

**ROCKPORT COMMON COUNCIL**  
**MAY 5, 2014 6:00PM**

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

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

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** Connie made a motion to approve the minutes of our regular meeting held on April 1st; Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved. Connie made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on April 17<sup>th</sup>; Carol seconded the motion. Connie and Carol were in favor; Ferman and Bob abstained from voting since they were not at that meeting.

**UMBAUGH REPORT:** Dean Rodgers, from Umbaugh, addressed the council regarding the rate study they prepared. He offered a couple of different options for us to review. The council will take this under advisement.

**AUTO PARTS BLDG APPRAISALS:** Mayor Goffinet received appraisals from Don Schulte and Rob Schulte. It was suggested that we get an appraisal from another entity. A decision was made to table this until the next meeting.

**CHARLIE FINECY:** The museum has opened for the season. The rendezvous will be the weekend of May 17<sup>th</sup>. He mentioned that he did get to look at the cabins at Buffalo Run. He is waiting on some quotes regarding the cost of moving and erecting these cabins in the village. Charlie reported that they are in the planning stages for the Abraham Lincoln Freedom Festival in July. Gary Bentley will be holding a bike race in the evening. Also, the Optimist Club will be hosting “pioneer” games, for the children, in the afternoon. He is asking for \$6,000 to be appropriated for the Abraham Lincoln Freedom Festival. Ferman made a motion to take \$6,000 from CEDIT for the Abraham Lincoln Freedom Festival; Bob seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

**TAX ABATEMENT (OBERMEIER):** John and Mike Obermeier appeared before the council requesting a tax abatement for their upcoming addition and improvements to their store. Part of the proposed resolution is to recognize that a portion of the property they acquired is an economic revitalization area. We will have to have a public hearing to pass this resolution at our next council meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Economic Development Commission (Jeff Payne, Randall Spinks, and J W Arnold) will meet on June second. Ferman made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-2; Bob seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

Connie made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2014-3, *An Ordinance of the City of Rockport, Indiana, Designating an Area Within the City as an Economic Development*

*Target Area*, with the understanding it could be amended, with the final passage to be on June 3rd; Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

**SET BUDGET MEETING DATE:** The council decided to meet on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm for a budget meeting.

**GENTRY BUILDING:** Mayor Goffinet stated that we are still trying to get the property owner to make her roof safe.

**DJ CAFÉ BUILDING:** John Hargis mentioned that he filed suit against Robert Feuerbach. Once Mr. Feuerbach is served, he has 23 days to file an answer.

**DISCONNECT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:** John Hargis stated that we have an existing ordinance that regulates our sewers, 2011-14, *An Ordinance Regulating The Use Of Public And Private Sewers And Drains, Private Sewage Disposal, The Installation And Connection Of Building Sewers, And The Discharge Of Waters and Wastes Into Rockport's Wastewater System And Providing Penalties For Violations Thereof*, and the proposed ordinance presented tonight, 2014-4, would be for disconnection of downspouts from the city sewer to facilitate our long-term control plan. Bob made a motion to read by title, Ordinance 2014-4, *An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2011-14, An Ordinance Regulating The Use Of Public And Private Sewers And Drains, Private Sewage Disposal, The Installation And Connection Of Building Sewers, And The Discharge Of Waters and Wastes Into Rockport's Wastewater System And Providing Penalties For Violations Thereof*; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was passed. Ferman made a motion to suspend the rules and consider passage on the night of introduction; Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was passed. Connie made a motion to adopt the ordinance, subject to the publication; Bob seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was passed. Mayor Goffinet mentioned that this ordinance is something IDEM is forcing us to do as part of our CSO plan.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Susie reported to the Council that Dean Rodgers, with Umbaugh & Associates, informed her the water debt service reserve should be fully funded at \$242,185. This fund is currently short.

Also, the sewage debt reserve should be fully funded at \$256,577 and this was short because we had closed an investment of \$255,373.58 in December, 2013 and receipted it into the sewer extension and replacement fund, at the council's recommendation. This has been transferred into the proper account and we now have sufficient funds in this account.

We will need to make appropriate transfers to get the water debt service account corrected but this was tabled until the next meeting so will have the exact figures.

**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.