

**ROCKPORT COMMON COUNCIL
DECEMBER 1, 2015 6:00PM**

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

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

MINUTES APPROVAL: Connie made a motion to approve the minutes of our November 7th 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 November 11th; Ferman seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

MUSEUM REPORT: Charlie reported that he has had another contractor, Perry Frey, to look at doing some repairs at the village/museum. It was brought to Charlie's attention that the council is expecting him to have office hours at city hall, after the museum closes for the season, to make him more accessible on Main Street. There was discussion regarding the Preservation Commission becoming a 501C organization. Bryan Rudisill stated that this is something the Preservation Commission would have to do.

WATER METERS: Matt Steinkamp, with Utility Supply, appeared before the council to discuss his water metering systems.

TWO LOTS ON MAIN ST PROPOSAL OF SALE: Mayor Goffinet mentioned that he spoke to Becky Pedley, with Physicians Affiliated Care, and they are not interested in donating the two lots on Main Street to the city. Connie Hargis stated that ABR would be willing to donate \$6,000 towards the purchase of these lots if the city would purchase them for \$18,000. Ferman made a motion to use AEP funds to purchase the two lots from Physicians Affiliated Care for \$18,000 with the agreement that ABR would pay \$6,000 towards them; Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS: The Clerk-Treasurer presented a resolution, 2015-5, to do transfers for year end. Ferman made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-5, transfer of appropriations; Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved. Also, she asked for clarification on what fund to pay the E & B paving bill. She was instructed to pay it from AEP funds.

OCRA FEASIBILITY STUDY LETTER OF INTENT: Mayor Goffinet presented the council with a Letter of Intent to submit to OCRA for a feasibility study for city owned downtown buildings. Ferman made a motion to approve the letter of intent; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Goffinet said he will get two quotes on repairing the west wall of the Midwest Graphix building that was damaged when the Dillon Building was demolished. Ferman made a motion to give the mayor authority to take the low bid to have the repairs done to the Midwest Graphix building; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

CSO update – John Wetzel, with Midwestern Engineers, appeared before the council to give them an update. He stated that all pipes are in the ground and “working”. They are still working on the ground work. He is submitting a pay request for Blankenberger in the amount of \$170,762.26 and Midwestern Engineering for \$29,600. Ferman made a motion to approve the pay request for Blankenberger and Midwestern Engineering; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved. John stated that we will be in a monitoring period for one year and then we will begin Phase IV of our CSO project. It was mentioned that we need to work on an agreement with Mulzer’s on getting real estate set aside for a retention area.

NEW BUSINESS: Chief Meredith addressed the council regarding the establishment of a Merit Commission for the police department. Carol made a motion to have Bryan prepare an ordinance for the Merit Commission; Ferman seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

SIGN CLAIMS: Claims were signed.

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