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

**MAY 16, 2023**

**5:30 P.M.**

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

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

**MINUTES:**  King moved to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2022 meeting as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR’S REPORT:** None.

**CLERK-TREASURER’S REPORT:** None.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Street** – Superintendent Land reported that Globe was in town today and were preparing the surface of 8th Street for paving. They are getting close to wrapping up.

They continue working on the storm sewer behind the Fire Department.

They cleaned up and mowed 2 properties.

**Fire** – Chief Justice said next week 23 firefighters will be going to South Bend for quick water safety training.

They have been testing hose this week.

**Police** – Chief Tucker reported that the new body cameras are in service. The quality is much better.

They are still waiting for the equipment for the radio tower.

**Park** – Director Shaw said the pool is currently being filled. It takes approximately 12 hours to complete. The chemical guy is coming Thursday.

PSS should be here Monday. We will then start testing water. We are planning to open May 26th.

To date we have $6,000.00 from sponsors for the 5K. We need participants. Very few have registered.

**Animal** – Director Hanna reported that on the 14th they had 23 cats spayed or neutered. They will start trapping on Arthur Street and East 11th next week.

Holly Wagner’s Animal Science Class came to the shelter each day last week for one hour and provided enrichment for the shelter dogs.

Malory received certifications for ACO I and II. Mary will be testing this week.

Director Hanna and Malory will be attending the 2023 animal control summit in Huntingburg.

Hanna has been asked to give a presentation at the library in Carthage.

Hanna sent some ordinance changes to Newhouse.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** None.

**UNSAFE BUILDING UPDATE:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Project Update**
* **Main Street/Hwy 3** – Mayor Pavey said they are getting ready to do the markings. They should be wrapping up shortly.
* **CCMG:**

**2021-2 8th Street** – Most of the sidewalks are in. they still have seeding to do. They were milling today.

**2022-1 Hunt Road Culvert** – Wrapping up.

**2022-2 15th Street Parking & Sexton** – This project should be completed between fair and the start of school.

**2022-2 Willow Street Mill & Resurface** – Greg has agreed to terms with a contractor to put in the water line.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Animal Control**
* **Assistant Director Status** – Hanna reported that she has received 9 applications. She will start looking them over this week.
1. **Street Department**
* **Hiring** – Land said he received 3 applications that were qualified. He asked to hire Brandon Foust. Berkemeier moved to hire Brandon Foust to drive the garbage truck. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

1. **Fire/Rescue**
* **Colt Overby – Request to Hire** – Chief Justice asked permission to hire Colt Overby, with a starting date of this coming Saturday. Berkemeier moved to hire Colt Overby. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
* **New Station Construction** – Justice said the new addition is coming along. The dry wall has been put up and they are currently mudding and taping.
1. **Police Department**
* **Hiring/Application Status** – Chief Tucker said May 26 is the deadline for applications. They have received 4 applications.
* **Police Week- Department HQ Improvement** – This week is Police Week. May 15 is National Peace Officer’s Day.
* Tucker said they will be raising money to build 2 monuments. One will be to honor fallen officers and one for the K9 officers that served for our department.
* **Temporary Extra Duty Detail** – The department has been solicited by Elite Security asking for security at Kroger for approximately 2 weeks. Cameron moved to allow officers to work temporary extra duty for Kroger. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**GENERAL TOPICS**

1. **Design and Construction Oversight Contracts –**
* **Fire Department Change Order #5 $1,540.00** – Speaker System – Berkemeier moved to approve change order #5 in the amount of $1,540.00. King seconded the motion. Motion carried.
* **SME – 7th and Perkins $3,100.00** – Mayor Pavey would like to request an environmental testing on the site at 7th & Perkins. Cameron moved to approve the environmental testing for the site at 7th & Perkins. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
1. **Real Estate – Property**
* **North Washington Street** – A meeting with Gary Cameron and Bob Bridges will be scheduled.
1. **General – Bunge Access Agreement** – The agreement has been sent off to Bunge. We have not received word from them yet.

**CLAIMS:**

* 8th Street Reconstruction PH III pay app #6 $80,854.00 – Berkemeier moved to approve the invoice for the 8th Street project. King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:** Berkemeier moved to approve the draw request for the Covid 19 grant in the amount of $250,000.00. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** There was nothing further to come before the Board; Berkemeier moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:52.