

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

OCTOBER 1, 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 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO 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, Bradley Berkemeier, and Brian Sheehan answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Julie Newhouse.

**PUBLIC HEARING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:** Deb Lilly explained the OCRA Grant for the Comprehensive Plan. She said the last plan the City had prepared was in 2006, with this grant we will establish an updated plan. Hannum, Wagle, & Cline have been chosen as the engineering firm if the grant is awarded. The amount of the grant is \$38,800.00 and local funds are \$4,200.00. Lilly 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:** Minutes of the September 17, 2013 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. Bids will be opened tomorrow for the North Industrial Park project.
2. Ann and I will meet with the State Board of Accounts tomorrow for our audit exit conference.
3. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for Farm Credit Services at 11:00 a.m. tomorrow north of town.
4. Thursday there will be a pre-construction meeting for 16<sup>th</sup> Street
5. The Governor will be in town this Friday around 11:00 with the ABATE Club. We are expecting approximately 200-500 motorcycles. They will be stopping at Poolside Drive and the Governor will speak.
6. Monday and Tuesday I will be attending the IACT conference.
7. Today I met with Dr. Tincher, who is the Chancellor of the Richmond Region of Ivy Tech. We have come to the conclusion that there is a lot more we can do.
8. Today we had a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new trail at Emerson and the Comfort Inn.

9. Would like Council's feedback on moving forward with Rails to Trails. The City can make a request for anything 4 ½ miles out of our jurisdiction. I would like to continue those conversations.
10. I received a letter from IDEM revising our long term control plan. The implementation date has been shifted to December 2022.
11. You will soon be seeing some drawing relating to the west end park.
12. We had the legacy program last week. Thanks to Julie for coordinating the program.
13. Met with INDOT last Friday and discussed various topics.

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

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **Amphitheater/Park's Board** – None.
2. **Comprehensive Plan** – None.
3. **Trash Sub Committee** – We have met and are moving forward on obtaining pricing.
4. **Employee Benefits/City Policy** – None.
5. **APC/BZA – Building Code** – Working through with discussions.
6. **Utility Board/BW/CC** – None.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Police** – Chief Tucker invited everyone to Reserve Officer, Floyd Cameron's retirement celebration on October 9, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at 201 Building. Cameron has served as a reserve officer for 45 years.

**Street** – They are working on the boat launch. Heavy trash has been very light.

**Park** – With the help of Carole Yeend, Park Director Mathews was able to travel to Aurora and picked up trailer full of pumpkins to give away on Halloween.

**Fire** – Chief Jenkins said the Board of Works gave him permission to move forward with Mutual Aid Agreement with RMH.

**Animal** – Moran will have reports to Council tomorrow.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** Sheehan received a complaint of high grass and weeds at 8<sup>th</sup> & Harrison Streets. Jenkins will send notice.

Sheehan said he spoke with Bill Hewitt regarding heavy trash. He suggested we think about a “shark permit” for those traveling alleys and picking through trash. Hewitt had a broken trampoline in his yard and someone went into his yard and took the trampoline.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Little Stars Recommendation** – Chief Tucker made the following recommendation:
  - Allow parking on both sides of the street.
  - Paint a crosswalk with hash marks.
  - Add a yellow “school zone” sign.
  - Define a “school” as a fixed facility occupied and used for the sole purpose of educating students.

Sheehan made a motion to accept the recommendation of Chief Tucker. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tucker said they will look into a better option for drop off and pick up.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Budget Ordinance 2013-17** – Bridges made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-17. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Budget Meeting** – Council agreed to have a budget discussion immediately after the next Council meeting

2. **Transfer Resolution 2013-9** – Sheehan made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-9. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Resolution 2013-10 Authorizing Submission of CDBG Planning Grant** – Berkemeier made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-10. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Craven’s Property** – Pavey informed Council that the Board of Works agreed to advertise the property for sale.
5. **Park Restaurant Town Hall Meeting** – There will be a Town Hall Meeting on the former park restaurant building Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Council Chambers. The park restaurant building will be open at 5:00 for viewing.
6. **North Industrial Park Update – Finalize Loan** – John McCane said the bids for the North Industrial Park project will be open tomorrow. McCane asked for final approval of the funds for the project. The loan was previously approved under Ordinance 2012-18 on

September 18, 2012 with an amount not to exceed \$2,046,799.00. The loan will be repaid to the City through TIF funds. Smith made a motion to loan \$1,661,575.00 from the electric liquidation fund with a 3% interest rate to the Redevelopment Commission. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7. **ECDC Report** – ECDC Director McCane gave a brief report of the projects they have been working on during the last year. Some of those items were the South Industrial Park near the St Paul exit; the North Industrial Park at 200 North & Highway 3; Industrial and Commercial Business and Expansions; Local Education and Continuing Education; and Partnerships.

Pavey said Rush County has the lowest unemployment rate in our 9 county Workforce Region at 6.5%.

Councilman Sheehan informed Council of several businesses that have made improvements to their buildings and made investments in our community.

Sheehan also said there is currently \$9,491.00 in the Smile Fund. If you know anyone in need they can contact the Heart of Rushville, Councilman Sheehan, or Mayor Pavey. The purpose of the Smile fund is helping others.

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

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:** Intat will be going before the BZA to request permission to upgrade their signage. Mayor Pavey has written a letter of support for the upgrade. Sheehan made a motion of support for upgrading Intat's sign. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Conner Restaurant would like permission to close a section of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street on October 12 from 4:00 – 8:00 for a carnival setting welcoming Sammy Terry Jr. Sheehan made a motion to permit the closing of the section of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Smith made a motion to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.