

**ROCKPORT COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

NOVEMBER 3, 2014 at 6:00 PM

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

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: Ferman made a motion to approve the August 5th, 2014 meeting; Carol seconded the motion. Ferman, Bob and Carol approved the motion with Connie and Chris abstaining. Chris made a motion to approve the minutes of our regular meeting held on October 3rd; Bob seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

CHARLIE FINECY: Charlie reported to the council that the “Heritage Days” event was a great success and the quilt show was very well received. He wanted to personally thank the “friends of the village” for all of their hard work. Terry Davis is preparing estimates for some needed repairs throughout the village. The museum and village will be open on the weekends through the end of the year. Charlie also reported that he has a beech tree that will need to be taken down and he is in the process of getting estimates for this. Charlie briefly discussed a meeting he attended last week regarding the possibility of obtaining some grants to create “pocket” parks in the city.

OWNER OCCUPIED GRANT (T PAPPANO): Tony Pappano and Laura Harmon appeared before the council to share some information on grants available to make necessary repairs to “owner occupied” housing. The money for repairs might be the difference in allowing homeowners to stay in their homes. There is an application process, based on income, to determine who would be eligible to receive the grant money. The cost to the city would be a 10% match. Ferman made a motion to pursue this program; Connie seconded. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

CSO UPDATE: John Wetzel, with Midwestern Engineers, appeared before the council to give them an update on phase III of the CSO project. He explained that we found an area along S Sixth St and Walnut St that is already connected to the storm drain. This should be a big savings to the city. The construction of Phase III needs to be completed by November, 2015. He is expecting the cost for Phase III to be \$1,300,000 at this time. When we start accepting bids (in Jan and Feb), he suggested that we might break it up into five segments. Harold said he had recently talked to Deen Rogers, with Umbaugh, and asked him if he could get some current figures from Midwestern to run some new reports. Ferman asked if we could get Umbaugh to calculate costs based on \$800,000 and \$1,300,000. Ferman made a motion to have Midwestern go ahead with the plan that was presented to the council at tonight’s meeting; Bob seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved. Harold requested a meeting with Umbaugh and Midwestern, in the near future, to discuss the new figures. Ferman also made a motion to have our attorney get started on the required easements for the right of ways; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

BANK CARD RESOLUTION AMENDMENT: Carol made a motion to accept the revised bank card resolution, 2014-6; Ferman seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS: Harold stated that Tim Coomer came before the Board of Public Works requesting permission to allow utility vehicles on city streets. It was mentioned that we might be able to amend our current golf cart ordinance. Chief Meredith was asked to check with other communities to see what they are doing about utility vehicles on their streets.

NEW BUSINESS: The council discussed the possibility of purchasing tablets for their use. Chris Brown will check with the school to see if there might be a program we can use for this.

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.