

**ROCKPORT COMMON COUNCIL**  
**May 7, 2013 6:00 PM**

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

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

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** Connie made a motion to approve the minutes; Chris seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

**MUSEUM UPDATE:** Charlie Finecy appeared before the council. He passed out the new brochures for everyone to see. He also mentioned that the Rendezvous will be on May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> and invited everyone to come out. He mentioned that since opening day on May 1<sup>st</sup> he has already had visitors from eight states and one foreign country.

**I67 DONATION UPDATE:** John Didomizio, with Morley and Associates, Inc and Tom Utter, with Lincolnland Economic Development, appeared before the council to request a donation for the I67 study. Ferman made a motion to commit \$5,000 to the I67 study (to be taken from CEDIT); Bob seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**ANIMAL SHELTER UPDATE:** Joy Zook, with the Spencer County Animal Control, came before the council. She was asking for a contribution for 2014 in the amount of \$4,147.20. Connie made a motion to make the contribution to the Spencer County Animal Control in the amount of \$4,147.20; Ferman seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

**PARK ANNEXATION:** A public hearing was held regarding the park annexation. Several citizens appeared before the council with questions but we had no objections.

Bob made a motion to read Ordinance 2013-3 by title only; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved. John Hargis presented a Fiscal Plan for the Rockport City Park. Chris made a motion to approve the resolution, 2013-3, to adopt a fiscal plan for the annexation of the city park; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the resolution was approved.

**BUILDING PERMIT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:** The mayor would like to get the Building Permit Ordinance updated. He would like to have one permit for roof, window and siding; one for foundation; one each for gas, electric and plumbing. He also mentioned that we do not have an expiration date for the permits (maybe have a one year expiration date). The council suggested that the Mayor check with other surrounding cities and towns as to their fees.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Lisa Gelhausen, with Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission, is making an application for a grant for the park. She has to verify that Rockport has a fair housing ordinance. John Hargis presented Ordinance, 2013-4 Fair Housing Ordinance. Ferman made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only three times; Bob seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Bob made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-4, Fair Housing Ordinance, on the night of introduction; Ferman seconded the motion. All were in favor and the ordinance was approved.

The mayor received a payment request from JBI for the work they have completed for the CSO work in the amount of \$14,511.60. Ferman made a motion to approve the payment of \$14,511.60; Chris seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The mayor mentioned that we have been working with Midwestern Engineers regarding our sewer lines and getting them updated on our map. Our current map does not show all of the manholes and we are in the process of getting it completed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was some discussion as to the closing of an access road that goes through the park to use for a walking trail. It was decided to get some estimates on the cost to widen the road to make it more accessible for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Chief Meredith told the council that we are in the process of getting an “inkless” fingerprinting system. The cost of fingerprinting will be \$10.00 per customer and the city will retain \$3.00.

**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.