

Rising Sun City Council
March 5 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 January 5, February 5, and February 19th meetings had been previously distributed to Council and Mayor Marksberry for review. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Padgett to approve all 3 sets of minutes, 2nd by Councilman Graves; motion carried 5-0.

Reports from Boards and Committees

Tourism—Sherry Timms

Sherry Timms, Executive Director of Tourism gave an update to Council and Mayor Marksberry on tourism activities. See Attached Exhibit A. She stated she is working on various events with Historic Downtown Main Street. She reported the most important Tourism project for 2009 is revamping the Website.

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 B.

Police Department

Police Chief, David Hewitt informed Council the State has increased mandatory training hours for law enforcement. Hewitt reported the RSPD has already completed numerous training hours for 2009 as follows:

Wilhelm	24
McIntosh	37
Browning	37
Hewitt	24
Rimstidt	40
Colen	40

Hewitt stated the PD has had 157 calls for service from 1/1/09-3/5/09 per 911 records. Hewitt also thanked Councilman Padgett for Project Lead at school.

Project Manager

Northcutt reported to Council and Mayor Marksberry he is currently distributing plans for the re-bid of the New Fairgrounds Park Community Building/Exhibit Hall. He also presented a draft copy of a checklist for bids to be used for future City projects.

USB—Marty Dennis

Clerk Gipson informed Council and Mayor Marksberry, Dennis had submitted a report for their review. The report is in the monthly packet of information. See attached Exhibit C.

TAPS Program

Denise Bollock reported to Council and Mayor Marksberry the program had received \$100,000 in grant funds to assist with various programs and projects. They have been working with a company in SE IN to add a second and third shift. They have been working with Eco 15 and Debbie Thomason on a SE IN Manufacturing Network. See Attached Exhibit D.

Park Board—Jamie Bell

Jamie Bell, Park Director, informed Council and Mayor Marksberry of various activities of the past month and had submitted a monthly report to Council and Mayor Marksberry. See attached Exhibit E.

Economic Development Commission—Gary Green

Gary Green, representing EDC informed Council and Mayor Marksberry of various activities of the past few months and submitted a report which is attached as Exhibit F.

Rising Sun Regional Foundation—Ed Sullivan

Ed Sullivan, Executive Director of RSRF had dropped 2008 Annual Reports for Council and Mayor Marksberry to review. Sullivan noted the RSRF grant making budget continues to decline with the declining of numbers at Grand Victoria.

Historical Society

Bill Dichtl informed Council and Mayor Marksberry there will be another dinner program at Heritage Hall on March 14th. He commended Council and Mayor Marksberry for the Heritage Hall facility stating it is a great venue for dinner programs.

Redevelopment—Joanne Hamilton

Hamilton informed Council and Mayor Marksberry the former Foutty Building has been gutted, is ready for occupancy, and has an interested party.

Ordinance 2009-1 “An Ordinance Establishing the Monthly Fee For Recycling and Trash Collection”

Mayor Marksberry presented Ordinance 2009-1 “An Ordinance Establishing the Monthly Fee for Recycling and Trash Collection” to Council for First reading. This Ordinance will increase the fee for this service by \$1 to \$8.50/month/household. This will be advertised in the paper for public hearing to be held at the April Council meeting and consideration of 2nd Reading and passage.

RESOLUTION 2009-3 “EDC ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION”

Clerk Gipson presented Mayor and Council with Resolution 2009-3 an Additional Appropriation for 2009 EDC funds. Councilman Radcliff stated the City Council cares and wants to work with EDC. just doesn't know what they want. As the newly hired

Attorney for EDC Lane Siekman stated he has been to 2 EDC meetings and the EDC is trying to do the right thing. The group is currently working on projects for possible stimulus funds. The Board plans to remain private, not-for-profit. The group is focusing on policies and procedures etc. Gary Green stated Council was welcome to the meetings of EDC and have an open invite to any meetings. According to Green EDC has ability to have closed door negotiations. The EDC plans to open up communications and possibly expand the Board. Gary further stated the City and County Boards or officials appoint the EDC members and there are 2 sides to every story. Councilman Slack noted there seems to have been some work done on original concerns. After further discussion a motion was made by Councilman Slack to approve Resolution 2009-3, 2nd by Councilman Radcliff; motion carried 5-0.

Fee For Services Agreement—Kay Fleming

Kay Fleming informed Council and Mayor Marksberry that although the Rising Sun Regional Foundation has been in operation since 1996, there has, to date, not been a formal agreement between the City and the Foundation. Rather, the Foundation operated under an informal agreement regarding the mission the City outlined. Since that time there have been some changes to the law that likely impact the informal arrangement with the Foundation and makes it more important that the arrangement be memorialized in writing. Fleming stated once the Agreement is approved it will be approved effectively back to the date started. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Graves to table this until the May City Council meeting, 2nd by Councilman Radcliff; motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 2009-5 “Distribution of City of Rising Sun Quality of Life Endowment Fund Proceeds”—Peg Dickson

Information had been presented to Council at the last meeting with three options of designations for the \$738,000 made on the City Endowment. After discussion it was decided to go with Option C. See Attached Exhibit G. Resolution 2009-5 “Distribution of City of Rising Sun Quality of Life Endowment Fund Proceeds” was presented to Council. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Slack to approve Resolution 2009-5, 2nd by Councilman Padgett; motion carried 5-0.

Dickson also reported Grand Victoria hosted the OCCF Board Retreat in the Captain's Room and the retreat was very nice. In reference to the Eco 15 Peg can have Debbie Thomason report to Council whenever they would like a report.

Odds & Ends

- **South Dearborn Swim Team**

Mayor Marksberry informed Council he had received a request from South Dearborn Swim Team to host Racing on the River at the City Pool on June 13 and half day on June 14th. The pool will be closed to the public for swimming during the competition. Council gave permission to close the pool for this competition on June 13 & half day June 14.

- **SAY Soccer**

Mayor Marksberry informed Council the SAY Soccer group is in need of a small utility building. The City has not used the building purchased for Santa's castle

the past few years. Marksberry asked if Council would want to donate the building to the SAY Soccer group. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Powell to allow SAY Soccer to use the building indefinitely, 2nd by Councilman Graves; motion carried 5-0.

- **Grand Victoria PUD petition**

Mayor Marksberry informed Council the RS Advisory Plan Commission would address the request from Grand Victoria for PUD for hotel expansion on Monday March 9 at 7pm.

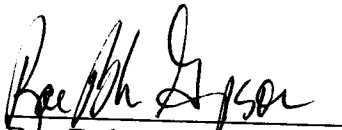
- **National Stabilization Program**

Lane Siekman informed Council there was a visit by NSP representatives yesterday. Mike, Amy and Bill met with them regarding 3 million dollar application to acquire vacant buildings. Lane attended a stimulus funding meeting to get in line for federal funding. Funds would have to be spent in 4 to 6 months.

Adjournment

After the reviewing and signing of claims, and with no further business; a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Padgett, 2nd by Councilman Graves; meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Attest:


Rae Baker Gipson,
Clerk Treasurer


William A. Marksberry,
Mayor

Tourism Report to City Council March

We have completed our grant project and are compiling our final grant report. We have served 224 children at the Art Academy and 1000 of students at the school if you count the many programs and artists in residence.

We had 20 artist workshops serving 400 people. We also held music workshops including the Paris Opera Director who gave a master class to 62 students from all over the United States. Another 20 workshops included photography, web design, PR and Marketing, Creativity Guitar set up and Maintenance, watercolor, quilting to name a few. We presented performances of 2 operas, a children's opera and a musical. We staged 5 concerts in Heritage Hall. We created a website www.artsinrisingsun.com to serve as a toolkit for artists with streaming video of workshops, links for the artist stipend program, links to local artists and blog space. Other resource links will be added within the next 2 weeks.

We have worked with the downtown office to create a wedding website for Rising Sun and done some advertising for that. We will have a booth at the Madison Bridal show this Sunday. Our next project is small meeting development which we are starting this week.

We are sponsoring a gospel brunch on Sunday March 15 at 12:30pm with Historic Downtown. The cost is \$15.

We are busy planning for Creative Spaces: Rural Places Studio Tour April 25 and 26. We are also sponsoring a regional art show on May 1 at the Pendleton Art Center and 5 artists workshops during the spring and summer beginning the end of March.

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.

Historic Downtown Report
(March 5, 2009)

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

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

- Received a \$50,000 grant from the Regional Foundation for the RECAP 2.0
- Released articles to the local paper and the Community News
- Giving applications to Building Owners
- Deadline for first round is March 25, 2009

Rising Sun Weddings

- Partnered with Tourism for a web page www.risingsunweddings.com, which is an information request form.
- Responded to a few wedding information requests
- Created a local business listing for any interested wedding party
- Conducting a Wedding Give 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.

Community News

- Created a on-line version www.risingsunnews.org

Downtown Website (www.enjoyrisingsundowntown.com)

- Interior slide show of Heritage Hall
- Updated the calendar and membership list

Community Involvement

- Met with Tom Sanders, Director of Hotel Operations at Grand Victoria
- Conducted our first Inn Keeper's Networking Meeting
- Spoke with Chris Derrington CEO of Rural America Outsourcing, which would bring Technical jobs to Rural America instead of in a foreign country. Waiting for a follow up with him.
- Attended the following meetings
 - Revolving Loan
 - Redevelopment
 - Rising Sun Art Council
 - 2009 Art Festival
 - Rotary
 - Historic Downtown Board
 - Organization
 - Design
 - Economic Restructuring
 - Promotions

I will be in Indianapolis on March 5-6 for training on ThinkGIS mapping. This will give you an update on RSMU projects.

New Water Well

Well1 was constructed in the 1930s with 200gpm capacity. Well2 was constructed in the 1950s with 225gpm capacity. Well3 was constructed in the 1970s with 500gpm capacity. Reynolds Inc performed well flow tests in 2007 and found 25-35% capacity loss on Well1 and Well2.

A \$50,000 grant from Rising Sun Regional Foundation is being used for contract with American Structurepoint on approval, design, bid, and construction administration of new well. Estimated cost of construction for 800gpm Well 1B and pump house is \$200,000.

The well site survey and design are complete. We have approval from IDEM on the construction permit.

The prevailing wage hearing was Feb 25. Neil Comer and I are reviewing bid documents; we should be ready to advertise for bids on Mar 12 and 19 with bids received by Mar 30.

We have requested stimulus money to be used for this project.

Wastewater Plant BAN

Principle balance is \$8.45 million, interest 4.6%, maturity date January 2010. RSMU is paying approx. \$395,000/year interest from capitol budget and operating funds. The City of Rising Sun has committed \$5 million to be paid at January 2010. The original goal was to pay down principle to \$2.5 million and finance remaining from phased in water and sewer rate increases.

Rae paid \$2.5 million against principle on Feb 3. This will save us some interest for 2009.

Buzz Krohn's office was here in February to gather information from our 2008 wastewater general ledger. They will review the phased in rates to ensure they are on target with projections. He and I will meet in mid March to assess various refinancing scenarios. (pay all with rates, pay with rates and continued riverboat support,...)

Broadband Growth

Current customer count is 455. Current capacity is 9mbps(six T1 lines), enough for 600 customers. We will review adding two T1 lines once we reach 550 customers. Our target at 2009 end is 625 customers.

A \$40,000 grant from Rising Sun Regional Foundation is being used for cell extenders into Hartford and Bear Branch; and to purchase subscriber radios.

The Bear Branch cell extender is complete and we are slowly picking up customers. We have signal studies for the Hartford area and must work out tower details. It should be in May.

We have requested stimulus money to be used for broadband expansion.

Switzerland Economic Development wants to move forward with towers in Fairview, Moorefield, and East Enterprise. They will pay for all equipment and installation. We have approval from Patriot Water at \$100/month/tower for use of their tanks at these sites.

The installations at Fairview and Moorefield are complete and we are starting customer installations.

The East Enterprise tower installation will be in April.

Switzerland Economic development has requested stimulus money to be used toward additional broadband expansion in their county.

Roof 301 S Poplar

The roof replacement is needed badly. It has been patched numerous times. The roof was in the plans for 2008 Capitol projects but was never started. Also, we applied for a Regional Foundation grant in 2008 but were denied. Approximate cost is \$60,000.

Neil Comer and I are listing up specs for a public bid. We will advertise and accept bids by end of April.

1 ton Service Truck

A small bucket truck with 42' working height will give us an additional service truck in times of need (wind/ice storms). We have many narrow alleys in town that make it difficult to service with our bucket truck. Also, there are some customers on East Laughery with steep and difficult driveways.

We have visited UTE near Columbus, OH and Altec in Indianapolis to get an idea of what specs would best fit our needs. Jerald and I have given specs for quotes from manufacturers UTE, Altec, and Terex. We should receive all bids this week. I will request a Regional Foundation grant to help out with this.

Arc Flash Analysis

Per new rule NFPA 70E, all electric utilities will be required to have an Arc Flash Analysis performed on their distribution system. We will need to have an outside contractor review our distribution system and label based on risk hazard. The risk hazard rating will show the type of protective clothing needed in that area. Merlin Groves from Alpha Eng quoted \$5000 to do the analysis for us. I contacted Kerry Vincent from IMPA, they will do the analysis for \$3000.

Jerald and I attended an Arc Flash seminar in Brownstown last month. IMEA training in February covered this topic also. IMPA has sent us a formal quote for analysis and will put us on their work list. IMPA is currently working on an analysis for Lawrenceburg. We will review theirs to see what is involved.

Demand Metering

Buzz Krohn and Merlin Groves met with us on 10/23 to review the impact of the Electric utility in regards to boat shore power. We are doing OK with current rate structure, but they suggested we gather peak demand data for the customers with high usage. The data will help us make a determination on a demand charge based on peak use for the month. This type of charge would protect the City if Hyatt were to have a significant reduction of usage.

We began in November and will gather one year of data for study.

Substation Capacity

Substation capacity is 15Mw(two 7.5Mw transformers). We are currently running at 6 to 9Mw, which is fine, but capacity will be tested in hot weather season or if an existing transformer goes down. Hyatt ran some tests on 12/02 with bringing 2 diesel generators back online to support the boat in case of overload or power loss. Jerald and I met with John Parfitt afterward to get his opinion. He stated that the testing worked very well and was confident they can be up, when needed, in less than 1 hour. We will proceed with getting quotes for backup transformer within this year. The estimated cost of project for 7.5Mw backup transformer and switchgear is \$800,000.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

PURDUE
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Purdue TAP Regional Highlights

- Ohio County
 - OMI
 - Brown Tool
 - Eat Dessert First
 - Faculty-Assistance Projects (40 free hours)
 - EMS (Faculty Assist Project, Sheana Reigle, Vice President, Activities & Alumni, Krannert Operations Club – 5 yr. Business Plan)
 - Plant Layouts
 - TAG Grant Dollars \$65K

- Ripley County
 - TAG Grant Dollars \$50K
 - SEF Grant Dollars – in process
 - Worked with a number of companies; have identified a company that will be a featured market piece
 - Belletech, a Honda supplier
 - Ripley County Business Alliance

- Dearborn County
 - Faculty-Assistance Projects

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Purdue TAP Regional Highlights

- EcO₁₅
 - Member of the Advanced Center for Manufacturing Excellence Programming Committee
 - "Mechatronics" Open House @ Purdue College of Technology – Columbus
 - EcO15 County Coordinators

- Southeastern Indiana Manufacturing Network
 - Joint effort with EcO15
 - Initially included Ohio, Ripley and Dearborn
 - Have expanded to include Switzerland and Franklin counties
 - Organizational meeting held in October; meet monthly
 - February – 50 attendees!
 - March – Trevor Lane, Indiana Economic Development
Ruth Ann Church, Trade Adjustment Assistance
Kirk Kuhn, Department of Workforce Development
 - April – "Flip 'N Flight"

- Upcoming Events
 - Purdue's Advanced Manufacturing Summit, March 25th
 - Green Manufacturing 101
 - Profit 101

Exhibit E

RSOC Parks & Recreation Dept. Monthly Report

Month: February, 2009

Prepared by: Jamie Bell

Events	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Our evening fitness classes are well attended. I am going to evaluate the Tuesday morning classes.2. Dates for upcoming Vintage base ball games: May 2, 1 p.m. Rising Sun, May 30, 1 p.m. Rising Sun July 11, 1 p.m. Sharonville, Ohio August 22, 1 p.m. Rising Sun3. Free Dance Day for children is Thursday, May 21, 2009. This will be taught by Laura Baresel.
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. Gary Van Guelpin is very interested in teaching martial arts classes at the new educational/recreational facility when it is complete. Gary taught the self defense course in July, 2008.3. I participated in the annual health fair sponsored by the Rising Sun Medical Center. This was a great opportunity to promote the Parks and meet people. This was February 18th.4. The Board is investigating the cost of fixing the baseball field at the Bear Branch Park.5. We received a \$200 grant from the Community Foundation to help purchase a new multi functional copier.6. January Events- 35
Attended Meetings	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Rental- \$1689.602. Security Deposits- \$540.003. Dance-\$1039.804. Programs-\$364.00 As of 2/23/09 <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. City Council2. Schroeder Educational/Recreational Task Force3. Joint City/County Meeting
Hot Spots	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. None

Exhibit F

**Ohio County Economic Development Corporation
Report to City Council
March 5, 2009**

- EDC Attorney
 - Ron Hocker resigned, last meeting on January 6
 - Lane Siekman new attorney for EDC, on board since early February

- EDC Organization / Structure
 - Spent last 2 months reviewing best practices
 - Board consensus that we remain private, not-for-profit
 - Work now focused on reviewing and/or developing policies, procedures, and support systems consistent with private, non-for-profit operation

- EDC Projects
 - Eat Dessert First / Cindy Kerr – Construction trailer on site in BBP
 - NAPA / Rodney Thayer - Opened February 16 on North High Street
 - Negotiations underway for new client to acquire lot in BBP (have a proposal and counter-proposal on the table)

Exhibit C

2009 Pass Thru	Plan C Endowment Growth	City Endowment Growth		
	Endowment Growth			
	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 738,000.00		
		\$ (300,000.00)	Return to City Endowment	
		\$ 438,000.00		
\$ 15,000.00		\$ (15,000.00)	2009 Future Generations Graduates Pass Thru- 15	
		\$ 423,000.00		
\$ 20,000.00		\$ (20,000.00)	2009 Community College Pass Thru - 20	
		\$ 403,000.00		
\$ 60,000.00		\$ (60,000.00)	Toward full funding for 2008 Future Generations Pass th	12
		\$ 343,000.00		
\$ 25,000.00		\$ (25,000.00)	Toward full funding for 2008 Community Pass Thru	50
		\$ 318,000.00		
	\$ 140,000.00	\$ (140,000.00)	Future Generations Endowment Fund	
		\$ 178,000.00		
	\$ 140,000.00	\$ (140,000.00)	Community College Endowment Fund	
		\$ 38,000.00		
\$ 5,000.00		\$ (5,000.00)	Imagination Library	
		\$ 33,000.00		
\$ 10,000.00		\$ (10,000.00)	Artists in Residence	
		\$ 23,000.00		
\$ 5,000.00		\$ (5,000.00)	Healthy Community	
		\$ 18,000.00	New Programs ??	
\$ 140,000.00	\$ 580,000.00			
	\$ 720,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 738,000.00	