

**ROCKPORT BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MAY 5, 2014**

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Robert Lindsey, Carol Huff, Mayor Harold Goffinet, Clerk-Treasurer Susie Roberts and City Attorney, John Hargis

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

MINUTES APPROVAL: Robert made a motion to approve the minutes of our regular meeting on April 1st; 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 on April 17th; Robert seconded the motion; all were in favor and the minutes were approved. Carol made a motion to approve the minutes of our joint meeting with the common council on April 17th; Robert seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved. Carol made a motion to approve the minutes from our special meeting on April 23rd; Robert seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

WASTEWATER REPORT: Sherry Roeder gave the wastewater report (see attached report). She mentioned they are looking into an alarm monitoring system for the lift station at Country Ridge subdivision. They are continuing to do smoke testing.

RECOGNIZE FINAL ORDER ON GENTRY BUILDING: Building inspector, Phil Brown, issued a notice of violation and order to accomplish corrective action against the property owner, Barbara Dillon, for necessary repairs. She had ten days to request a hearing and if she failed to do so the order would become final. Robert made a motion to confirm the order and notice of violation has become final; Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

POLICE TIME CARDS: Chief Meredith requested help from the Board regarding the time cards. The pay period is through Thursday, with the pay date the next day, on Friday. This creates a problem because the officers working on Thursday have to “estimate” their time for the day. It was suggested that he add another signature line to the time sheets for the officers scheduled to work on Thursday and have them sign that morning as “estimated”. Once their shift is finished have them sign as “final” and turn in the corrected sheets by the following Monday, if not sooner.

USE OF CITY LOT ON MAIN: Connie Hargis appeared before the board requesting use of the lot on Main Street, at the former Schoenfield building location. This would be for the months of June through September for one Friday per month. The library is in the process of applying for a grant, through Redbox, in an effort to get the community to come together. This will be a joint venture with the Library, Kiwanis, ABR and a few other organizations. The first event, in June, will be hosted by Gary Bentley offering bicycle safety along with a bike rodeo and other activities. The masonic lodge will have barbecue chicken one month. Robert made a motion to allow the group to use the lot for those days; Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

SIDEWALK/TREE AT 617 WALNUT: The board looked at this property and reported that they did not feel there is a problem at this time but will take it under advisement.

CURB AT 615 MAIN DRIVEWAY: The property owner at this location is requesting permission to work on the curb and install a new concrete driveway. Carol made a motion to allow him to work on the curb; Robert seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

OVERHEAD DOOR AT CITY GARAGE QUOTE: The lowest estimate was from Ewing Construction for \$2,580. He also submitted a quote for \$205 to make some necessary repairs to correct some broken trusses. Robert made a motion to accept the lowest bid (from Ewing Construction); Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

THIRD ST BUILDING: Inspector, Phil Brown, reported that he has not had any contact with the Schulte's regarding their building on South Third Street. He will get with city attorney, John Hargis, to issue proper notice to them.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Goffinet met with INDOT and Vectren regarding the drainage problems at Lincoln and Seminary Streets. Vectren will have to move their gas lines before INDOT can fix the drainage pipe.

NEW BUSINESS/UPGRADE WATER PLANT CONTROLS: Inspector, Phil Brown, reported on findings at the old **Connor Ford Building** located on North Third Street. The south wall of the building has some obvious cracks and problems. We need to have access to the inside of the building to determine any problems. Carol made a motion to have John Hargis send a letter to the owner requesting access to the building; Robert seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

A tap on agreement for Mike Dick, at Country Ridge Subdivision, was presented to the board.

Connie Hargis presented information to the board regarding the treatment of some oak trees along the river and at the cemetery. She had a quote from Lawnmasters for this treatment. Carol made a motion to have the oak trees treated; Robert seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

Bud Adams requested that Elm Street, between Lincoln and Eighth St, be turned back into a one way. Chief Meredith will do a study and report back to the board at the next meeting.

ADJUSTMENTS: Adjustments were approved.

Mrs. Pugh appeared before the board asking for an additional adjustment on their sewer bill. She was given a credit for one third of it at the last meeting and felt since this water did not go down a drain they should not be charged for the treatment of it. This was due to their pipes freezing this past winter. Robert made a motion to re-adjust their sewer bill; Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT: Robert made a motion to adjourn; Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.