

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 3, 2013

5:30 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 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 was City Attorney, Julie Newhouse.

PUBLIC HEARING PETITION TO AMEND CITY ZONING ORDINANCE – Mayor Pavey opened the meeting for a public hearing in regard to the Petition to Amend the City Zoning Ordinance. Pavey asked for comments or questions from the public. There were none. Bridges made a motion to close the public hearing. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASE - The meeting was opened for a public hearing in regard to the rate increase for water and sewer. Mayor Pavey asked for questions or comments from the public. There were none. Bridges made a motion to close the public hearing. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES: The minutes from August 20, 2013 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 the following:

1. We lost Markus Strobl, a good citizen of our community last week.
2. Prayers go out to Heather Sheehan as she faces surgery this Friday.
3. This Saturday girls from the Hoosier Youth Challenge will be working on sprucing up Main Street.
4. The meeting with the Chamber, the ECDC, and the School Board was well received.
5. Rush Fest is coming up later this month. Along with the festival there will be a poker run. A segment of Main Street will be closed for a portion of the day. The last concert will also be that weekend featuring Pink Droyd.
6. You should receive an invitation soon for the legacy and philanthropy program which is being put on by the City and the Foundation. This will be September 26th at the Elks.

7. We will be scheduling a ribbon cutting for the new walking trails.
8. We have received the notice to proceed on 16th Street.
9. The ACT Program has been approved. This is a certified work ready community program.
10. We are working with the EDA on the North Industrial Park project. We had a wage board hearing and have advertised for bids.
11. We have received the financial settlement on the Park Restaurant.
12. The first Coffee with a Cop segment went well.
13. Our last concert, the Michael Jackson Tribute Band, was the biggest concert so far.
14. Gettinger's opened their new venue this past Saturday.
15. Attended a meeting with the Ivy Tech Board for our region. We are trying to get more of a connection with Ivy Tech.
16. Made contact with Matt Vance to name a legislative body youth advisor. This would help to give us insight as to what young people in our community would like.
17. The Historic Board will meet for discussion after this meeting. They would like to discuss the direction of the Historic Board.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:

Clerk-Treasurer Copley informed Council that the next meeting we will be having a public hearing on the 2014 budget.

There is now a link on the City's website to view the Board of Works and Council meetings.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Council President Bridges said he sent a copy of a vicious dog ordinance for review before the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Amphitheater** –
2. **Comprehensive Plan** –
3. **Trash Sub Committee** –
4. **Employee Benefit/City Policy** - The Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer will be meeting September 12 and 13 to prepare a list of items to present to Council for possible changes.
5. **APC/BZA Building Code** – The meeting with the new APC Director went well. We appear to be headed in the right direction.
6. **Utility Board/BW/CC Working Committee** –

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police –Chief Tucker said Zane Faw began employment with the City today.

Little Stars Learning Academy have voiced a concern about speeding, and have asked if the speed limit could be adjusted from 30 to 20 mile an hour from 11th and Arthur to 9th and Arthur. Council suggested that we have more of a police presence in the area. They also suggested that there may be less intrusive solutions.

Animal – Moran said they are having an event Saturday at Family Video from noon to 3:00. She also said they are looking for dog walkers to walk dogs in the Rush Fest parade.

Fire – EMS – Chief Jenkins said he and Assistant Chief Munson met with the Medical Director and the EMS Director at Ball State. We will be having a meet & greet with the firefighters. They will assess our current operation and how we would like to move forward. We will use their protocols. There will be monthly training sessions with IU.

Jenkins is in the process of obtaining quotes for vehicles, billing service, financial agreements and graphics. The quotes will be opened September 6 and brought to the Board of Works September 17.

Jenkins said he would like the Board of Works and Council to give him their 10 most asked questions regarding the ambulance service. He will prepare this list of questions and answers. Councilman Smith suggested having an open house to answer questions.

Conner asked what the startup date would be. Jenkins said he anticipates the beginning date to be January 1, 2014.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Revisions to City Animal Shelter Policy** – Mayor Pavey said we need to incorporate into this policy what we do regarding an individual being incarcerated. There was an incident where someone was asked to take care of animals while someone was incarcerated. They did for a few days and then the animal was left in the house without any care. The clock starts ticking when a person goes to jail. It may be necessary for someone to come in and sign that they will be taking care of the animals.
2. **Ordinance 2013-10 – Water Rate Increase 3rd Reading** – Sheehan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-10 on third reading. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. **Ordinance 2013-11 – Sewer Rate Increase 3rd Reading** – Berkemeier made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-11 on third reading. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Ordinance 2013-14 – Water Bond Ordinance 3rd Reading** – Conner made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-14 on third reading. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Ordinance 2013-15 – Sewer Bond Ordinance 3rd Reading** – Berkemeier made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-15 on third reading. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 2013-12 Petition to Amend City Zoning Ordinance** – Sheehan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-12. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Swearing In of New Officers: Mayor Pavey gave the oath of office to Andrew Parmerlee and Zane Faw.

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: There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.