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

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2025**

**5:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 N 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.

**MINUTES:** Bridges moved to approve the minutes from the September 2, 2025 meeting as presented. King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR’S REPORT:** None

**CLERK-TREASURER’S REPORT**: None

**CITIZEN’S CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** None.

**PROJECTS/DEPARTMENTS:**

1. **CCMG 5TH & Jackson -** No update.
2. **General SS4A** - There will be a meeting November 6 at The Love Community Center. One topic of discussion is traffic getting out of the Community Center.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

1. **Planning/Zoning/Code Enforcement**
2. Support Ordinance 2025-9 Running water
3. Tracking Procedure
4. Shut-off number of days
5. Generator – Restrictions in progress –
6. **Street Department – Main Street Tree & Sidewalk East Side of Main** – Land reported that they have started on the east side of the 1200 block. The roots are worse in this area.
7. **City Utilities Master Plan** - We will start putting things together.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

1. **Fire/Rescue**
   1. Hiring update – Seth Higdon – Chief Justice said Higdon has been approved & will start October 5th.
2. **Police Department** – Police & Fire Clawback –
3. **Police/Fire/Utility – Public Safety Training Campus –**
4. Deconstruction of old Fire Training Center – Chief Justice said they have moved the containers to the new site.
5. Retention/Detention Pond Construction – Cameron is keeping an eye on this matter.
6. Utility Easements –

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Solid Waste/Transfer Station**
2. Lease Newhouse & Grant Reeves
3. Interlocal Agreement Newhouse & Grant Reeves
4. Estimating – The price gap has closed.
5. **Riverside Trail –** We are waiting on an answer from Indot.
6. **Indiana Stream & Wetland Mitigation Program – Contract Review 10/1/25 Deadline – Resolution 2025-21 – Approval of INSWMP**
7. Questions answered –
8. Dates corrected – We are good to move forward.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Smiley Avenue Transfer Station Price Increase** – Commissioner Land sent the Board a proposed price increase. He said he would like to break even. He suggested allowing City residents to get a discount once a month. Berkemeier made a motion to increase the fee schedule at the Smiley facility per Land’s proposal to begin November 1, 2025. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Insurance RFP Property Casualty & Health Insurance –** Coming up.

**CLAIMS:**  Cameron moved to approve the claims as presented. King 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

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

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Police** – Chief Tucker informed the Board that one of the police cars was rear-ended. It was the other driver’s fault. We are waiting to hear from the insurance.

There will be 2 parades this week. The homecoming parade is Thursday evening at 8:00 p.m. and the Rush Fest parade is Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. Rush Fest will continue into the afternoon. The 100 block of West 3rd and the 300 Block of N Morgan Streets will be closed. Main Street will remain open.

We are considering a new program. It is a voluntary camera registration. This is strictly voluntary. It would allow residents to voluntarily report an incidence in their area. This program is entirely voluntary and the resident has the final say in whether or not we are allowed to view their video and obtain copies.

**Fire –** Chief Justice reported that the employee that has been on workman’s comp had surgery and will be starting therapy soon.

The paramedic that has been on light duty will have a follow up appointment next week.

We had another firefighter injured and we are accommodating him with light duty.

We took part in the 911 ceremony.

We will be doing our annual hose testing tomorrow at the amphitheater.

The containers have been moved to the new training center.

**Street** – Commissioner Land said they have made street repairs at 10th and Perkins and the bridge south of the football field.

They adjusted a storm inlet in the back lot by 3rd Street.

They will begin demolition tomorrow at 1027 N Maple.

We will announce Monday the date for heavy trash. Starting this year there will be a 6-item limit.

**Park** – Director Jackley reported that the pool surface has been painted. The lines will be painted in by the end of the week. The splash pad closed after Labor Day. There were no major mechanical issues this year.

The prescribed burn plan has expired. There was no fire due to not having any rain.

We had a workday with HYCA today.

Programs:

* Free yoga sessions on September 18 & 25th at 6::00 p.m. at BTW.
* The Master Naturalist program has resumed with classes the second Sunday of every month through April.
* Tot Time is every Friday at 10 a.m. at Mathews Shelter Open to newborn to 5 years.
* Nature School Wednesdays at 9:30 at Riverside Park. The program is open to home-schooled children, school age or preschool.

**Utility** – Mayor Pavey said Greg Shook has been working on the pond issue by Napa and Intat. There is a combination of hodge podge water pipes. They have found portions that are not proper. Greg is trying to figure the best method of repair. The area is full of roots and growth.

**Neighborhood Development** – Director Copley reported that she has issued several building permits and demos in the past 2 weeks.

As the ADA Coordinator she completed the required Title IV training.

The new system between Code Enforcement & the Street Department regarding mowing is running smoothly.

She submitted the drainage review to Burke for the Emergency Services Training Center.

Conducted two residential standards inspections that have been without city utilities service since the last shut off.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Board; Berkemeier moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.