

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 17, 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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:** Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Brian Sheehan answered roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Melissa Conrad, *Rushville Republican*.

**PUBLIC HEARING 2014 BUDGET:** Mayor Pavey opened the public hearing in regard to the City's 2014 budget. He asked for questions or comments from the public. There were none. Conner made a motion to close the public hearing. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the September 3, 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. Thank you to the Street Department, Police Department, Park Department, EMA, Sheriff's Department, CERT, Duke Energy, and anyone that went out and assisted with the storm last week.
2. Rush Fest and Wilkie Days is this weekend. The last concert of the year will also be on Saturday.
3. On September 24<sup>th</sup> the Chamber will host a small business day with 3 seminars.
4. September 26<sup>th</sup> there will be legacy or philanthropy training at the Elks. The first half will be for those in the profession, there will be a lunch and the second half will be for those donors and people on boards who want to know more about ways to take advantage of ways of giving to those organizations.
5. The Abate ride will come through Rushville October 4<sup>th</sup>. The Governor will be in town and we are expecting over 200 motorcycle riders. They will stop for a break at Pool Side Drive.
6. Paul Barada is trying to get a group together to talk about the school to work program.
7. The Certified Work Ready Board met last night. A couple of those members will be traveling to Atlanta for training.

8. Ivy Tech is rolling out their program called "Manufacturing Matters". Classes will start October 21st.
9. We will have a ribbon cutting ceremony October 1<sup>st</sup> for the new trails.
10. We had a meeting on the Seds program. Options will be taken back to the EDA.
11. There was a pre bid meeting with the contractors on the North Industrial Park. Bids will be complete on September 26<sup>th</sup>.
12. The law suit regarding the Park Restaurant is now closed out so we can begin discussions on plans for the building.
13. We are having meetings with the Little League Organization to determine better structure at the west end park.
14. Received estimates to connect fiber to the park & pool. We are hoping to connect those last 2 buildings sometime within the next month.
15. Met with DNR to talk about the "Rails to Trails Program".
16. Attended a meeting yesterday with Heritage and had discussion to save the round barn.
17. The Hoosier Youth Challenge cleaned up downtown last weekend.
18. The City acquired property on West 7<sup>th</sup> Street from the County at Sheriff's sale. We will liquidate the property in the future.
19. The US 52 project will let on November 6<sup>th</sup>. It will take 30-45 days before the notice to proceed. The contractor should be able to do some work on utilities during the winter.

Councilman Sheehan said he has had ideas on the park restaurant from residents. Pavey said he is open to the idea of a meeting to talk about it again.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:** Copley informed Council that the State Board of Accounts is currently auditing for the year 2012.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **Amphitheater/Park Board** –
2. **Comprehensive Plan** – We will have a hearing at the next meeting.
3. **Trash Sub Committee** – The Mayor will schedule a meeting with Councilman Smith.
4. **Employee Benefit/City Policy** - The Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer met and reviewed the policy. We will be inserting suggested changes. We will then send it to the city attorney for review. Pavey said he would also like to send the revisions to the consultant that originally prepared the policy to review for errors and to see if there might be something that we are missing.

5. **APC/BZA – Building Code** – We had a productive meeting with JTL. We will sit down with the County and explain what we are trying to do and maybe merge the two together.
6. **Utility Board/BW/CC Committee** – They will be meeting sometime next year.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Police** – Chief Tucker said on October 23<sup>rd</sup> we will be hosting a county wide Active Shooting Drill.

**Park** – Director Mathews said on Friday evening Chanel 13 will be landing their helicopter at the men’s softball diamond for the homecoming festivities.

**Fire** - Chief Jenkins said the Board of Works approved the following quotes for the ambulance service:

1. The purchase of 2 used ambulances for \$138,000.00. The vehicles are 2009 with approximately 60,000 miles. They also include 3 battery operated cots.
2. Finance agreement with Republic 1<sup>st</sup> National for 4 years @ 2.8%. The first payment will be in arrears.
3. Ambulance Billing Incorporated approved @ 6.75%. They will also provide ipads for electronic charting.

#### **CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:**

Councilman Smith said he received a concern about 3 pit bulls in a yard which has an electric fence and is near a bus stop. There is concern for the safety of the kids. Smith asked Council for their thoughts. Conner asked what happens if the power is out? Berkemeier suggested moving the bus stop. Smith said he has been told that they intend to put up chain link fence. The owner is not abiding by an agreement that was made to keep dogs put up when kids are getting on and off the bus. Conner said he knows the occupant’s father and will talk to him to see if he will discuss this concern with his son.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Revisions to City Animal Shelter Policy** - Conner made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-16. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Little Stars Learning Academy – Speeding** – The Board of Works made a recommendation to Council to modify the speed limit to 20 mile an hour on Arthur from 9<sup>th</sup> Street to 11<sup>th</sup>. Sheehan said he didn’t think lowering the speed limit would help. He said posting it as a school zone would be a better idea and said he thought that would get the driver’s attention. They have drop off and dismissal twice a day. Sheehan asked if they could have the parents park on one side of the street. Kristen Hass said that would be difficult since this is in a residential area with several residents parking in this area. Smith suggested having someone hold stop sign. After lengthy discussion Chief

Tucker said he would sit down with Hass and come back to Council with a proposal at the next meeting. Bridges made a motion to table the matter. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Ordinance 2013-8 – Elected Officials Salary Ordinance** – Bridges made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-8. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Ordinance 2013-9 – 2014 Salaries** – Berkemeier made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-9. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Handicap Parking Signs at St. Mary's** – Bridges said St. Mary's Church are getting ready to do a restoration project. They will be having mass in the school during this time. It will begin September 28 and will last up to 5 months. They would like to place some handicap signs along the north side of 5<sup>th</sup> street during renovation. It was the consensus of Council to allow the temporary handicap signs.

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

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:** None.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Smith made a motion to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.