**MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA**

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**

**NOVEMBER 8, 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 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 was not present.

**MINUTES:** Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2023 meeting as presented. King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR’S REPORT:** None.

**CLERK-TREASURER’S REPORT:** None.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Planning/Zoning/Code Enforcement** – Director Copley said she had a 60 day check in with the Mayor. She is hitting the goals that were set out.

Copley said she has scheduled several training sessions. She has a few big projects that are in the works. She is working on a solution for the derby car issue in town.

**Street** – Commissioner Land reported that leaf collection is currently their priority. They are delaying yard waste collection this week.

They are working on repairs of a sink hole at 12th & Morgan.

The street light at 3 & 52 is scheduled for repairs next week.

Chad Martz has completed his probation period. He is doing a good job.

They are completing striping at 15th & Sexton.

They met today regarding the Sign & Post Project.

The Rail Road crossing grant work is completed.

**Police** – Chief Tucker said he will have a short-term disability claim coming before the Board at the next meeting. It will be number 2023-2.

The K9 statue for the memorial has been delivered.

There were approximately 57 participants for the 5K. We made $6,500.00. Thanks to all that helped or participated.

Monday we will participate in a county wide EMA tabletop presentation.

We received money from the insurance company to repair the police car that was damaged on October 16.

**Fire** – Chief Justice said the baby box ceremony and open house went well. He thanked all involved.

Terry Dance started working Monday. We have only had 1 interested in the paramedic position, but this applicant requested part-time only.

The tower truck is back in service.

**Utility** – Superintendent Shook sent out information for next week’s meeting.

He said their work at Diamond is 84% complete. They are expecting their work to be completed in the next 4 weeks.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Project Updates**

**CCMG 2022-2 15th Street and Sexton Parking** – Reported previously in Street Department report.

1. **ADA & Title VI Implementation Plan** – King made a motion to give a favorable recommendation to the ADA & Title VI resolution.

Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

1. **North Washington Street -** We advertised for RFPs. They did not match. Council will need to move forward as follows:
* Vote to Suspend the Rules
* Approval of advertising BOT/RFQ –
* Formation of BOT Committee –

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Public Works**

1. **Animal Control**

Pavement – Complete

Incinerator Fencing – Complete

1. **City Utilities**
* Highway 52 Bridge Replacement - Cameron moved to approve the agreement with INDOT in the amount of $50,895.00. King seconded the motion. Motion carried.
* Water line Relocation –
* Work Plan (C0) – C900 to HDPE
* Utility Master Plan – OCRA/CDBG – Council
* Authorizing Resolution –
* Consultant Selection Committee –
1. **Street Department**
* Hiring Sanitation Truck Driver Michael Heuer – Superintendent reported that Michael Heuer has obtained his CDL and requested to hire him. Bridges made a motion to approve hiring Heuer. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
* Sign & Post Replacement Wrap up – We are about ready to close out. We will come up with the final product report due to making several changes.

**Public Safety**

1. **Fire/Rescue**
* New Station Construction - The open house and Baby Box Dedication went well. We heard some amazing stories regarding the baby box program.
* Exterior Renovation – AIA Documentation A105-2017 w/SDBCC –Adjustments need to be made. Cameron moved to accept the document with the adjustments. King seconded the motion. Motion carried.
* Swearing in Terry Dance.
1. **Police**
* Hiring Status – Chief Tucker said there has been no change. They will continue to accept applications until the 1st of the year.
1. **Police/Fire/Utility**
* Conversations about developing Educational Programs with School System.

**General Topics**

1. **Design and Construction Oversight Contracts**
* **Grain Elevator Demolition Schedule** – The fence is up. They will be working internally first.
1. **General** –
* Joint use Agreement – INDOT and City – Traffic Signal Cabinets (State Rd 3 and 52) – Cameron made a motion to approve the joint agreement with Indot. King seconded the motion. Motion carried.
* MOU Emergency Digitizing Rural America – There will be no cost to the City. They will access our equipment. King moved to table. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
* Starweld Deposit Bond Return Request – Grain Bin. The deposit has been returned.

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

**ADJOURN:** There was nothing further to come before the Board; Cameron moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.