

ROCKPORT COMMON COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 6:00PM

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

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

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

MUSEUM REPORT: Charlie reported that things are going well at the village. He will be laying off one of his seasonal employees after the Labor Day weekend. Heritage Days will be the end of October. The “Ghosts of the Village” will be held the first three weekends in October. This will be a joint effort with the Christian Resource Center and the Friends of the Village. It will be a moving drama with several vignettes. Charlie then gave a presentation regarding the Historic Preservation of Rockport.

ORDINANCE FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION: Ferman made a motion to consider Ordinance 2015-9, *An Ordinance the Common Council of the City of Rockport of Spencer County, Indiana, Creating A Historic Preservation Commission* for passage on the night it was introduced; Bob seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved. Ferman made a motion to read the ordinance by title only; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved. Bob made a motion to approve the ordinance; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

DILLON BUILDING: We will have an executive session on September 10th at 5 pm followed by a special session at 5:30 pm to discuss this.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2016 BUDGET: This is our public hearing for the 2016 budget. No one in attendance expressed any concerns or questions regarding our budget.

VINE STREET PAVING QUOTES: We received quotes from E & B Paving and Hunter Paving. E & B Paving’s quote was for \$87,400; Hunter Paving’s quote was \$64,301. Rudolph did not submit a quote. Ferman made a motion to accept E & B Paving’s quote for \$87,400; Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE HEARING: A section of property on South Sixth Street was advertised for sale. We will need to obtain an appraisal before we can proceed with this sale.

WATER METER QUOTES: Andrea Lester, utility clerk, appeared before the council with information regarding quotes that she had obtained from various vendors. She has a meeting with Utility Supply Company tomorrow to get some specifications and will report back to the council at the next meeting.

ENERGY AUDIT: Vectren recently conducted an energy audit for city hall. Ferman made a motion to proceed with their recommendations and pay for it with one third coming from CCI; one third from water and one third from sewer; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

DIESEL FUEL CONVERSION: Paul Metcalf recently approached Mayor Goffinet about the possibility of receiving a grant for doing a conversion from gas to diesel. After some discussion this was tabled until our next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: We recently had a CSO audit. They did make a recommendation that we get another rain gauge. Connie made a motion that we accept the bid from Gripp for \$3,202.75; Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

The Boys and Girls Club donation was tabled until we have all members present.

NEW BUSINESS: The council was asked to sponsor Skylar Young in an upcoming pageant. They felt it was unacceptable to make donations to individuals.

Also, a concerned citizen asked that we reconsider allowing adjustments for people filling up their swimming pools. After some discussion the council did not feel the need to change our ordinance at this time.

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.