

ROCKPORT COMMON COUNCIL
APRIL 7, 2015 6:00 PM

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Connie Hargis, Ferman Yearby (arrived at 6:25), Carol Huff, Chris Brown, Mayor Harold Goffinet, Clerk-Treasurer Susie Roberts and City Attorney Bryan Rudisill.

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

MINUTES APPROVAL: Carol made a motion to approve the minutes of our previous meeting; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

RATE ORDINANCE 2015-4 PUBLIC HEARING: No one from the public came forward with questions or concerns regarding the rate increase. The public hearing is closed. Deen Rogers, with Umbaugh, appeared before the council to explain the next steps for the upcoming bond issue. Carol made a motion to read by title only, Ordinance 2015-4, *An Ordinance Amending the Schedule of Sewer Rates and Charges to be Collected by the City of Rockport from the Owners of Property Served by the Sewage Works of the City*; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved. Connie made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-4; Chris seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

CDBG GRANT RESOLUTION: Insight 2000 was chosen as the grant administrator. Carol made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-2, *Authorizing the Procurement of a Grant Administrator*; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

CHARLIE FINECY REPORT: Charlie appeared before the council to give an update on the museum. It will be opening on May 1st. He will be hiring three new employees in the near future. He has been working with the visitor's bureau to get tourists to the village. He will be going to Falls of Rough, KY this weekend to get a cabin (donated by Tom Spencer). It will be used to replace the Crawford cabin. It will take a few weeks to get the cabin moved to Rockport but once in town, it will be stored at the city garage until they are ready to reassemble it.

(Ferman arrived at 6:25)

OPEN BIDS FOR AUTO PARTS BUILDING: A bid for \$5,000 was received from Crown Pointe Dance Studio, Designing Divas and Dancers, LLC. This is for property located at 409 Main Street. They need a space to expand their current dance studio and to provide a required secondary exit. Also, a bid for \$500 was received from Rhonda Hunter with Style Photography for the property located at 407 Main Street. She would like to put a photography studio in this building. Because these bids are below market value, we will need to advertise that we are accepting the bids.

SET DATE AND TIME FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: The executive session date has been set for April 23rd at 5:00 pm.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Chris Fantini, with the Rockport Parks Department, appeared before the council – along with Angie Spinner, pool manager – to request additional hours for the lifeguards to work. Currently, they are required to work less than 30 hours per week and this is a hardship for the manager to do scheduling. Our attorney will check into how many hours a seasonal employee can work. It was suggested that we might have to change our Employee Handbook based on what he discovers. Also, Chris asked that we change the park Rate Ordinance to include an individual annual pass. Ferman made a motion that we amend Ordinance 2014-2 to include an individual pass for \$60.00; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved. Chris stated that he has issues with St. Bernard's every year regarding the number of children they bring to the pool and the dollar amount we charge. He is going to charge them \$250 again this year and just wanted it stated in the minutes.

The Clerk-Treasurer asked the council if they wanted to transfer additional money to the cleanup/demolition fund because it is getting low. After some discussion, it was tabled until next month.

Mayor Goffinet mentioned that Vine Street needs to be paved (from Fifth Street west to the three way stop) as well as an issue with drainage. He will get three estimates for paving and bring it to the next meeting.

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.