

ROCKPORT COMMON COUNCIL
November 5, 2013, 2013 6:00PM

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

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

MINUTES APPROVAL: Connie made a motion to approve the minutes from our regular meeting held on October 1, 2013; Bob seconded the motion. All were in favor, with the exception of Ferman Yearby abstaining due to being absent from that meeting. The minutes were approved. Connie made a motion to approve the minutes from our special meeting held on October 15, 2013; Carol seconded the motion. Connie, Carol and Bob were in favor with Ferman and Chris abstaining due to being absent from that meeting. The minutes were approved.

CHARLIE FINECY MUSEUM UPDATE: Charlie reported to the council that the museum is now opened on the weekends only through the end of the year. Visitation has been down this year. The rendezvous was recently held at the village and the attendance was very good. He also reported that they have installed their security cameras in the museum and he is very pleased with them. The cornerstones have been set for the Crawford cabin. The filming, in the village, of the upcoming movie has been pushed back to March, 2014. He did bring it to the council's attention that during the rendezvous there was a situation where they discovered we had some electrical issues in the Transportation cabin. He will have Joe Carpenter correct the wiring problems.

STEVE WINKLER-BOYS & GIRLS CLUB: Steve Winkler appeared before the council requesting a donation for the Boys and Girls Club. This money would be to help with funding for the Rockport Elementary after school program. Ferman made a motion to give 5,000, from the AEP fund, to the Boys and Girls Club; Bob seconded the motion. Ferman, Bob and Connie voted in favor; Chris voted against the motion and Carol abstained due to a conflict of interest. The motion was approved. City attorney, John Hargis, suggested we contact AEP to make sure they were in favor of this proposal.

****NOTE-Carol Huff left the meeting at this time due to another obligation.**

CSO UPDATE/JOHN WETZEL: John Wetzel, with Midwestern Engineers, appeared before the council to update them on the status of our CSO project. He, and Mayor Goffinet, met with the Spencer County Drainage Board this morning regarding our proposal of draining some of our storm water into a drainage ditch on the west side of the city. This ditch eventually drains into Huffman Creek and then into the Ohio River. They will work with the city as much as they can. He also had a proposed time schedule and some figures for Phase III and will return in December with estimates on Phase IV of our project.

Chris Brown made a motion to allow the mayor to contact someone to do a rate study; Connie seconded the motion. Bob, Connie and Chris were in favor; Ferman was opposed; Carol absent. The motion was approved.

Ferman made a motion to adopt Midwestern's proposed time tables for IDEM; Bob seconded the motion. Ferman, Connie, Bob and Chris were in favor; Carol was absent. The motion was approved.

GENTRY BUILDING WALL: Mayor Goffinet is trying to set up a meeting with the owner to gain access to the property to allow Phil Brown to see it. He has instructed our attorney to send a letter to the property owner requesting a meeting to be held on November 13th.

AUTO PARTS BUILDING APPRAISALS: The mayor is waiting for ABR to remove their remaining "haunted house" items from the building before he orders an appraisal. There are some problems we will need to address with the east wall.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: John Howard appeared before the council to discuss a sewer problem he had at his property located at 314 Main Street. He did have some property damage and is asking for compensation from the city. His claim has been submitted to our insurance company.

Clerk Treasurer, Susie Roberts, discussed using PayGov.US for our credit card service. This would allow the utility office to be able to accept credit card payments at no cost to the city. Also, we are looking at Invoice Cloud, which would be compatible with our current Keystone software, but there is a monthly fee associated with this. More information will be presented at the December meeting.

She also informed the council that we will have some shortfalls on our 2013 budget and will have to do some transfers by year end.

Chief Meredith asked the council for permission to encumber \$27,000 to purchase a squad car for 2014. Chris made a motion to encumber the funds for a new squad car; Connie seconded the motion. The motion passed (Chris, Connie and Bob approved the motion; Ferman was opposed).

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.