

**ROCKPORT COMMON COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 2, 2015 6:00PM**

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

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

MINUTES APPROVAL: Connie made a motion to approve the minutes of our October 6th meeting; Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved. Carol made a motion to approve the minutes of our special meeting from October 6th; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

MUSEUM REPORT: Charlie reported that “Heritage Days” was last weekend and the museum is now open weekends only-through the end of the year. Charlie also presented to the council the *Historic Preservation Commission Design Guidelines*. It was decided to allow our attorney time to review it before we made any final decisions.

BIDS ON S 6TH ST PROPERTY: We received one bid from Donald and Peggy Winkler for \$825.00 for the property located on South Sixth Street. Ferman made a motion to accept the bid of \$825.00 and all costs associated with the sale; Chris seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

TRUCKS/SNOW PLOW: Councilman Chris Brown looked at the truck we were interested in purchasing, at the request of the council. He suggested we pass on this and wait for a fleet car – or possibly purchase a new vehicle.

TWO LOTS ON MAIN ST PROPOSAL OF SALE: Mayor Goffinet spoke to the owners of the lots west of the Schoenfield lot. He made an offer of \$18,000 for those lots stating that he would have to get the council’s approval. The council was not in favor of purchasing these lots but suggested that maybe the owners would donate the property to the city or give it to a non-profit organization.

WATER METERS UPDATE: It was suggested that we postpone the purchase of meters until spring because of the weather. However, it was discussed that we are in dire need of new software for the utility office. Our current meter reading equipment is obsolete and we will not be able to get it repaired – if necessary. Mayor Goffinet mentioned that Lisa Gehlhausen could come to the December meeting to discuss the possibility of obtaining a grant for our water meters. Ferman made a motion to leave the discretion to the mayor to go ahead and proceed with compatible software for the utility office; Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

IHCDA GRANT AWARD OF \$350,000: We received notice that we have been awarded a grant of \$350,000 for owner-occupied housing repairs.

OLD BUSINESS: There will be some repairs needed to the exposed wall where the **Dillon building** was torn down. Mayor Goffinet will get some bids on the repairs. **CSO update**-John Wetzel appeared before the council to give an update on the CSO project. They are currently working on Eighth Street. They are planning to bring in a second crew to help complete the project. Also, they will be subbing out some of the concrete work to JBI. The substantial completion date is November 27th. John submitted pay requests: \$119,108.27 pay request for Blankenberger; \$19,617.37 for Midwestern Engineers. Ferman made a motion to pay the requests; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved. **Vine Street paving**-Vine St is currently being paved. **Fifth St Project**-Mayor Goffinet reported that the paving situation on Fifth Street has been resolved and we are on schedule for 2016.

NEW BUSINESS: Connie reported that she spoke to Lisa Gehlhausen regarding the Dillon Building lot. Lisa suggested that we try to get a “blighted feasibility study” done. We could apply for a grant for this. It was suggested that we invite her to the next council meeting.

SIGN CLAIMS: Claims were signed.

ADJOURNMENT: Carol made a motion to adjourn; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.