

ROCKPORT COMMON COUNCIL
JUNE 3, 2014 6:00PM

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Connie Hargis, Ferman Yearby, Bob Mack, Carol Huff, Mayor Harold Goffinet, Clerk-Treasurer Susie Roberts, and Bryan Rudisill representing City Attorney John Hargis. Absent: Chris Brown.

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

MINUTES APPROVAL: Bob made a motion to approve the minutes of our regular meeting held on May 5th; Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PUBLIC MEETING: Lisa Gehlhausen, with Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission, led a public meeting regarding a comprehensive plan for the city. We would like to apply for a \$40,000 grant, with a local match of \$5,000, for a comprehensive plan. The Lochmueller Group, of Evansville, was selected through an open selection, to help with this process. Bob Grewe, with the Lochmueller Group, presented information to the public about the importance of having a comprehensive plan. Several citizens had suggestions and asked questions.

Resolution 2014-3, "*Resolution Authorizing Application Submission and Local Match Commitment*" was presented to the council for approval. Ferman made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-3; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the resolution was approved.

AUTO PARTS BLDG APPRAISALS: Mayor Goffinet stated that he is still trying to get a commercial appraisal for the Auto Parts Building.

CHARLIE FINECY: Charlie is sick and could not attend the meeting.

SET BUDGET MEETING DATE: Just a reminder of the meeting scheduled for tomorrow at 4:00 pm.

OLD BUSINESS: Ordinance 2014-3, "*An Ordinance of the City of Rockport, Indiana, Designating an Area within the City as an Economic Development Target Area*" was introduced at the May meeting. The council was informed that the Economic Development Commission passed a resolution relating to the tax abatement for Obermeier's at their meeting held on June 2nd. Ferman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-3; Bob seconded the motion. All were in favor and the ordinance was approved.

A public hearing was held regarding the tax abatement for Obermeier's. A few concerned citizens appeared at the meeting with questions mostly unrelated to the tax abatement. Ferman made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-4 "*Real and Personal Property Tax Abatement, Confirmatory Resolution for the Designation of an Economic Revitalization Area*"; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the resolution was approved.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Goffinet notified the council that the city received a tort claim in the amount of \$350,000 from an attorney in Indianapolis for Barbara Dillon at 416 Main St.

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.