

**MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA**  
**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**SEPTEMBER 1, 2015**  
**5:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Board of Public Works and Safety met on the above date and time at 270 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville, Indiana. In the absence of Mayor Pavey, Gary Cameron called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Board members, Gary Cameron, Darrin McGowan, Ron Jarman, and Dr. John Williams answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Julie Newhouse.

**MINUTES:** McGowan made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2015 meeting as presented. Jarman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Cameron reported the following:

1. The Mayor is in Chicago attending a brownfield conference.
2. The Utility Board has accepted the resignation of Tim Sheehan. Sheehan will be replaced by Dale Gardner.
3. The fence is installed at the retention pond. The electrical work will be completed next week and then they will complete seeding.
4. The Mayor is meeting with the design architect for the Princess.
5. Compaction testing was done for the Farmers Market project. They intended to do 4 but could only complete 3. This may cause some changes to the building.

**CLERK-TREASURER' REPORT:** None.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Street** – Street Commissioner Miller said Bryce Thomas' last day will be Friday. He would like to bring back Brad Koehler for 6 weeks at \$8.00 per hour. McGowan made a motion to allow Koehler to come back for a period of 6 weeks at \$8.00 per hour. Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Miller said heavy trash will be picked up September 28 thru October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Trash is not to be placed out for pick up before the week of September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Animal** – Animal Warden Moran handed out a copy of her new report. She said she is working on glitches.

She said she received a net gun today. She said this will be helpful in capturing animals.

**Fire** – Chief Jenkins handed out monthly and year-to date reports. He also handed out an ambulance fee schedule and some comparison fees.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **211 N Main Street** – Cameron said the last piece of information has been received and it is being reviewed.
2. **Property Adjacent to Merrill Magee** – No action at this time.
3. **Waggoner Pool Year-End Closeout** – The Mayor is setting a meeting with Hannum, Wagle & Cline.
4. **Animal Control Part-Time Employee Hire** – Moran said she is collecting applications but is not ready to proceed.
5. **Park Program Director Position** – Interviews have been conducted. The Mayor hopes to make a decision by mid-week.
6. **Park Master Plan** – Surveys are coming in and being reviewed.
7. **Executive and Capital Planning Retreat** – Councilman Smith is working on retreat plans.
8. **Downtown Enhancement Grant** – Nothing
9. **Dispatch Hiring Update** – Chief Tucker recommended hiring Jane Sparks. Sparks has 20 years of experience in communication and is certified. Jarman made a motion to hire Sparks. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
10. **Broadband Ready Community On-Line Forms** – Jarman said they met yesterday. They are working with the State on the program

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Fire Department Hiring Process** – Chief Jenkins asked permission to advertise and go through the steps for a firefighter replacement. Jarman made a motion to allow Jenkins to begin the hiring process. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Dispatch Equipment** – Chief Tucker said the conversations regarding a joint City/County under one location have slowed. He said they will wait awhile and revisit the issue. Motorola is currently building the radio equipment. The old equipment is currently functioning
3. **Probationary Period – Brandon Meyer**– Chief Tucker said Brandon Meyer was hired as a communication officer a year ago. He is now a patrolman. When became a patrolman he went back on probationary pay. He asked the Board to consider waiving the

probation pay, but leave on probationary status. Williams made a motion to waive the probationary pay period as non-precedence. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. **Levee Joint Funding Agreement** – Williams made a motion to approve the joint levee funding agreement. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before the Board; Jarman made a motion to adjourn. McGowan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.