

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

DECEMBER 17, 2013

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 recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, Brian Sheehan, and Student Advisor, Jessica Miller, answered roll call.

MINUTES: The minutes from December 3, 2013 meeting were presented for approval. Bridges made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. Last week there was a call for projects with INDOT for the 2017 projects.
2. We also submitted for the trails planning grant.
3. Gave Council a copy of the submission to the Governor on transportation.
4. Tomorrow is the Christmas party at Shares at 12:30.
5. The regional Ivy Tech meeting will be the 19th.
6. Friday I will meet with elected officials to talk about the projects we are working on.
7. The State of the City address will be January 7th at Rotary.
8. There is equipment and materials on the 16th Street location.
9. The Commissioners are interested in the Rails to Trails and would like to continue to look into the project.
10. The APC/BZA group continues to meet to develop strategy to give to the County.
11. Heavy equipment has been moved onto the Harvey property. They have cleaned up the west end.
12. ADA should be ready for final approve by the end of January.
13. The Comprehensive Plan was awarded.
14. The web site is coming along.
15. Thanked those who participated in K Through Success.
16. Mayor Pavey said he may be asking members of Council to sit on a committee to develop a retention program for the Police Department.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Copley reminded the Department Heads to have their bills into her office by noon on the 26th. She asked for 3 volunteers to approve the final claims on the 30th. Bridges, Berkemeier and Conner volunteered.

Ordinance 2013-26 EMS Non-Reverting Fund – Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-26. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Bridges said he was approached a couple of weeks ago from a resident that is interested in purchasing the bare lot addressed as 815 W 9th Street. Pavey said Newhouse is in the process of getting an appraisal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Amphitheater/Park Board** – None.
2. **Comprehensive Plan** – The contract has been approved.
3. **Trash Sub Committee** – We are ready to get RFP's on the totters.
4. **Employee Benefit/City Policy** – Mayor Pavey is working to complete this.
5. **APC/BZA Building Code** – Discussed.
6. **Marketing** – Sheehan gave the last presentation. The next step is to sit down with Shelle Design and Kristen Barada to discuss branding. Then we will see where we are. We will discuss the benefits of branding for the community and will identify sources around here.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Park – Mayor Pavey said the last Park Board meeting was at the newly remodeled Laughlin Shelter. Pavey said this is a very nice facility.

Fire – Assistant Chief Munson said Rescue 1 is ready to go. Sometime this week they will pick up a loaner to use until Rescue 2 is ready for delivery.

Munson said they have handed out 17 applications for On Call personnel and 11 of those have been turned in. The bay door is completed. Doctors from IU Health will be coming down and would like to meet with Council sometime in January.

Police – Chief Tucker said he has spoken with Chief Jenkins and they will finalize all communications on EMS.

The Board of works accepted the resignation of Randy Meek effective December 31st.

The application process for the hiring process is closed. They have 32 applicants. Testing is scheduled for December 29th.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: George Coons wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked the City for everything they do. He said he is proud to have his granddaughters attend Rush County Schools.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution 2013-11 – Attachment Supporting Data** – Smith made a motion to attach supporting data to Resolution 2013-11. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Emerson Abatement Request** – Smith made a motion to approve the tax abatement for Emerson. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Transfer Resolution 2013-16** – Bridges made a motion to approve Transfer Resolution 2013-16. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Resolution 2013-15 Supporting ACT Certified Work Ready Communities Program (ECDC)** – Berkemeier made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-15. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Ordinance 2013-30 Adopting 2014 Utility Salaries** – Bridges made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-30. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **2014 Utility Budget** – Sheehan made a motion to approve the 2014 Utility budget. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **Milroy TIF District** - Mayor Pavey said at the last Commissioners meeting they discussed that Milroy is developing a TIF district and they would like it to go through the City's Redevelopment Commission since the County does not have a Redevelopment Board. Sheehan made a motion to approve the City's Redevelopment Commission oversee Milroy's TIF District. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. **EOY Meeting** - It was decided that we do not need to call a special end of the year meeting.
8. **Rachel's Challenge** – Jessica Miller thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing her to present this program. She said this is something you need to experience to feel the magic.

Miller said Rachel Scott was the first person killed at Columbine. She said this is a chain reaction of kindness and compassion.

She said there were five goals set by Rachel:

1. Eliminate prejudice
2. Dare to dream
3. Choose your influences
4. Kind words
5. Start a chain reaction

The cost to bring the program to Rushville \$4000.00. Miller said she will approach the Rush County Community Foundation for funding. She asked if Council had any ideas as to where to get funds.

Bridges made a motion for the Clerk-Treasurer to look for \$1,000.00 to put towards this program. Conner 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 – None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier made a motion to adjourn. Smith seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.