

**MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
NOVEMBER 19, 2013
5:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: The City of Rushville Board of Public Works and Safety met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Members, Gary Cameron, Darrin McGowan, Angie Barton, and Ron Jarman answered roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Frank Denzler, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES: Minutes from the November 5, 2013 meeting were presented for approval. McGowan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Clerk-Treasurer Copley said they have their new software program installed and are continuing to train on the system. She informed the Board that they may see some changes on their reports.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Park – Park Director Mathews wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Animal – Animal Warden Moran said she is not quite ready to hire a new employee.

She said they are running at about a 15% euthanasia rate. They have had an intake of 664 and have euthanized 93 which comes to about 14%.

Fire – Chief Jenkins said that he and Assistant Chief Munson, and Firefighter Tracy started the Train the Trainer on the EMS charts.

They will begin training the remaining firefighters soon on the charts and the I.U. protocols.

Police – Mayor Pavey reported that Chief Tucker had surgery yesterday to repair his elbow.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Ambulance

Supervising Hospital Contract – Completed.

Open House Date – No date has been set.

2. **Craven Property Appraisals** – The appraisals have been received. We will advertise a notice to bid on the property for the December 17th meeting.
3. **Lila Meyer De-Annexation Request** – Ron Wilson said he had sent a Findings of Fact for review. Pavey said he and John McCane met with Lila Meyer and Jeff Meyer on the 12th. Pavey said there should be some type of give and take in the situation. If Meyer would allow the city to market the property then the reimbursement would be an incentive. Meyer did not wish to allow this. The property was annexed as a result of consent by the previous owner to develop the property. The property was already annexed when Meyer purchased the property. Nothing has changed on the property since the annexation. Meyer states she is not selling.

Cameron asked if the property is de-annexed is there a statute that states it cannot be re-annexed. Newhouse said you have to wait a couple of years unless it is waived.

Pavey said he would not be in favor of de-annexing because we did a fiscal plan.

Wilson said Meyer does not want to pay city taxes. No city services are required. The property is bare land.

Cameron made a motion to deny the de-annexation request. Jarman second the motion. Motion carried.

Pavey suggested that the attorneys discuss taxes on the farm tax matter.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Police Equipment** – Pavey said he has discussed funding options with the Clerk-Treasurer for the purchase of additional tasers. He said if the Board is willing to approve the purchase then we will discuss the funding options with Chief Tucker when he returns to work. McGowan made a motion to move forward with purchase of equipment contingent on discussion with Chief Tucker. Barton seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Police Department Hire** – Mayor Pavey reviewed the tentative schedule. The anticipated date for a recommendation to the Board of Works to hire is February 4th.

Pavey said he needs to discuss with the Chief the level of experience and expertise we need to be seeking.

McGowan asked if there was any discussion regarding a 2 year contract. Pavey said that will be a rough draft in the handbook.

ADJOURN There was no further business to come before the Board; Jarman made a motion to adjourn. Cameron seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.