

Rising Sun City Council
April 2, 2009
7:00 P.M.
City Hall

Call to order/Pledge

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Marksberry with all of Council present.

Minutes

Minutes of the February 26 and March 5 meetings had been previously distributed to Council and Mayor Marksberry for review. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Slack to approve both sets of minutes, 2nd by Councilman Radcliff; motion carried 5-0.

Reports from Boards and Committees

Historic Downtown Main Street

Amy Hoffman, Director of Historic Downtown Main Street presented a report to Council and Mayor Marksberry of monthly activities. See Attached Exhibit A. Hoffman reported they have 14 Façade applications which they are now starting to rank. Also Amy reported there will be golf carts on display in front of Heritage Hall on Friday night during First Friday festivities.

Police Department

Police Chief, David Hewitt presented the March 2009 Police Activity report to Council and Mayor Marksberry. See Attached Exhibit B. He informed all there has been vandalism at the Park and the person has been identified. He stated the movable cameras feed to the lap top which makes it very convenient. Hewitt also state there are investigations going on in Rising Sun which should wrap up in the next few weeks. Hewitt and Marksberry met with Aaron Negangard, Judge Humphrey, and Kim Schmaltz regarding setting up a meeting with the special crimes unit. Marksberry stated they may request a Council member be a part of this meeting.

Project Manager

Northcutt informed Council and Mayor Marksberry on the following items/issues:

- **Fairgrounds Pole Barn Retainage Release**—Northcutt informed Council the Pole Barns at the New Fairgrounds Park are complete. He requested to release the retainage on the large animal barn in the amount of \$2,095 to Cousins Construction. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Radcliff to release the retainage on the large animal barn to Cousins Construction in the amount of \$2,095, 2nd by Councilman Graves; motion carried 5-0.
- **Fairgrounds Waterline** —Northcutt informed Council the original cost for the new waterline at the New Fairgrounds Park was \$9,524. After working with Utility Superintendent, Marty Dennis and Scott Henry, Water Superintendent they have managed to reduce the cost of the waterline to \$5,218. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Slack to approve the cost of the

waterline in the amount of \$5,218, 2nd by Councilman Powell; motion carried 5-0.

- **INDOT**—Northcutt reported he and Street Commissioner Paul Bovard met with Jim Stark from INDOT to discuss road conditions. Stark informed them INDOT would be addressing the issues. Mayor Marksberry stated SR 262 should have had an overlay to the intersection. Mike stated INDOT has been in town taking pictures.

Councilman Radcliff questioned Mike regarding lights over the riverbank. Mike stated they are turned off for the season but he will check them. Councilman Powell questioned where we were with the permits for the next phase of the riverfront. Mike stated we haven't heard anything yet.

Park Board—Jamie Bell

Clerk Gipson informed Council and Mayor Marksberry Park Director, Jamie Bell had a sick child and her husband was out of town so she could not be in attendance. She submitted a monthly report to Council and Mayor Marksberry, which is in Council's packet of information. See attached Exhibit C.

Rising Sun Regional Foundation—Ed Sullivan

Ed Sullivan, Executive Director of RSRF presented a list of the awarded grants for the 1st quarter of 2009. He reported this quarter had been the most demanding cycle they had received. He also stated RSRF had deferred the Phase 4 Riverfront grant request to the June round as it was on the list for stimulus funding. Next grant application deadline is April 15, 2009.

Historical Society

Bill Dichtl informed Council and Mayor Marksberry there are 15 bags of miscellaneous artifact items (bone, glass, and metal) that were accumulated doing the riverwalk project. Mayor Marksberry would like to deed these to the Historical Society. Bill Dichtl has a friend that can help identify the items to be kept at the museum. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Padgett to give Mayor Marksberry the authority to sign the Deed of Gift for these artifacts, 2nd by Councilman Graves; motion carried 5-0. See Attached Exhibit D.

Tourism—Sherry Timms

Sherry Timms, Executive Director of Tourism gave an update to Council and Mayor Marksberry on tourism activities. See Attached Exhibit E. She stated Tourism thanked Council and Mayor Marksberry for allowing them to use a part time summer helper a couple days a week this summer.

Petitions and Comments from Citizens

There were no petitions or comments from Citizens.

Ordinance 2009-1 "An Ordinance Establishing the Monthly Fee for Recycling and Trash Collection" Second Reading--Public Hearing opened 7:20

Mayor Marksberry presented Ordinance 2009-1 "An Ordinance Establishing the Monthly fee for Recycling and Trash Collection" to Council for Second reading. There was discussion to increase the fee by \$1.00 to \$8.50 per month and make this effective July 1, 2009 so RSMU can get the information to Keystone for addition to

their computer software. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Padgett to approve Ordinance 2009-1, 2nd by Councilman Powell; motion carried 5-0. Public Hearing Closed 7:25.

1st Reading Ordinance 2009-2 "An Ordinance Prohibiting Direct Retail Customers Participation in Demand Response Programs of Midwest ISO or PJM Interconnection for RSMU"

Mayor Marksberry presented Ordinance 2009-2 "An Ordinance Prohibiting Direct Retail Customers Participation in Demand Response Programs of Midwest ISO or PJM Interconnections for RSMU" to Council for First reading. This will be addressed for 2nd Reading at the next City Council meeting.

Code Revisions

Clerk Gipson informed Council and Mayor Marksberry she is currently working with Attorney Siekman regarding updating the City of Rising Sun Codes. Gipson stated the plan is to put the City Code link on the city website and a lot of the codes are outdated. Attorney Siekman stated these will be brought to Council for review as revisions are completed.

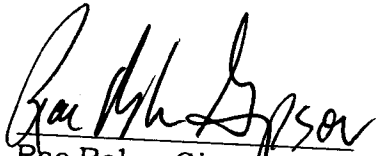
Odds & Ends

- **Prom Committee Thank You**
Mayor Marksberry presented a thank you to Council for funds for the Prom Committee.
- **Medical Center ADA Doors**
Mayor Marksberry informed Council the Medical Center needs to have ADA doors that automatically open in order to be eligible for health center grant funds. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Graves to request Mike Northcutt get costs from contractors in order to proceed, 2nd by Councilman Powell; motion carried 5-0.
- **City County Joint Meeting April 29 at 6:00 at Heritage Hall**
- **Tree City USA**
Mayor Marksberry informed Council the City of Rising Sun now has status as a Tree City USA.
- **Good News Club**—Mayor Marksberry stated the City will be sponsoring treats Wednesday at the school for the Good News Club. The Mayor's Youth Council will be serving pizza.
- **New Fairgrounds Park**—Mayor Marksberry stated the City appreciates the extra work the Park Task Force has done. There have been some trees removed at the park but plan to put some back. According to Marksberry the Park Board wants to leave the trees behind the bleachers. Councilman Slack stated he has no problem with leaving trees if that can be done. This is a construction project and what needs to be moved and replaced has to be done to proceed with the project. Slack doesn't feel anyone is arbitrarily cutting down trees. Marksberry requested to put in a grant request from the RS Regional Foundation for a Tree Grant. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Powell to approve the submittal of this grant application, 2nd by Councilman Graves; motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment

After the reviewing and signing of claims, and with no further business; a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Slack, 2nd by Councilman Graves; meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Attest:



Rae Baker Gipson,
Clerk Treasurer



William A. Marksberry,
Mayor

Historic Downtown Report
www.enjoyrisingsundowntown.com
(April 2009)

The Historic Downtown Office has been focusing on the following this month.

RECAP 2.0 (Façade Grant for the MSB-1 district)

- Received 14 applications
- Forming Master "Ranking List", projects listed by priority (Design Committee)

Rising Sun Weddings

- Conducting a Wedding Give Away Contest, which includes the use of Heritage Hall, the services of Mellang Photography & Media, His & Her Massage from the Rising Sun Wellness Spa, and one night at the local Inn of their choice. The couples have to write a 300-word essay on why they should win the wedding. Announcing winner next week.

Community News

- Preparing to write a grant to the Regional Foundation to help fund Community News for the rest of the year
- Worked with Bretzel Enterprises to develop an on-line version www.risingsunnews.org

Main Street Events

- Bringing Golf Carts to Main Street On April's First Friday to promote our Golf Cart Community
- Hosting Easter Baskets, Bonnets and Coloring Contest, plus Free pictures with the Easter Bunny in Heritage Hall on April 4
- June 5, 2009 Rising Sun Main Street will be hosting a Regional Main Street Workshop!

Business Development

- Coordinating three Workshops on May 14, 21, and 28 with Brett Stowell
- Promoting Yourself in a Tough Economy

Community Involvement

- Met with Michael Thissen form OCRA office
- Attended the following meetings
 - Revolving Loan
 - Redevelopment
 - Rising Sun Art Council
 - 2009 Art Festival
 - Rotary
 - Retirement Task Force
 - Inn Keeper's Networking Meeting
 - Historic Downtown Board
 - Organization
 - Design
 - Economic Restructuring
 - Promotions

Exhibit B



"Where Main Street Meets the River"

Police Department
300 South Poplar Street
Rising Sun, Indiana 47040

Ph. 812-438-3737 Fax 812-438-2023

ACTIVITY REPORT

MARCH 2009

ARRESTS AND CHARGES: 30

FELONIES: 4

MISDEMEANORS: 14

INFRACTIONS: 8

ORD. VIOLATIONS: 3

JUVENILE: 1

ACCIDENTS: 3

PUBLIC RELATIONS: 2

CASE REPORTS: 29

Exhibit C

RSOC Parks & Recreation Dept. Monthly Report

Month: March, 2009

Prepared by: Jamie Bell

Events	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Pitch, Hit & Run Competition is Saturday, April 18th at the Varsity Baseball and Soccer Fields in the Shiner Community Park.2. Wise Kids Outdoors and the Tyke Hike programs will begin the first week of June.3. I will be participating in the OCERS Health Fair on April 21st.4. Brain Fit Lecture is scheduled for April 28th at 10a at the Senior Center. This is a talk about cognitive decline in the brain as individuals' age. It is free to the public. The speaker is Pat Faust from LifeTime Resources, Inc.
Projects	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. LifeTime Resources is reviewing the proposal that I turned in to them in regards to the senior exercise classes.2. There is a broken Spring Rider in the Shiner Community Park. I have ordered the part. It has not arrived yet.3. Preventive Maintenance was performed on the kitchen appliances by Hobart.4. I am ordering a plaque for a Sycamore tree at the Fairgrounds. The seed went into space in December 1988 and was planted at the Fairgrounds by Virgil Neaman around 1989.5. March Events- 35
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Rental- \$2500.002. Security Deposits- \$00.003. Dance-\$1268.004. Programs-\$378.00 As of 3/31/09
Attended Meetings	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. City Council2. Schroeder Educational/Recreational Task Force3. America in Bloom4. Park Board5. LifeTime Resources, Inc.
Hot Spots	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. None

DEED OF GIFT

Exhibit D

Ohio County Historical Society
212 S. Walnut Street, Rising Sun, Indiana 47040

Name: <u>City of Rising Sun</u>	Date: <u>4/1/2009</u>
Address: <u>Walnut Street, City Hall</u>	
City: <u>Rising Sun,</u>	State: <u>IN</u> Zip: <u>47040</u>
PhoneH/W: <u>812/438-3430</u>	Fax: _____

I (we) own the personal property described below and desire to give said personal property to the Ohio County Historical Society (OCHS). I (we) do hereby irrevocably and unconditionally give and transfer to OCHS all right, title, and interest, including all copyright, trademark, and related interests, in and to the following described property.

Description of Gift:

15 bags of misc. items (bone, glass, metal)

By my signature below I accept the foregoing conditions and acknowledge reading any attached information. This gift is given in memory of: _____

Dated: 4-2-09

Donor/agent

Mayor W H Markberry
Donor/agent

Date received: April 1, 2009

Received by:

William J Dichtl

By: William J. Dichtl
name

Director
title

April 2, 2009
date

Tourism Report to City Council April

We are busy planning for Creative Spaces: Rural Places Studio Tour April 25 and 26. 38 artists at 26 locations in Ohio and Switzerland counties will demonstrate their skills to the public in their studios from 10-6 each day.

We are also sponsoring a regional art show on May 1 at the Pendleton Art Center and 4 artist workshops during the spring and summer beginning the end of March. The workshop this past weekend had 26 participants(size was limited to 20) at the Community Foundation building. We have received 60 entries for the May show as of today.

Our most important project for this year will be revamping our website. Our website is 5 years old and there are many new ways of using websites for communication and to gather information. We will also be adding a feature for innkeepers so that visitors can book rooms directly through our website.

We met with Tom Sanders at the Grand Victoria to work on some new ideas to promote our local accommodations.

Historic Downtown and tourism are meeting with our innkeepers on a regular basis. Thanks to Amy.

The OCRA grant final closeout report was submitted and approved.