area Downtown** – There will be a public hearing at the next meeting.
2. **Resolution 2014-16 Adoption of City's Property Redevelopment Program** – Eric Frye suggested making the public servant portion a component of the program and suggested looking at that case by case. Frye said the idea is to take blighted properties and find the best use of the property. He said there would be lien and restrictive covenant agreements. Bridges made a motion for Frye to proceed with the implementation of the homeowner occupied revitalization program giving scoring factors and evaluation criteria components, and to also develop a clear commercial side separate from the homeowners. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Ordinance 2014-20 Flood Hazard Area (FEMA Maps)** – Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-20. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Resolution 2014-20 Adding Monies Back to Appropriations** – Conner made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-20. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Pavey passed out notes from the City retreat.

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

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before the Council; Smith made a motion to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.