

**ROCKPORT COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

DECEMBER 2, 2014 at 6:00 PM

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

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

MINUTES APPROVAL: Connie requested a correction to our November 3, 2014 meeting minutes. She would like it to state, under the Owner Occupied Grant (T Pappano) that Laura Harmon is with the Community Foundation. Carol made a motion to accept the minutes, with revisions; Bob seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

UMBAUGH REPORT: John Wetzel, with Midwestern Engineers, presented a new outline to the council. To minimize the need for additional easements they are now planning to go from Elm Street south along N Eighth Street to connect to Main Street. He stated he did not think they would be ready to take bids at our January meeting. Deen Rogers, with Umbaugh, presented an update to the council. He has been in contact with Pattie Zelmer of Ice Miller - they will serve as bond council. Deen stated that we need to have our 2014 books closed out to get the necessary reports before they can begin work. He gave the council a proposed timeline for the sewage bonds.

OFF ROAD VEHICLES: The mayor reported that Chief Meredith has spoken to some surrounding cities regarding ordinances for off road vehicles. He was interested in amending our golf cart ordinance to accommodate off road vehicles. City attorney, John Hargis stated that he has not received this information so it was tabled until the next meeting.

KEY-FUND: Clerk-Treasurer, Susie Roberts addressed the council regarding an upgrade to her financial software. This is with Keystone, the company we are currently using. The cost to us will be \$6,750. This would be split three ways between general, water and sewer. She still has funds available in her budget for this year. Ferman made a motion to approve this upgrade; Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

DOG EXCREMENT: John Hargis reported that he has researched several ordinances regarding this matter. The council suggested that we purchase receptacles (with bags) for pet owners to use. Carol made a motion to allow us to purchase the necessary receptacles; Bob seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS (IPADS): The discussion of the ipads was tabled due to the absence of Chris Brown.

Ferman asked about the siding for the wall at the old auto parts building. Mayor Goffinet is trying to get specs so we can get quotes to do this job.

NEW BUSINESS: The clerk-treasurer presented a resolution, 2014-7, to cover any "shortfalls" we might have for 2014. Connie made a motion to approve resolution 2014-7; Bob seconded the motion. All were in favor and the resolution was approved.

A conflict of interest for Stanley "Mike" Rudisill was made of public record as a requirement of the State Board of Accounts. Mike will be doing property cleanup for the city (in the evenings and weekends) and he is also an employee of the City of Rockport.

There was limited discussion regarding the purchase of some empty lots west of the Schoenfield lot on Main Street.

City attorney, John Hargis, addressed the council regarding his retirement at the end of this year. He expressed his appreciation for having the privilege of being the city attorney for many years. Bryan Rudisill will be taking over as the city attorney beginning January 1st.

CLAIMS: Claims were signed.

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