

**MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA
COMMON COUNCIL
JANUARY 21, 2014
6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: The City of Rushville Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was led by Boy Scout Alex Farthing.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Brian Sheehan answered roll call. Student Advisor, Jessica Miller was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, Frank Denzler and Kate Thurston from *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES: Minutes of the January 7, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. Conner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. Introduced William Farthing, Eagle Scout, who worked on the boat ramp.
2. Thanks to the Street and Park Department for their efforts in removing the snow.
3. Met with a group called Extraordinary Indiana. They will be putting together a 30 minute PBS film. This will include interviews with Intat, Emerson and Trane.
4. Had a kick off meeting with HWC on the Comprehensive Plan. They want to work with our marketing group.
5. The committee for the police retention study had a meeting on the 16th and another is scheduled for January 30th.
6. Representative Luke Messer was in town on Friday.
7. The State of the City address has been cancelled twice due to the weather. It should take place next Tuesday.
8. Harlem Globe Trotters will be in town tomorrow.
9. There will be a 16th Street meeting tomorrow morning.
10. The APC/BZA piece goes before the Commissioners on January 27th.
11. The Harvey property is 90% down.
12. At our next meeting we will have the ADA public hearing.
13. RFP's for the trash totters has been sent out.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:

None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Amphitheater/Park Board** – The Amphitheater Committee will announce the acts for this year on the 29th at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Comprehensive Plan** –
3. **Trash Sub Committee – RFP** –
4. **Employee Benefit/City Policy-Email** – Sent a markup copy for Council's review and comments.
5. **APC/Building Code** –
6. **Marketing** – A meeting is set for next Monday.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Animal – Animal Warden Moran said they have begun a micro chipping program.

Park – Park Director Mathews reported the Valentine Dance will be February 7th from 6:00-8:00 at BRMS. Chaperones are needed.

Street – Commissioner Miller said he is wishing for no more snow.

Fire – Chief Jenkins presented an Intercept Agreement with RMH for review. He also passed out an EMS run report to date. Smith suggested a contingency in the agreement that we pay RMH only if we are paid. Jenkins said he thought we should pay at least some type of stipend even if we do not get paid for a run.

Councilman Smith said he was impressed with the ambulance response time.

Police – Chief Tucker said the Board of Works will be interviewing 4 patrolman candidates on the 28th. They are also trying to build staffing on the reserve program.

The benefits committee met last week and will meet again on the 30th.

They are upgrading their radios and are purchasing air cards for the cars.

The Board of Works approved moving forward with a contract employee.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: Frank Denzler introduced Kate Thurston who will be covering the Council meetings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Charitable Giving Contracts** – The contracts have been sent out to organizations for signatures.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 2014-3 hiring of Special Police Officers** – Conner made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-3. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Sale of 424 W 1st Street** – No bids were received. We will go back through the process with adjacent property owners pursuant to statute.
3. **Purchase of Police Car** – Chief Tucker received 2 quotes on cars and one on a Tahoe. He said the best deal was on the Charger. The price for the car and equipment is \$27,858.00. They will trade in the K-9 vehicle. They will take the Tahoe that we have and retrofit it for use as the K-9 vehicle. The Humane Society has offered to pay for the retrofit.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE – Indot contacted us regarding the corvette parked on Main Street. They said they have no ordinance against this. They said the City has their permission to move forward with removal of the vehicle. Currently the owner is moving the vehicle a couple of spaces every day or so.

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

ADJOURN – There was no further business to come before Council; Sheehan made a motion to adjourn. Bridges seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.