MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA
COMMON COUNCIL
JUNE 7, 2016
6:15 PM

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 OF 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, Gary Cameron answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

PUBLIC HEARING:  Disposal of Property Corner of US 52 and Henderson Road. There being no comments or questions, Councilman Conner made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Councilman Cameron. Motion carried.

MINUTES:  Cameron made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2016 meeting. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR’S REPORTS:  Mayor Pavey reported:
1. The concert this weekend has been advertised as a public meeting. They suggest having a community celebration in order for the community to get more information about the Stellar program. There will hopefully be some fun activities for the public to get involved.
2. Amphitheater will be featured on Channel 13 news at noon as a community in best practices in summer concert series.
3. City Center – concerns about building. Building committee still waiting to get some direction.
4. Cherry Street Phase 2 and Trail proposal. There will be an interview on the 24th at INDOT in order for us to get awarded Phase 2. Also preliminary field check to coordinate all utilities are in place for Phase 1.
5. Brownfield Grant - Phase 2 make sure environmental phases are in place (PN Hirsch Building and Laker Supply.)
6. ECDC not present tonight they have site visit tomorrow.
7. Farmers Market is ready to start.
8. Pavillion crews in to get frame in place.
9. We are watching the 16th Street draining, it seems to be working.
10. FEMA Board of Works talked about this - Phase 2 & 3
11. Asked Chuck Jenkins to check over code enforcement ordinance to see if any phasing makes sense or if any changes need to be made.
12. Jail – 5 to 6 variances and one topic the City will try to aid them when we can. Utility pole changing the route and aiding on storm water drainage.
CLERK TREASURER’S REPORT: None

COUNCIL PRESIDENTS REPORT: Councilman Bridges reported the City of Rushville Police Department is hosting SRO training with 11 police officers attending from around the state. Thanked Sandy and the Chamber of Commerce for putting together a gift packet for each officer.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

POLICE – Chief Tucker informed council that Officer Brandon Meyer will be graduating from the Law Enforcement Academy June 24, 2016.

Chief Tucker bragged on the Reserve Unit who have put in over 800 hours helping the department since June 1st. Helping with staffing storage and will really busy with the Concert series and fair approaching. Thanked Bob Bridges and Mike Tames for putting a lot of their time into the unit.

FIRE – Chief Jenkins passed out his Fire/EMS report.

ANIMAL – Animal Control Warden Moran reported that the Board of Works agreed to hire Evan Kennedy as part-time to fill the vacancies from Chris Jones who had quit.

STREET - Commissioner Miller reported he would like to thank the Sheriff's Department for letting 3 inmates help mow, weed eat, pick-up trash through the community on a work release program. Mayor reported he will try to communicate more to let the council know the inmates are out working to help aid the Street department if public questions arise.

PARKS - Director Aaron Gurley reported on the upcoming events in the Park:

RCHS will utilize the pool for summer school. This is the first since 2010. Chemical flow problem was corrected at the pool and all is well up and running. Received many compliments on upgrade and remodel. Swimming lessons will be offered beginning week of July 11th and July 18th Cost of lessons is $30.00 per week. Pool has been averaging 147 people per day. Handicap chair lift has been used on several occasions and is working well. Lifeguards were given a short training on how to operate the system. Saturday, July 16th 2016 will be Raymond Gibson Day at the pool in honor of former Mayor. There will be no charge that day. Dollar Days at the pool are as follows: Friday, June 24th, Friday, July 8th and Friday, July 22nd. Upcoming movie nights in the parks are as follows: Saturday, June 25th at Riverside Park the movie “Goonies” will start at 9 p.m. Admission is free. Concessions will be available for purchase. This movie is being sponsored by the Rushville Fire & EMS. The second movie will be Saturday, July 16th, 2016. The movie will be “Zootopia” at South Veterans Park starting at 9 p.m. Admission is free and concessions will be available to purchase. This movie is being sponsored by the Rushville Parks Department and the Rushville Police Department. In partnership with Rush County Purdue Extension office which will be offering some up-coming programs. Working with Tonya Campbell the NEP Coordinator offering 2016 Kids cooking club. These classes are free. Biking group offered every Tuesday and Thursday starting at 8 a.m.
Walking groups also available – Monday and Wednesday starting at 7:30 a.m. Evenings will be added in July.
Water aerobics will be held Wednesday and Friday evenings from 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.
Pinterest night in the park – Wednesday June 29th at 6:00 p.m. at the Danny and Linda Mathews Shelter. Cost is $10.00 with all proceeds going to Relay for Life.
Community Garden has been planted. The local Big Brothers and Big Sisters organization participated in planting day.
Summer camp in the parks program is July 18th thru July 22nd.

CITIZENS CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Attorney Contract- Mayor informed the council that the City Attorney contract has been signed.

Ordinance # 2016-10 Outdoor Flea Market – Councilman Connor made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-10. Seconded by Cameron. Motion carried.

Ordinance # 2016-9 Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Rushville, Indiana was presented. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-9. Cameron seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2016-17 Property Liquidation Hwy 52 was presented. Councilman Berkemeier made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-17. Bridges seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2016-15 Stellar Recognition Endorsement – Next meeting.

Interlocal Agreement PEGS (City of Rushville & Rush County Schools) – Update between City and school. Very close on getting things ready to run the day to day operation.

NEW BUSINESS:

INTAT CF1 and Workbook – David Reed representing INTAT was present to answer any questions Council may have. The Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Reed for all his past service to the community stating INTAT is always willing to support our community. A motion to approve INTAT’S CF1 was made by Councilman Bridges. Seconded by Connor. Motion carried.

Rezoning – City of Rushville 718 West 1st Street – Planning and Zoning Director Bryant Niehoff presented a proposal for rezoning at 718 West First Street from R1 Residential to C1. The Advisory Board met on May 25, 2016 and reviewed the proposal. They recommended moving forward with the rezoning. Bridges made a motion to rezoning 718 West First Street to C1 from R1. Smith seconded. Motion carried.

EMA – CHUCK KEMKER – Multi-Hazard Mitigation – Public Meeting – EMA Director Kemker explained that the Rush County Mitigation Steering Committee will host a public information strategy planning session at 10:00 a.m. July 13 at the Rush County Courthouse Assembly Room. Kemker stated that over the last several months a planning committee consisting of community members has worked with The Polis Center at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) to update a
Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan for Rush County. Once the plan is updated, the committee will submit it to FEMA for approval. The committee will also work to develop funding for any mitigation activities that are identified. Input from the public would be welcomed and may contact Charles Kemker at 765-932-8391 or ema@rushcounty.in.gov.

BLUE RIBBON ESTATES – Valerie McGown was present to petition to the Council the need to have street lights in the court area of Blue Ribbon Estates. She also requested No Parking Signs in order for Fire and or Ambulance to get through. After discussion Councilman Cameron will look into the right of ways with Chief Tucker and will report back to the council his findings.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION MARTIN RILEY – Gary Cameron will represent the Board of Works and Craig Smith will represent Council to negotiate fees.

CLAIMS – Conner made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE – Les Day discussed Phase 3 of the long term control plan. He said it is a 15 year plan to eliminate overflow by 2022. He said this will cause a rate increase or a storm water utility, or maybe a combination of both. The cost is approximately 3.2 million.

ADJOURN – There was no further business to come before Council; Bridges made a motion to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.