

**ROCKPORT COMMON COUNCIL
OCTOBER 7, 2014 6:00PM**

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

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

MINUTES APPROVAL: The minutes from our August 5th meeting were not approved because we did not have the correct members present to sign it. Connie made a motion to accept the minutes from our September 18th meeting; Bob seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

CHARLIE FINECY: Charlie reported that he will have several groups of school children coming on October 24th. The Heritage Days encampment will be held on October 25th and 26th. Charlie mentioned that they have a quilt show scheduled in conjunction with this.

He also requested permission to purchase a system that will allow him to take credit card payments through a company called "Square". This will also allow him to track his sales and demographics of his customers. He preferred to not charge the customer the usage fee, so this would be a charged to the city. The Clerk-Treasurer mentioned that this might be a problem with the State Board of Accounts and requested this be tabled until the next meeting. After some discussion Connie made a motion to give Charlie the okay to purchase this if there weren't any problems with the State Board of Accounts; Ferman seconded the motion. Connie, Ferman and Bob approved the motion with Chris voting against it. The motion was approved 3 to 1.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 98-3 REVISION: Ordinance 1998-3 was revised with a motion from Chris Brown; Bob seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved. This revision, Ordinance 2014-5, is to allow the police chief to use monies from the School Traffic Fund (#207) for purchases up to \$2,500. Anything between \$2,501 to \$5,000 with the Mayor's approval and purchases over \$5,000 will need the city council approval.

BANK CARD RESOLUTION AMENDMENT: After some discussion it was decided that we would follow the same recommendations to spending as the previous Ordinance (2014-5). That would be up to \$2,500 without approval; \$2,501 to \$5,000 with the mayor's approval. Anything over that would need council approval. John will prepare the Resolution and present it at the next meeting.

CLIFF HAGAN DONATION: Ferman made a motion to give \$2,500 to Cliff Hagan Boy's and Girl's Club and \$2,500 to the I67 corridor study (if so needed); Connie seconded the motion. Ferman, Connie and Bob approved the motion with Chris voting against it. The motion was approved 3 to 1.

OWNER OCCUPIED GRANT (T PAPPANO): Mayor Goffinet asked the council if they would like for him to have Tony Pappano to come to a meeting to explain the owner occupied housing grant to them. This grant is to allow low income homeowners to make the necessary repairs to their homes that they might not otherwise be able to afford. This would be a matching grant that would require the city to put up some money for the program. The council said they would like to meet with him.

APPROVAL OF ROCKPORT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Bob Grewe, with the Lockmueller Group, appeared before the council regarding the approval of the Comprehensive Plan. Ferman made a motion to approve the comprehensive plan - Resolution 2014-5, Resolution Adopting the Comprehensive Plan; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the resolution was approved.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET: Ferman made a motion to approve the 2015 budget, Ordinance 2014-6; Bob seconded the motion. Ferman, Connie and Bob approved the motion with Chris voting against it. The motion was approved 3 to 1.

SALARY ORDINANCE: Ferman made a motion to approve the 2015 salary ordinance, 2014-7; Connie seconded the motion. Ferman, Connie and Bob approved the motion with Chris voting against it. The motion was approved 3 to 1.

OLD BUSINESS: The possibility of a **TIF** district was brought up. We were reminded that this was discussed several months ago and it was suggested that we shouldn't do it while the values are low. **Gentry Building:** There was discussion regarding the removal of our wall from the Gentry building to avoid any further liability. John Hargis stated that he has sent a notice to the property owners notifying them that we were going to remove our wall and they have until October 21st to respond. He has requested that we wait until that date before we make any further decisions.

Gun permit fee: Jack Morrison again asked the board to waive the permit fee and he was told it would be on the agenda for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CLAIMS: Claims were signed.

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