**MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**

**APRIL 18, 2023**

**5:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Board of Public Works and Safety met on the above date and time at 330 North Main Street Suite 200 Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Gary Cameron, Phil King, and Maria Bridges answered roll call. Brad Berkemeier arrived after the roll was called. Also present was City Attorney, Julie Newhouse.

**MINUTES:** Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2023 meeting as presented. King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR’S REPORT:** None.

**CLERK-TREASURER’S REPORT:** None.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Street** – Commissioner Land reported that they started street sweeping today.

They cleaned up 2 properties.

Did their first sidewalk of the season.

The house at 1603 N Main has been demolished.

**Fire** – Chief Justice reported that he received word from the recent applicants of the hardship case that they were very appreciative for the discount on the EMS runs.

Chief Justice thanked Matt Connolly for 30+ years of service. He will end his tenure with the fire department tomorrow morning at 7:00 a.m.

*Berkemeier arrived.*

**Police** – Chief Tucker reported that they have posted that they have started the hiring process and will take applications until May 26. Three applications have been picked up.

Tucker reported that there have been a series of threats this week at the middle and high schools. They have been working diligently and said they feel assured that there are no imminent threats. We are doing very thorough investigations. He said he believes the matters are close to being resolved.

**Park** – Director Shaw reported that the mowing is well under way and is going well.

Shaw said he has been advised that the Greensburg pool will be closed this summer. He is hoping to get some of their lifeguards to work for us.

The Hoosier Youth Academy was here last week and cleaned up at Riverside Park.

We have done a pre-open check-up on the splash pad.

The second pool pump should be delivered this week.

Kathi Jackley will present an earth day celebration this Saturday from 9-12 at Riverside Park.

The park bathrooms are open.

We have discovered some of our trailers are not plated. Shaw is working with the Clerk-Treasurer to take care of this matter.

We met today with Starweld. The pergola should be completed by July 1st.

$1,700.00 has been raised so far for the Mayor’s 5K. This will take place on Saturday May 27th.

**Animal** – Director Hanna said they have been helping Johnson County due to the storm. She said there have been some concerns that we were using city funds. Hanna said any money has come out of their donation account.

They are working on the trap and return.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS\COMMENTS:** None.

**CITY DRAINAGE BOARD: Regional Pond – Revised Drainage Report – CBBEL Project #160595** –We have received Burke’s report. Berkemeier made a motion to approve the drainage plan and move forward. King seconded the motion. Motion carried with Cameron abstaining from the vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Project Update**

* **Main Street/Hwy 3** – The State is moving forward with paving.
* **2021 - 2 - 8th Street** – They are pouring sidewalks.
* **2022-1 Hunt Road Culvert (gas line conflict)** – Miller Pipeline is still on site.
* **2022-2 15th Street Parking & Sexton** – This won’t start until July due to the fair.
* **2022-2 – Willow Street Mill & Resurface** – They are moving forward.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Public Works**

* **Animal Control**
* **Assistant Director Resignation** – Berkemeier made a motion to accept the resignation of Emily Deaton. King seconded the motion. Motion carried.
* **Approval to Start Hiring Process** – Berkemeier made a motion to start the hiring process. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
* **Park Department**
* **Formally hire lifeguards/concession/pool staff** - Cameron moved to hire the pool staff presented by Director Shaw. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
* **Formally hire Pool Manager** - Cameron moved to approve hiring Chris Miller for the position of pool manager. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
* **Street**
* **Resignation of Andrew Sweet** – Cameron moved to approve the resignation of Andrew Sweet. His last day will be April 28. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
* **Approval to Start Hiring Process** – Berkemeier moved to start the hiring process. King seconded the motion. Motion carried.
* **2019 Ford F250** – Berkemeier moved to approve the purchase of a 2019 Ford F250 for $39,000.00. The vehicle has 43,000 miles. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
* **Storm Sewer behind Fire Department** – Street Commissioner Land said there will be a lateral sewer put in behind the fire station and he is requesting to replace a 36-inch storm sewer at the same time. Cameron made a motion to move forward with the replacement of the storm sewer east of the fire station in conjunction with the lateral sewer. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

1. **Fire/Rescue**

* **Swearing In Brian Wagoner – Captain; Derrik Justice, Lieutenant**
* **Swearing in New Hire – Duncan Cameron**
* **Fire Department Resignation** – Cameron moved is accept the resignation of Walker Gabbard. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
* **Request to start the hiring process -** Berkemeier moved to start the hiring process to replace Gabbard. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
* **Station New Construction Status -** They have hooked up the power. They are waiting on the windows to arrive.
* **Baby** **Box** – Chief Justice reported on Good Friday they received a donation of $11,000 from the Self Family for the baby box.

1. **Police**

* **Updates and Maintenance to Facility** – Chief Tucker said they are waiting on the repairs to begin from the storm damage.
* They are also getting designs together to update the front of their building. This will include a monument for fallen officers.

**GENERAL TOPICS:**

1. **Design and Construction Oversight Contracts** – Cameron has spoken with Scott Barnes regarding the roof. They have agreed on a number not to exceed. Cameron made a motion to approve the change order for the roof. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Authorization to Proceed with CCMG Projects.** Mayor Pavey said they have a couple of small structure projects for the January 2024 cycle. One is in Waits Addition for $119,800.00. It will run from Ruth Street to the dead end.

The second one proceeds 5th street reconstruction from Harrison to the railroad right-of-way for $204,900.00. These are for the design.

1. **Real Estate**

* **Fiber Easement Signed** - We are waiting to start running fiber.

1. **General**

* **Bunge Access Agreement** - Bunge has everything in hand. It should be back to the City by the 28th.

Water/Sewer is in the works.

Fiber is in the works.

* **Human Resources – Consulting vs. in house** - We met with a local company for discussion regarding human resources.

**CLAIMS:** None.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:** None.

**ADJOURN:** There was nothing further to come before the Board; Cameron moved to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.