

RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2012
6:00 P.M.

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m., with Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier and Brian Sheehan answering roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, Melissa Conrad, *Rushville Republican*, and Starr Keller, WIFE Radio.

MINUTES

Minutes of the October 16, 2012 meeting were presented for approval. Berkemeier made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION

Mayor Pavey introduced the Cadet Government Committee of the Hoosier Youth Challenge.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pavey reported the following:

- Congratulated Chief Tucker on the birth of his second daughter.
- Thanked the Street & Park Departments for the Haunted Trail.
- Thanked Carla and the Park Department for the Halloween Costume Parade.
- Thanked Sandy Fussner, Jim Finan, and Herdrick Petroleum for their help with the OCRA seminar.
- On Monday, the Mayor, Bob Bridges, Joe and Kim Rathz, Sandy Fussner, Steve Land, and John Tressler attended the Blue Star Program in Lawrence, Indiana. We are looking toward developing this program in Rushville.
- The City will be participating in the ARC Bowling on Sunday, November 11th.
- The Heart of Rushville and the Chamber of Commerce will be hosting Christmas on Main Street November 16th.
- On December 4th Ivy Tech will be doing a Rush County tour. They will be visiting manufacturing, business, health care, schools, and government officials. Therefore, some of you may be notified.
- The Veteran's Day program will be this Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at the Veteran's bridge.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Copley reported that the audit report for 2011 is now available on the SBOA website. At this time it does not include the Utility portion of the audit, but that will be available at a late date.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Bridges said that he has attended the Hoosier Youth Challenge Career Day. He said he is very proud of the program. He said the youth have been very respectful. Bridges said he appreciates the program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Amphitheater – Pavey said the committee has signed the 4th act out of 6 for the 2013 concert series.

The amphitheater committee has donated \$200.00 to the Police and Fire Departments, and \$100.00 to CERT for the help during the concerts.

Comprehensive Plan – There has been discussion with Hannum, Wagle, & Cline to consider looking into a bigger pictorial version.

Trash – Smith said he has received a quote from Best Equipment on cans. This will be added to the cost analysis.

Redistricting – Bridges said he is waiting on a call from DLZ. Pavey said he will follow up with DLZ.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police – Tucker handed out his monthly statistic report.

On November 14 they will be conducting interviews for a new police officer.

Fire - Chief Jenkins said that the Street Department has taken down 3 of the unsafe structures. Those structures were located at 215 S Pearl, 815 W 9th, and 424 Cottage Avenue. He said the Street Department did a great job taking down the 3 structures in 3 days. The structure at 312-314 West 5th is scheduled for demolition on Monday. Jenkins said he thought it would be necessary to close a portion of 5th Street due to the close quarters. He has not scheduled a date for 424 N Harrison.

Jenkins reported that the owners will be taking down the property located at 343 East 10th.

He has been informed that the Fire Department will be receiving a grant from Wal-Mart for \$1,500.00 for smoke detectors. He will work with the Senior Citizen Center and ICAP to get those smoke detectors placed.

He said November 15th has been scheduled for Youth in Government Day.

Street – Miller thanked the Mayor, Park Department and volunteers for their help with the haunted hayride.

Park – Mathews said he has ordered an ice skating rink to be placed at the amphitheater.

Animal – Moran asked Council to consider changing the limit of animals per household from 3 to 4. Bridges asked if this should be regulated by the square footage of the resident's yard. Moran said she didn't think this would be an issue as long as the resident abides by the ordinance. It was the consensus of Council to increase the number of animals per household from 3 to 4. The City Attorney will prepare the paperwork.

The intake for this year is 653 with 62 being euthanized. She said the ratio of City and County animals is about 50% each.

Bridges said he had received a report on the condition of the shelter from the vet's visit. He said the report was good. The vet noted an issue with dust and the paint on the floor. He said they suggested an epoxy floor.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Building Code – Berkemeier said he has been trying to keep a good dialogue with the City and the County so we do this the right way. He said he believes everyone is in agreement that we should have a building code. Berkemeier said he is preparing a pro and con sheet to share with Council.

Ordinance 2012-26 Fireworks Ordinance – Sheehan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-26 amending the Fireworks Ordinance. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2012-27 Amendment to Fair Housing Ordinance – Bridges made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-27 amending the Fair Housing Ordinance. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2012-28 Adopting the Notice Under ADA and Grievance – Sheehan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-28 Adopting the Notice under the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Grievance Procedure. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Transfer Resolution 2012-15 – Sheehan made a motion to approve Transfer Resolution 2012-15 transferring money in the Police budget. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Hoosier Youth Challenge – Steve Spaulding spoke to Council explaining the Hoosier Youth Challenge. He said in a nutshell it is a nationally ranked program for behavioral intervention. There are 34 programs throughout 28 states. He said they have been in operation since 1993. There have been approximately 200,000 cadets pass through the programs. He said they look forward to working with Rushville and Rush County.

Claims – Sheehan made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Parade for Santa - Sandy Fussner asked permission to have the parade bringing Santa to town to come down Main Street. Council agreed to use the Main Street route for the parade.

There was no further business to come before Council; Smith made a motion to adjourn. Bridges seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MAYOR

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MEMBER

BRIAN G. CONNER, MEMBER

CRAIG A. SMITH, MEMBER

BRADLEY A. BERKEMEIER, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER