

ROCKPORT COMMON COUNCIL
MARCH 3, 2015 6:00PM

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

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

MINUTES APPROVAL: Carol made a motion to approve the minutes of our February 3rd meeting; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved. Connie made a motion to approve the minutes from our executive session meeting dated February 11th; Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

PETITION TO VACATE PORTION OF 6TH ST: Ferman made a motion to consider and read by title only Ordinance 2015-3, *Vacating a Portion of Sixth Street*; Chris seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. Ferman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-3; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the Ordinance was approved.

CSO BOND ORDINANCE 2015-2: Ferman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-2, *An Ordinance Concerning the Construction of Additions and Improvements to the Sewage Works of the City of Rockport, the Issuance of Revenue Bonds to Provide the Cost Thereof, the Collection, Segregation and Distribution of the Revenues of Said Works, the Safeguarding of the Interests of the Owners of Said Revenue Bonds, Other Matters Connected Therewith, Including the Issuance of Notes in Anticipation of Bonds, and Repealing Ordinances Inconsistent Herewith*; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the Ordinance was approved.

PAYOFF TAXABLE SEWER WORKS REVENUE BONDS OF 1997: City attorney, Bryan Rudisill, explained to the council that AK Steel has fulfilled their obligation on this debt pursuant to their contract and it should be considered for payoff. Ferman made a motion to payoff the 1997 AK Steel Revenue Bond; Chris seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

SEWER WORKS RATE ORDINANCE: Deen Rogers, with Umbaugh, addressed the council about the upcoming rate ordinance. Ferman made a motion to read by title only Ordinance 2015-4, *An Ordinance Amending the Schedule of Sewer Rates and Charges to be Collected by the City of Rockport From the Owners of Property Served by the Sewage Works of the City*, by title only; Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor and the Ordinance was read by title only. We will have a public hearing regarding the rate increase at our April 7th regular meeting. John Wetzel, with Midwestern Engineering, stated that after reviewing the ten (10) bids that were opened at our last meeting there were a couple that had mathematical errors. This didn't change the overall outcome of the lowest bidder being Blankenberger. Ferman made a motion to award the bid to Blankenberger for our CSO project, less the Washington Street area, conditional to them meeting all requirements; Chris seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

ADMENDMENT TO OFF ROAD VEHICLES ORDINANCE 2015-1: Carol made a motion to consider the Ordinance 2015-5, *An Ordinance Superseding Ordinance No. 2015-1, an Ordinance of the City of Rockport, Indiana Authorizing Use of Off-Road Vehicles on City Streets*; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved. Carol made a motion to approve and read by title Ordinance 2015-5; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved. Ferman made a motion to approve the ordinance; Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

CONSIDERATION OF DISPOSAL OF AUTO PARTS BUILDINGS: The City has advertised that we may take into consideration the disposal of the Auto Parts Building. Chris made a motion that we consider accepting bids for the disposal of the Auto Parts Building; Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved. We will now advertise that we will be taking bids for the disposal of the building.

SIDING BIDS ON AUTO PARTS BUILDING: Mayor Goffinet recommended that we move forward with looking at the bids for siding on the Auto Parts building. Ferman made a motion to proceed with the bids; Connie seconded the motion. Connie, Ferman and Carol approved the motion with Chris against it. The bids were: Hayden Construction for \$25,000; Whit's Home Repair - \$24,628 and Enlow Masonry and Construction - \$18,420. Carol made a motion to table this until the April meeting; Ferman seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

SALARY ORDINANCE REVISION (WW OPER): Ferman made a motion to consider the pay raise ordinance for the Sewer Tech A to \$35,000 per year; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved. Connie made a motion to read and approve Ordinance No. 2015-6, *Amendment to Salary Ordinance 2014-7*; Ferman seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

MUSEUM DIRECTOR DUTIES: Mayor Goffinet stated that they are looking at ways to expand the job duties for the director during the off-season. He will be meeting with the director to discuss some of these opportunities. Carol was asked if she could set in on the meeting because of her background in human resources. She said it would have to be in the evenings or on the weekends because of her work schedule.

DILLON BLDG. INSPECTION: Bryan Rudisill has been unsuccessful in contacting Barbara Dillon's attorney, Bruce Jones. He is trying to schedule a time to get our building inspector in the building for an inspection. If he cannot reach him he will have to get a warrant to proceed.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Goffinet mentioned purchasing the empty lots on Main Street next to the Schoenfeld lot. A physician's group from Owensboro currently owns the lots and stated that they would be willing to sell them to the City for \$22,000. This is what they paid for them.

NEW BUSINESS: None

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.