

ROCKPORT COMMON COUNCIL  
APRIL 2, 2013 6:00PM

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ferman Yearby, Connie Hargis, Chris Brown, Carol Huff, 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; Ferman seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

PARK'S FIVE YEAR PLAN PUBLIC MEETING: Lisa Gehlhausen, with Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission, appeared before the council to discuss the \$15,000 planning grant request the city is applying for. The cost to the city will be \$3,500. The scoring committee chose Bernardin Lockmueller and Associates, from Evansville, to assist with the five-year plan. She introduced David Goffinet, with their company, to discuss the plan if we are successful in obtaining the grant. He explained the steps that we would have to take to receive the grant.

Ferman made a motion to approve \$3,500 in funds to be taken from the park budget. Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved. There was discussion that they would reimburse the \$3,500 park fund at a later date, if needed. Ferman made a motion to approve Resolution, 2013-2, "Resolution authorizing application submission and local match commitment"; Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor and the resolution was approved.

MUSEUM UPDATE: Charlie appeared before the council to discuss upcoming plans for the museum. He is in the process of taking applications for his part time positions at the museum.

The Abe Lincoln Golf Scramble will be on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Rustic. Also, on April 13<sup>th</sup>, the Kiwanis club, along with some of the "friends" of the village, will be doing their spring cleaning at the village. The new brochure will be available next week. He also stated that the Abraham Lincoln Freedom Festival committee will be meeting soon to begin planning their annual event.

Charlie asked for permission to allow the removal of the Crawford cabin in the village. Chris made a motion to allow the removal of the Crawford cabin; Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

Diane Unfried requested a "statement of intention" from the city. She brought up the question again about the volunteers being covered on the city insurance policy. It was discussed that as long as they were on city property they would be covered, if not on our property, they would not be covered by the city.

TIF/UMBAUGH: Jason Semler, with Umbaugh, discussed the benefits of having TIF districts in our area. It was decided to put this on hold for a few months and maybe have Jason come back in July.

PARK ANNEXATION: Carol made a motion to accept the filing of the annexation of the city park. Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and a petition to annex the park was approved. There will be a public hearing at the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding the park annexation.

Chris Fantini appeared before the council to discuss the closing of a portion of the road through the park. It will have gates at both ends with a three foot opening for pedestrian traffic and can be opened, if needed, for emergencies. It was suggested that we get lighting in the northwest corner of the park before we install the gates.

INSURANCE ADJUSTMENT: There is a "shortfall" in the Clerk-Treasurers insurance because it was not budgeted correctly last year. Also, there may be other transfers that we will need to make. It was decided to wait until later in the year, maybe August, to make transfers and additional appropriations then.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: We had advertised the old police car for sale. We received one sealed bid for the purchase of this vehicle. The bid is for \$567.89 from Mean Muggin Movers. Ferman made a motion to accept the bid, but later withdrew it after further discussion. Carol made a motion to allow the police department to keep the vehicle and use it for police purposes. Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved. Property Insurance – The mayor discussed this year's insurance pricing that was due to renew on April 1, 2013. He explained that he stayed with the same insurance carrier that we had last year. We had been "locked" in for another year and those rates did not change, however, there were some increases do to the addition of new vehicles and the addition of property located on Main St.

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.