

**Rising Sun City Council
Special Year End Meeting
December 20, 2007
4:00 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 except Councilman Brown.

Minutes

Minutes of the October 19th, November 1st, and December 3rd Council meetings had been previously distributed to Council and Mayor Marksberry. After discussion a motion was made by Councilwoman Clements to approve the minutes of each of the meetings, 2nd by Councilwoman Scott; motion carried 4-0.

Reports of Committees, Boards, & Departments

Park

Jamie Bell, Park Director reported she was getting settled in with some needed equipment. She also reported the sign at the Senior Building had to be replaced. Cost to replace the sign was \$4000—but since it was insured we will only have to pay the deductible.

**Public Hearing—Petition to Vacate a Portion of Pershing Street—
Ordinance 2007-8**

4:00 pm Public Hearing Opened

Larry Young, an adjacent property owner, informed Mayor Marksberry and Council that all surrounding property owners had signed the petition to have the street closed. There was no one else present with comments or concerns regarding the proposed petition. This hearing serves as the first reading of the Ordinance. Clerk Gipson informed the Mayor, Council and public present second reading and adoption of this Ordinance will be at the January 7th Council meeting at the City Administration Offices. Public Hearing closed at 4:15pm.

Board of Works Items

Mayor Marksberry presented Council with an example of a job description for the Street Laborer Position which will be advertised in the local paper for 2 weeks. Marksberry also submitted a quote in the amount of \$14,250 from McAlister Excavating to clear off the brush dump area. Paul Bovard, acting Street Commissioner stated it had been 2 years since this had been done and felt it was needed. After further discussion a motion was made by Councilwoman Clements to approve this work, 2nd by Councilman Slack; motion carried 4-0.

New Business

Dearborn County Water Rescue—Bill Black

Bill Black reported to Mayor Marksberry and City Council the group appreciate the funding support which they have received in past years. They are a non-profit operating mainly in Dearborn and Ohio County – but aid any calls they can. They do a lot of public education on water safety at the local schools etc. They assisted the City in recovering the spud poles off the boat docks that were lost during high water last spring. The equipment used to locate the spuds costs approximately \$45K. He also stated it costs \$2,500 to outfit one diver. Black stated they operate on an approximate \$30K budget. He stated Dearborn County gives them \$12K annually—the same amount they give the Life Squad. The group had 18 runs this past year. They have a mutual aid agreement with Ohio County and all the riverboats in the area. He will send Council a copy of the year end report. He is requesting \$10,000 funding for the 2007 budget. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Slack to approve this funding, 2nd by Councilwoman Scott; motion carried 4-0.

EDC--Gary Green

Gary Green informed Mayor Marksberry and Council he and Jim Kinnett had met with Clerk Gipson and discussed the EDC Budget. Gary stated there was additional work that Kinnett had done through Land Consultants which was addressed at the EDC meeting and approved by their Board. After discussion with Gipson we felt it would be good to address some of the concerns with the Mayor and Council. Clerk Gipson stated for several years during the budget process—it has been discussed that EDC has submitted a budget of approximately \$200,000—but does not bring in this much revenue. Gipson also noted there has not been much spent from EDC in the past 5 years which has allowed them a fairly good cash balance near \$100,000—but this still doesn't cover the \$200,000 of appropriations. Gipson stated basically it is a part of growing pains. In discussions with Gary and Jim it was discovered they have committed to approximately \$170,000 of contracts—they currently have approximately \$45K in cash available with a requested budget of \$200,000 for 2008 as well. Gipson stated Council locally approved the 2007 EDC budget in the amount of \$202,680—even though there was only approximately \$100,000 in cash available. EDC used the appropriated budget amounts as their guideline in proceeding with the Barbour Business Park. This will need to be addressed in the Additional Appropriation to be addressed in January or February. Clerk Gipson questioned Council about payment of claims presented by EDC—if they needed Council approval as well? After further discussion a motion was made by Councilwoman Scott to approve paying outstanding bills to Kinnett—but to hold other bills for further review, 2nd by Councilman Padgett; motion carried 4-0. It was also stated that Gary, Ron Hocker,

Clerk Gipson and Attorney Siekman should meet and put together process for Council to review.

Navy Bean

Councilwoman Scott said a thank you to council, the clerk's office and the mayor. They started off by stating how they had added new things and saved some old things. Entertainment is now for a variety of ages, because they added Battle of the Bands for the young crowd which went over quite well. The festival also hosted a Bean-e-Baby contest. The stage cover was excellent and an additional cooker was donated to the Navy Bean Festival by the School. According to Scott 2008 will be the 21st Annual Navy Bean Festival and will be advertised as the last festival of the year. Scott stated their funding sources are limited—and they truly appreciate the financial support from the City. The booth space rental is actually the only income the festival receives and with a lot of the spaces rented to non-profits –these revenues are slim. Steph also noted if anyone wanted to volunteer for the Navy Bean Festival the next meeting is December 27th, 2007, at 6:00 pm at the Ohio County Community Foundation office.

Miscellaneous

Lobbyist

Mayor Marksberry presented Council with a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Legislative Lobbyist Services. He stated the RFP is due back to the City by Jan 4th. This will be addressed by Council at the January Council meeting.

Transfer Resolution 2007-10

Clerk Gipson presented Transfer Resolution 2007-10 to the Mayor and Council After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Padgett to approve Resolution 2007-10, 2nd by Councilman Slack; motion carried 4-0.

Dispatch

At the December 3rd meeting a decision was made to table the software for the Police Dispatch until the next Council meeting. Mayor Marksberry asked if anyone was present to address this—there was no one in attendance. Marksberry stated he understood the County had addressed possible funding of this software and thought someone was going to be present. After further discussion it was determined this would be addressed at the January Council meeting.

Councilwoman Scott noted to Mayor Marksberry and Council that although she would not be on the Council next year—she has had various discussions with Kim Smith, President of the Rising Sun Ohio

County Life Squad and supports this group in whatever they might need. Scott also continued in saying thank you for the appointment to the Utility Service Board and it has been a pleasure in serving among such a great group. Mayor Marksberry concurred that it has been a pleasure as well. He feels they have accomplished great things together.

Adjournment

After the reviewing and signing of claims, and with no further business; a motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Scott, 2nd by Councilwoman Clements; motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:10.

Attest:

Rae Baker Gipson,
Clerk Treasurer

William A. Marksberry,
Mayor