

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA

COMMON COUNCIL

JUNE 18, 2013

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

PLEDGE TO FLAG: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Brad Berkemeier, and Brian Sheehan answered roll call. Councilman Smith was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, and Melissa Conrad, *Rushville Republican*.

PUBLIC HEARING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS LRS - Berkemeier made a motion to open the public hearing. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mayor Pavey asked if there were any questions or concerns from the public. There were none. Bridges made a motion to close the public hearing. Sheehan seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

MINUTES: Minutes of the June 4, 2013 meeting were presented for approval. Conner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Pavey introduced Linda Reinstein from the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization. Reinstein came to Rushville today to present the 2014 Alan Reinstein Award to Janelle Bedel. The award is in honor of Reinstein's late husband and it recognizes Bedel's commitment to education, advocacy and support to patients and families around the world. Reinstein thanked the community for what they have done for allowing this important message to be heard and spread throughout our community. Reinstein said thirty Americans die every day from this disease.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Pavey reported the following:

- Thanked volunteers for their help in making the first concert a huge success.
- Thanked volunteers for helping make the Relay for Life weekend successful.
- A letter was sent to the APC and BZA in regard to the reorganization. Pavey said he appeared before the County to inform them of our intentions.
- Informed Council that the BZA will be hearing the matter on the recycling center again in 90 days.

- No one in Rush County has a building inspector title; therefore, someone was brought in from the State to inspect INTAT.
- Had discussion with Steve Tincher, the Chancellor from Richmond concerning opportunities for the learning center.
- The City, ECDC, and the Chamber will be sponsoring “The Face of the Community” tomorrow.
- There will be a SEDS meeting June 25th from 1:00-5:00 at New Castle Rain Tree Inn.

CLERK-TREASURER’S REPORT:

Copley reminded the Department Heads that their budgets need to be in to her by Friday. She said she will be meeting with the DLGF on July 9th.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Bridges said he received a copy of the air permit approval for INTAT. It is effective immediately.

Bridges also shared a letter from John McCane, President of the Redevelopment Commission, stating that there is “no excess assessed value” that may be allocated to the overlapping districts in the TIF area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Amphitheater** – July 19th next concert
2. **Comprehensive Plan** – We are waiting for the library grant project to be completed.
3. **Trash Sub Committee** –
4. **Employee Benefit/City Policy** – The Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer are working on the policy and marking changes where we find necessary. If Council sees any changes they deem necessary please make the Mayor aware.
5. **APC/BZA Building Code** – There is an executive session of the APC tonight. Attended an IACT webinar “Chickens in the City and other Agricultural Challenges”.
6. **Utility Board/BW/CC Working Committee** – Will be meeting soon.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Park – Park Director Mathews said there is new asphalt at the North Memorial Park. They will be moving the handicap swing from South Memorial to the North Memorial Park. There will also be handicap parking in the area. The asphalt was paid for by ARC.

Berkemeier said he would like to thank Park Director Mathews for his efforts to help make Relay for Life successful. He said they raised approximately \$40,000.00.

Police - Chief Tucker said the equipment for the bike patrol has arrived. Training will be next Thursday. He is planning to have units out on the 4th of July.

CITIZEN CONCERNS: Berkemeier said he has been in contact with Crystal Woods in the past week and she is still having issues with the contractor. Councilman Conner said he knows the contractor and will have discussion with him.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Alley Reconfiguration** – Mayor Pavey said he has received no further word on the matter. He will inform Council as information becomes available.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Kevin Mandrell – Insurance** – Kevin Mandrell said the new Health Care Reform is complicated and he is preparing for January 1.

Mandrell said he and the Mayor did a site visit at the Novia Clinic at the High School. He said this is something the City will want to consider. He said he does not think the City will have to make a lot of changes to our plan. Mandrell stated that if the City decided to go self-insured then he would highly suggest that we consider this type of service. Mandrell said we really don't know what to expect with the new Health Care Reform, but we should have a better idea within the next 90 days.

Berkemeier left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Council agreed that it would be beneficial for Mandrell to put together an RFP to see what carriers are available and what they offer.

2. **Grant Application Safety Improvements/Crossing Closures** – Pavey said we have been notified by INDOT that there are some grant possibilities for railroads. Newhouse said she talked with Jason Holder from CFX, regarding closure. She said she is looking at \$15,000.00 grant range.
3. **Ordinance 2011-10** – Pavey asked Council to take a look at this ordinance regarding the amount of reimbursement to the Park Department for gasoline when we have to mow a residence and assess a lien.
4. **Utility Board Appointment** – Council said they would like to wait until the end of the month to make a decision.
5. **Ordinance 2013-5 Additional Appropriation LRS** – Bridges made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-5. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meridian Health Services – Representatives from Meridian Health Services introduced themselves to Council. They are new in town and are located on Conrad Harcourt Way. They offer mental health services.

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

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Bridges made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.