

ROCKPORT COMMON COUNCIL
APRIL 1, 2014 6:00PM

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

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

MINUTES APPROVAL: Connie made a motion to approve the minutes of our previous meeting held on March 4, 2014; Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

ADOPT 5 YEAR PARK PLAN: Matt and Bob, with Bernardin Lochmueller and Associates, appeared before the council to answer any questions regarding the five year plan for the city park. Several of the council members commended the hard work of so many people involved in putting this together. Ferman made a motion to adopt the five year park plan; Bob seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

PARKS PLAN RESOLUTION: Connie made a motion to approve and sign the resolution (Resolution 2014-1 “Resolution Approving Park Plan”) for the five year park plan; Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor and the resolution was approved.

POOL AND RENTAL RATES: Ordinance 2014-2, an ordinance setting usage and rental rates of properties falling under the jurisdiction of the parks board for the City of Rockport and amending ordinance number 2002-02 and 2006-09 was presented to the council for passing. Ferman made a motion for Ordinance 2014-2 to be read by title only; Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved. Bob made a motion to suspend the rules and pass the ordinance on the night of introduction; Connie seconded it. All were in favor and the Ordinance 2014-2 was approved.

CHARLIE FINECY: The museum will open on May 1st for the upcoming season. The rendezvous will be held on May 17th and 18th. The magazine, *American Road*, had an article featuring the museum in this month’s edition. He will be attending a conference at the end of the week in Tennessee. He also mentioned a couple of cabins are for sale located in Lincoln City. They will be going to look at these in the near future.

GENTRY BUILDING: Phil Brown will be preparing a violation for the roof of the Gentry Building. The council decided to have an executive session on April 17th at 4:00 pm to discuss this matter.

DJ CAFÉ BUILDING: At the Board of Public Works meeting, earlier in the evening, they opted to take Robert Feuerbach to court because he has not met the sixty-five (65) day requirement for the necessary repairs.

TAX ABATEMENT (OBERMEIER): Obermeier's were inquiring to any tax abatements available to them for the expansion of their business. According to our attorney, retail businesses are not eligible for tax abatements, however, there are some exceptions. John stated that Tom Pitman, with Barnes and Thornburg, LLP is very knowledgeable in this field and could be helpful. Ferman made a motion to allow our attorney, John Hargis, to bring on Tom Pitman; Chris seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

ATLAS COLLECTIONS: The clerk-treasurer reported to the council about information she obtained from Atlas Collection Agency, at the request of a council member. Atlas partners with Keystone, who is our billing software company. There would be no charge to the city for this service. They would add 40 percent to the amount we turn over to them for collections. After some discussion Carol made a motion to table the idea at this time; Bob seconded the motion. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: We are still doing smoke testing. They have found some problems but are making repairs as they go. Also, it was discussed that we need to be thinking about the 2015 budget. We will review dates to have budget meetings at our May meeting.

CLAIMS: Claims were signed.

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