

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 5, 2013

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville, Indiana met on the above date and time. 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, Brad Berkemeier, and Brian Sheehan answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Julie Newhouse.

MINUTES: Minutes of the October 15, 2013 meeting were presented for approval. Bridges made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION: **Legislative Body Youth Advisor – IC-36-4-13-2** – Mayor Pavey introduced Jessica Miller. Miller will be serving as a legislative body youth advisor. She is allowed to participate but will not be allowed to vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. There will be a wrap up meeting on November 12 for the active shooter exercise.
2. On November 13th there will be a meeting of the School Board Task Force. It is called K Through Success. This is a partnership between school and businesses.
3. The Chamber will be sponsoring a social media seminar on November 14th.
4. The ARC wheel chair bowling will be on November 17th.
5. The Beta program is November 18th.
6. Christmas on Main is scheduled for November 22nd.
7. Construction on 16th Street has started.
8. We continued visiting businesses which included Flatrock River Lodge and Holland Ceramics.
9. The Unsafe Hearing Board accepted a bid to tear down the Harvey property on North Arthur Street.
10. The Unsafe Hearing Board also voted to remove the remaining portion of the tree on Sexton Street. The property will be cleaning up and secured.
11. Received a positive quarterly report on the Animal Shelter.
12. Came to a conclusion on the barbeque smokers.
13. If you see some equipment on the levee it is for the recertification that is taking place.

14. Will provide Council with the 12 most asked questions and answers in regard to the utility rate increase.
15. The date change for trick or treating went well.
16. Thanked Jemmy Miller and Danny Mathews for their work on the haunted trail. It was very well attended.
17. We had training for the utility employees and the girls at City Hall on the rate increase.
18. The consensus of the Park Restaurant Town Hall meeting was to keep something on the property. I have asked for a formal opinion from DNR as to what is allowed there due to being in the flood plain.
19. The Redevelopment Commission is expected to accept the approval of lowest bidder at a meeting tomorrow. Construction on the North Industrial Park should begin shortly after the final approval from EDA.
20. The wine tasting fund raiser for the Boys & Girls Club went well.
21. Received road classifications for Spencer Street, 200 North, and Cherry Street. This allows us to move forward with projects, specifically Cherry Street.
22. The EIDD meeting at Ivy Tech went well. We continue to move forward into new organization.
23. Michael Newton from Ball State is doing some filming to promote Rushville.
24. Some of you may receive information on a marketing and branding meeting.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT – None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Council President Bridges said some of the elementary schools will be having Veterans Day programs on November 11th.

The wine tasting fund raiser for the Boys & Girls Club was down a little, but went well.

Father Gries asked him to thank the Street Department, the Mayor, and Council for the temporary handicap parking on 5th Street.

Councilman Smith said they are accepting names for the Honor Flight to DC.

There will be a service at the Veteran's Bridge on Monday at 11:00 a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Amphitheater/Park Board** – There will be a meeting to talk about park improvements.
2. **Comprehensive Plan** – Expected to be released in December.
3. **Trash Sub Committee** – We are putting together RFP's.
4. **Employee Benefit/City Policy** – Progressing.

5. APC/BZA – Building Code –

6. Utility Board/BW/CC/Steering Committee –

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police –Chief Tucker said the Active Shooter Exercise went well. We received positive feedback.

We seized a vehicle through a forfeiture process. The vehicle went up for Sheriff’s sale and Tracy Newhouse purchased it for \$246.00. The Police Department has no use for the vehicle. We have a buyer interested in the vehicle. Since the value is under \$1,000.00 we are allowed to sell at private sale.

Fire - Chief Jenkins said he has received certification on the ambulance. We have a signed contract with a supervising hospital. The date for the open house has not been set. We will be picking up the ambulance tomorrow after the graphics have been applied. We put out a request to RMH for a mutual aid agreement. They did not sign the agreement, but said they would assist as they have in the past if available. We have a signed agreement with Raleigh.

Street – Commissioner Miller thanked the Park Department, volunteers, and the Rush County Players for their help with the haunted trail.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: Bridges said he received a suggestion that the City consider the possibility of shortening the trick or treating time to 2 hours instead of 4.

Conner asked if the Harvey property would be demolished pretty quick. Pavey said we will have to find the money since there is not enough currently in the fund. Sheehan said we need to put up police tape or something to keep people out of the building. Pavey said they will get it secured.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Park Restaurant** – Pavey thanked Councilman Berkemeier for providing minutes from the park restaurant town hall meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Swearing In Reserve Officer Bill Hufford** – Mayor Pavey gave the oath of office to Bill Hufford as a Reserve Police Officer.
2. **Gas Bids November 19** – Fuel bids will be accepted at the next meeting.
3. **Memorandum Budget Limit Spending** – Mayor Pavey sent a memorandum to the Department Heads instructing them that they are to get his permission before spending \$1,000.00 or more in their budgets.

4. **Ordinance 2013-20 Designating Depositories** – Bridges made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-20. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Ordinance 2013-21 Non Reverting Account** – Sheehan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-21. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **Health Insurance Update** – Kevin Mandrell presented the renewal for Health Insurance from Anthem with a 2.9% increase, with no changes to the plan. Mandrell said the City's plans are ACA compliant. Sheehan moved to approve the rate increase and schedule open enrollment. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Berkemeier left the meeting at 7:07.

Smith made a motion for the City to pay the 2.9% increase for the insurance. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7. **Resolution 2013-11 Food and Beverage Tax** – Mayor Pavey presented a food and beverage tax resolution for Council's review. He said this is something that IACT is proposing if communities want it. He said 17 counties have said they would like to be considered. The money would be used for secondary education and skills training if the resolution is passed. The tax would be in the amount of 1%. This is something that would need to be in place by the end of the year for the City to be considered. Sheehan said he would like to have something in the resolution stating that we reserve the right to move forward. Bridges made a motion to table until the next meeting. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8. **Ordinance 2013-22 Tree City Designation** – Pavey informed Council that this Ordinance promotes trees and gives guidelines. Bridges made a motion to table until the next meeting. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE – Mayor Pavey informed Council that upon the request of Chief Tucker, the Board of Works recommended to increase the part time dispatcher's salary from \$9.50 to \$10.00 per hour. Sheehan made a motion to approve the increase for part time dispatcher from \$9.50 to \$10.00 per hour beginning January 1, 2014. 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 7:45 p.m.