

**MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA
COMMON COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 19, 2013
6:00 P.M.**

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 6:00 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: Members Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Brian Sheehan answered roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Frank Denzler, *Rushville Republican*.

PUBLIC HEARING LIBRARY GRANT – Deb Lilly reported that the City received a grant for \$15,000.00 for a library feasibility study. Matthew Mayol from Odle Mcquire & Shook gave a short presentation on the project.

Councilman Smith questioned the time line for phase 1 and 2. Mayol replied approximately 18-24 months.

Berkemeier asked for confirmation that it is a City public library now? Lou Starkey said yes, but there are discussions with the County.

Smith asked if there would be options to host conferences, classes, etc. Starkey stated that they want it to be a community hub.

Sheehan asked about the options for funding and the possibility of pooling resources with Partner's for Progress. Mayor Pavey said we need to figure out where it all fits in with other projects.

Starkey said the Library Board approved the study last night.

Smith made a motion to close the public hearing. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-13 approving the Public Library Feasibility Study. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Minutes of the November 5, 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. Tomorrow he and John McCane will meet with INDOT on the Cherry Street extension.
2. Meridian Health is having a ribbon cutting tomorrow.
3. There will be an APC/BZA meeting on building department on November 26th at 8:30.
4. On the 21st the Mayor and John McCane will be going to Greenfield to talk to the local district about the Cherry Street extension.
5. Christmas on Main Street will be this Friday.
6. Ann has scheduled OSHA training for all employees on December 11.
7. Today was "Student in Government Day".
8. Today I went to the schools and presented them with a drawing by Paul Gaunt of all the presidents.
9. I received the numbers back on the remaining insurance renewals and there were no changes.
10. Equipment is moving on 16th Street. There has been some minor vandalism.
11. Received answers back on rails to trails.
12. We will have our next business retention and expansion meeting this week with McQueary Block.
13. Ann and I believe we have come up with the funding for the Harvey demolition. So we will be moving forward.
14. The 10 questions and answers on utilities are posted on facebook.
15. The Rush County Education Initiatives, their new name is "K to Success". Their first meeting went well. The meeting was to regarding connecting business with students and teachers.
16. The Utility Board opened bids for the utility project tonight.
17. Active shooter report is back. It was more positive than negative.
18. We will submit paperwork to EDA tomorrow for the North Industrial Park project to move forward.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:

Copley said the OSHA GHS Training will be December 11th on Hazardous materials.

Copley also reported that they are working with the new Keystone program. Some of the reports will look a little different.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Bridges said he received an email from Meridian Health Services. We had sent a letter of support. Meridian is 1 of 6 health centers in Indiana to be chosen for the award of the funding. This would be beneficial to Rush County to get affordable care here.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Amphitheater/Park Board** – None
2. **Comprehensive Plan** – Hope to have by the end of the month.
3. **Trash Sub Committee** –Waiting on another response.
4. **Employee Benefit/City Policy** – Adding a social media component.
5. **APC/BZA Building Code** – Will be addressed November 26.
6. **Utility Board/BW/CC/Steering Committee** – None.
7. **Marketing Meeting** - Thursday at 6:00.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Animal – Animal Control Warden Moran said they have had an intake of 664 and have euthanized 93 which comes to about 14%.

Fire – Chief Jenkins said they training on charts and protocols.

Jenkins passed out a sample ordinance for consideration by Council for Maintenance of Vacant and Foreclosing Residential Structures and Properties. Vacant properties would have to register with the City. Someone would have control of the property and make sure it stays in good shape. The City takes care of approximately 19-20 properties every year.

Police - Mayor Pavey said we have advertised for a Police officer. He said we hope to be ready to hire the first meeting in February.

Pavey said Chief Tucker had surgery on his elbow yesterday.

Smith asked if we have implemented any retention policies. Pavey said we have implemented some. Frank Denzler suggested looking at the County's 4 year retention plan.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Park Restaurant Update** – Dave Zellner said it will be hard to make the structure a usable building. It would cost approximately \$24,000 to add a slab. To make the facility a usable shelter we would have to consider building code issues. Relocation is feasible,

but not sure about the warranties on the structure. With the structure being in a flood plain we would need DNR approval on the structure.

Sheehan asked if we can move the base. Pavey said yes.

Pavey said he will get quotes to disassemble the structure.

It would cost approximately \$50,000 to build a wall to make the building flood proof.

Zellner said the City might consider auctioning the building.

2. **Resolution 2013-11 Food and Beverage Tax** – Sheehan made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-11 with the stipulation that the funds be used for education. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Ordinance 2013-22 Tree City Designation** – Pavey said this is a partner program with the clean city. Sheehan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-22. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ross Winters – Amphitheater Request** – Alisa Henderson and Ross Winters came before Council to request the use of the amphitheater for their wedding. They would be serving alcohol at the reception. Conner made a motion to allow the wedding at the amphitheater and Newhouse will draw up an agreement. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Fuel Bids** – Only one bid was received. The bid was from Harvestland Co-op as follows:
87 octane:
Fixed price = 3.1093
Escalating & de-escalating = 2.8689
Diesel:
Fixed price = 3.3795
Escalating & de-escalating = 3.4616

Bridges made a motion to table for review. Conner seconded the motion with Councilman Smith voting “nay”.

3. **Resolution 2013-12 Identifying by Position the ADA Coordinator** - Smith made a motion to approve the deputy clerk to be the ADA Coordinator. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. **Ordinance 2013-24 – Amended Sewage Bond Ordinance** – Berkemeier made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-24. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried. Councilman Sheehan was out of the room and did not vote.

5. **CLAIMS APPROVAL:** Smith made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried. Councilman Sheehan was out of the room and did not vote.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:

Fuel Bids:

After further review from Councilman Sheehan, Smith made a motion to approve the fixed price bid. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilman Sheehan abstaining from the vote.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Conner made a motion to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.