

**JOINT MEETING
ROCKPORT COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AND
ROCKPORT BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
SPECIAL SESSION**

JULY 1, 2014 at 6:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Lindsey, Carol Huff, Connie Hargis, Ferman Yearby, Bob Mack, Chris Brown, Mayor Harold Goffinet, Clerk-Treasurer Susie Roberts, City Attorney John Hargis and Building Inspector Phil Brown.

PLEDGE: The *Pledge of Allegiance* was said by all.

No other business was discussed in our Executive Session meeting than stated in the public notice.

The special meeting was closed and opened to our regular council meeting.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Carol made a motion to approve the minutes of our regular meeting held on June 3rd; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

CHARLIE FINECY: Charlie appeared before the council to give them an update on the Abraham Lincoln Freedom Festival. Due to some unforeseen problems with obtaining a licensed pyro technician, our insurance costs will be more than originally anticipated. Charlie is requesting an additional \$2,000 to pay for this cost. Chris made a motion to take the \$2,000 out of the Rainy Day fund; Bob seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

AUTO PARTS BLDG APPRAISALS: Mayor Goffinet reported that he has received two appraisals on the Auto Parts property. The empty lot and building, 405 and 407 Main, is valued at \$17,500; the building at 409 Main is valued at \$12,500. The other appraisal states that the property has no value. Chris made a motion to advertise that we are soliciting bids for this property; Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

REAPPOINTMENT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mayor Goffinet was informed that we need to appoint someone for the Economic Development Commission due to Robert Arnold's term ending. Ferman made a motion to reappoint Robert Arnold to the Economic Development Commission; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

SET BUDGET MEETING DATE: The council decided to meet on July 15th at 5:00 pm for a budget meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Clerk-Treasurer Susie Roberts addressed the council as to where she should take the money for the operation of the concession stand at the city pool. A last minute decision was made to open the concession stand, as in the past, because they could not find a vender to operate it. The council did not appropriate money for the 2014 budget to run the concession stand so she did not know where to pay the claims from. It was decided to pay it from the pool "repair and maintenance" appropriation for now.

Ferman mentioned that he was approached by Mike Obermeier regarding a solution to the drainage issues off his property to his neighbors south of him. He offered to supply the materials and equipment to install a pipe across the road to a ditch if the city would provide the labor. Ferman made a motion to allow Obermeier to install a pipe across the road to a drainage ditch and they will provide the material and equipment – with the city supplying the labor; Chris seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

Jack Morrison requested that we discontinue the \$10 gun permit fee; he was told they would take it under advisement.

CLAIMS: Claims were signed.

ADJOURNMENT: Carol made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.