

Rising Sun City Council Meeting
November 1, 2007
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 September 6th, September 27th, and October 4th Council meetings had been previously distributed to Council and Mayor Marksberry. After discussion a motion was made by Councilwoman Scott to approve the September 6th, September 27th, and October 4th minutes, 2nd by Councilman Slack; motion carried 5-0.

Reports of Committees, Boards, & Departments

Rising Sun Municipal Utilities

Utility Superintendent, Trey Clifton presented information regarding riverboat funds expended for 2007. He also requested 8% of the Riverboat Fund Pie Chart for 2008 projects as has been done in past years. See attached Exhibit A. Mayor Marksberry questioned the status of the dual loop feed costs. Clifton stated in 2002 costs from the East Enterprise area were approximately \$2 million.

Project Manager—Mike Northcutt

Project Manager Mike Northcutt submitted a report of activities to Council and Mayor Marksberry. See Attached Exhibit "B".

Police Department

Chief David Hewitt reported the RSPD has been doing a lot of public relations events. He also reported the department has been working with the school on vandalism of buses. Hewitt informed all there was a serious accident at the skate park that involved a large laceration to the head. He also stated he had a good conversation with Tim Caudill, the new owner of Rockies Bar. Dave felt this ownership change was positive and Mr. Caudill planned to make contact with neighboring businesses as well.

Tourism

Sherry Timms, Executive Director of Tourism reported they are currently reviewing Tourism By-Laws and Policies. She reported December 16th is the Christmas Home Tour—they have 8 different stops. Timms also informed Council Tourism will be providing dinner for the City and County at the Riverboat Budget meeting on November 28th at 5:00 pm.

Historic Downtown Main Street

Jerry Caruso, Director of Historic Downtown Main Street informed Council and Mayor Marksberry of his activities in the past few weeks. See attached Exhibit C.

Park Board

Janie Eldridge reported to the Mayor and Council the Park Board received 26 applications for the Park Director position. There were 8 interviews in the first round—narrowed to 3 and held a second interview for these 3. Eldridge stated the Park Board recommend Jamie Bell to the position of Park Director. They would also like to have Bell start work on December 3rd to train with current Park Director Mick Liggett. After discussion a motion was made by Councilwoman Clements to approve this recommendation, 2nd by Councilwoman Scott; motion carried 5-0.

Denver Siekman Environmental Park

Larry Bailey and Environmental Park representatives presented a budget report of past and future projects. They requested funding for 2008 in the amount of \$15,000. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Slack to approve this funding, 2nd by Councilman Padgett; motion carried 5-0.

PETITIONS/COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

None at this time

Unfinished Business

Golf Cart Ordinance

It was determined this will continue to be monitored but not ready to address as an Ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

Life Squad—2008 Funding—Kim Smith

Kim Smith, Life Squad President presented information to Mayor and Council for additional funding beginning in 2008. Smith stated the group would like to have 2 people on duty at all times. According to Smith in order to get this done they would need to hire 6 people. The proposal from the Life Squad was for the City to pay for 2 additional employees, the County pay for 2 additional employees and the Life Squad will pay for 2 additional employees. She reported she had presented to the County at their last meeting and everything went well. After discussion it was determined this would be discussed with County Officials at the Riverboat Budget request meeting November 28th.

Grant report—Ohio Valley River Cats—Frank McIntosh

Frank McIntosh reported to the Mayor and Council the catfish tournament was a huge success. He reported they had 88 teams and paid out \$11,000. Next year they are planning a 2 day event the weekend

after Labor Day. McIntosh further stated the group couldn't have done the event without all the support from the City.

Rising Sun Arts Council, Inc. —2008-02

Lane Siekman presented the Mayor and Council with a grant request in the amount of \$23,800 to help with funding an inaugural Rising Sun Arts Festival on November 1-2 2008. The festival will draw artists and visitors to the community. Siekman stated the Rising Sun Arts Council, Inc. has resurrected the 501c3 status of the former SEIFA which went out of operation. After discussion a motion was made to approve this requested funding by Councilwoman Scott, 2nd by Councilman Padgett; motion carried 5-0.

Vacating Pershing Street

Mayor Marksberry presented information regarding a petition of adjoining property owners to close Pershing Avenue, a platted street located, between Lincoln Street and Fifth Street. See Attached Exhibit D. According to Attorney Siekman all adjacent property owners have signed the petition and the road has not been used for over 30 years. Siekman did recommend keeping right of way for utility easements. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Slack to proceed with setting this matter for Public Hearing, 2nd by Councilwoman Scott; motion carried 5-0.

City Council 2008 appointment to the OCCF

Mayor Marksberry informed Council Laverne Hayes has been on the Ohio County Community Foundation for 6 years and can no longer serve according to their By-Laws. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Slack to appoint Barb Ruxton as a Council appointment to the Ohio County Community Foundation, 2nd by Angel Clements; motion carried 4-0 with Councilwoman Scott abstaining. Peg Dickson, Executive Director of the OCCF informed Council the information on Endowment Funds can be addressed at the December meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Marksberry informed Council there have been no Day Care operations at the Day Care facility since 2005. Attorney Siekman has started proceedings to take the building back from New Horizons. Everything is in the preliminary stages at this point, but wanted Council to be aware.

Clerk Gipson reminded Council of the Riverboat Budget Request meeting November 28th at 5:45—dinner will be available at 5:00.

Gipson also submitted a Community Event Funding Request from the American Legion Auxiliary with a grant request in the amount of \$17,500 to help with funding a project to bring the Moving Veteran Wall Tribute

to Rising Sun. Gipson stated Siekman had researched this and has received 2 available dates 9/9-9/14/08 or 9/23-9/28/08. These are the only dates available in 2008. The cost to secure the date is a commitment of \$9,000. This will be paid out in 4 payments. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Slack to approve a commitment of \$9,000 to secure the date of 9/9-9/14/08, 2nd by Councilman Brown; motion carried 5-0. The request will be brought back once some of the other commitments have been secured and there is more information available for Council to review.

Mayor Marksberry informed Council he will be attending the Re-Licensing hearing for Grand Victoria November 8th in East Chicago. He stated Clerk Gipson and Attorney Siekman will also be attending.

Mayor Marksberry presented Council with 5 names for the Presbyterian Church as follows:

Main Street Community Center
Community Hall on Main Street
Main Street Heritage Center
Heritage Hall
Downtown Community Center

After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Slack to officially name the building Heritage Hall, 2nd by Councilman Brown; 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 Brown, 2nd by Councilman Slack; motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:26.

Attest:

Rae Baker Gipson,
Clerk Treasurer

William A. Marksberry,
Mayor

Riverboat Fund Project Summary

2007 Capital Projects Budget

"Exhibit A"

Capital Project Number	Account Code	Description of Project	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost Year to Date	Balance
07-001	270003459	French Circuit Reconnector Project	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 39,014.09	\$ 10,985.91
07-002	270003458	Broadband Public Relations & Expansion	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 124,342.15	\$ 657.85
07-003	270003457	Hwy 56 6" Water Main Replacement	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 32,835.00	\$ 17,165.00
07-004	270003455	Payment toward WWTP Bond	\$ 295,000.00	\$ 245,947.23	\$ 49,052.77
07-005	270003447	Anticipation Note Interest/Principal	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 13,699.31	\$ 36,300.69
07-006	270003315	New Switch at Wilson Street Circuit	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 21,136.84	\$ 28,863.16
07-007	270003443	GIS Program for Electric, Water and Sewer utilities	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 17,982.38	\$ 7,017.62
07-008	270003456	Replace S-10 Pickup	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 4,287.50	\$ 70,712.50
07-009	270003454	New Business Park Utilities	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 72,071.03	\$ 2,928.97
Totals:			\$ 795,000.00	\$ 571,315.53	\$ 223,684.47

2008 City Council Appropriation ==>

\$ 510,000.00

Project Priority (1-3)	Capital Project Number	Account Code	Description of Project	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost Year to Date	Balance
1	08-001		New Roof on 301 Poplar St	\$ 63,000.00	-	\$ 63,000.00
1	08-002		New Towers (3) for Wireless	\$ 45,000.00	-	\$ 45,000.00
1	08-003		Hyatt Shore Electric Power	\$ 22,000.00	-	\$ 22,000.00
			Payment toward WWTP Bond			
1	08-004		Anticipation Note Interest/Principal	\$ 125,000.00	-	\$ 125,000.00
1	08-005		New Water Well Project	\$ 225,000.00	-	\$ 225,000.00
2	08-006		New Business Park Utilities	\$ 15,000.00	-	\$ 15,000.00
2	08-007		Special Projects	\$ 15,000.00	-	\$ 15,000.00
Totals:				\$ 510,000.00	-	\$ 510,000.00

Consolidated P&L

2007 Utility P&Ls & Budget - Current

	Current Year	Month of August		Current Year to Date	Budget Year to Date	
		Prior Year	Current - Prior Variance			
Electric Revenue	356,123.69	343,903.55	12,220.14	(158,803.17)	2,666,964.81	2,488,259.20
Water Revenue	45,642.16	41,382.17	4,259.99	83,828.36	331,074.09	311,439.38
Sewer Revenue	44,895.48	42,126.45	2,769.03	37,778.99	562,425.49	232,827.15
Broadband Revenue	8,021.04	-	8,021.04	0.00	80,317.81	52,302.40
Misc. Non-Operating Revenue			0.00	0.00		
Total Revenue	454,682.37	427,412.17	27,270.20	(37,195.82)	3,640,782.20	3,084,828.13
Electric Expenses	326,348.49	352,219.54	(25,871.05)	303,832.44	2,498,976.38	2,404,281.45
Water Expenses	35,301.33	34,067.07	1,234.26	23,232.95	250,362.00	266,214.39
Sewer Expenses	54,701.86	52,201.92	2,499.94	62,988.89	444,286.59	582,837.23
Broadband Expenses	10,633.79	-	10,633.79	0.00	83,203.36	127,323.22
Total Expenses	426,985.47	438,488.53	(11,503.06)	390,054.28	3,276,828.33	3,380,656.29
Net Profit / (Loss)	27,696.90	(11,076.36)	38,773.26	(427,250.10)	363,953.87	(295,828.16)

Financial Stability:

Operating Ratio: Good >= 1.00, Poor < 1.00

Operating Ratio	1.06	0.97	(0.10)	1.11	0.91
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Project Manager's Report Update

November 1, 2007

1.) River Front Phase 5

Punch list items:

- a. touch up handrail
- b. caulk concrete joints
- c. repair asphalt caused by settling

2.) First Presbyterian Church

Work is going well.

3.) Fifth Street Drainage Project

Settling has occurred regarding of yards has been done, some asphalt repair remains.

November 2007

I attended the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns commonly known as IACT in Evansville October 7th through the 10th. The workshops I attended covered topics of Indiana Downtown, Putting Together the Economic Development Puzzle, and Local Government Investment. On Tuesday, I attended the forum on Public Access, Economic Growth in Your Community and the awards and closing ceremony.

I met Inez Taylor from the Grand Victoria to discuss ways the Casino and Downtown Historic Program can sponsor future events. We plan to meet on this subject and more in the coming weeks.

On Tuesday, October 16th, Historic Downtown Rising Sun presented a seminar on Marketing. Speaker John Roberts, Project Director in Lawrenceburg was the guest presenter. Attendance included business owners and individuals wanting to start their own business. We had a lively discussion regarding what and who is our market today. And, how can we identify and then encourage this identified group or groups to visit Rising Sun? What do we have to offer visitors and what can we provide for that identified segment of this underserved market?

On Tuesday, October 16th, I met with Ed Sullivan and Paul Gobble at the Pendleton to see if and where we can expand the services of a banquet facility. Paul Gobble and his brother are caterers working at four different locations in Cincinnati and Newport Kentucky. He was recommended by Jim Verdin to see if this idea of an upscale catering service is viable at the Pendleton. Paul Gobble believes that our banquet market is unreserved and that the Pendleton will accommodate food. We will need an individual to act as a booking agent and sales representative for Receptions, Touring Motor coaches, Holiday & Special-Day parties, Red Hat Society, Corporate Functions, School Events and Awards Banquets to mention a few.

I attended the Indiana Annual workshop meeting in Richmond Indiana on Thursday and Friday, October 18th and 19th. This event, sponsored by the Indiana Office of Community & Rural Affairs, is mandatory to retain the Main Street status on a state level. Workshops I attended covered Downtown Development Essential Tools of the Trade, Historic Guidelines for the Twenty-First Century, Changing Demographics in Indiana's Historic neighborhoods, and Historic Roads from the Past Corridors to the Future.

I will be soliciting support from the University of Cincinnati College of Business to have a team of graduate students complete their Masters in Science degree. A formal request is being prepared and I will report results at our next council meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Caruso Director, Historic Downtown Program

"Exhibit D"

October 9, 2007

Larry Young
619 Lincoln St.
Rising Sun, IN 47040

Bill Marksberry / City Council

To Whom It May Concern:

Several years ago Pershing Avenue was closed between Lincoln Street and Willow Street. We the under sign would also like to have Pershing Avenue closed between Lincoln Street and Fifth Street. I Larry Young have personally lived at my 619 Lincoln St. address for 30 years and Pershing Avenue has never been used or even talked about being used. Let alone anyone even knowing that the road even exist. Therefore, indicating that it would not affect anyone by closing the road.

Sincerely,

Larry Young

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*Larry Young
Connie Young
Karen Marksberry
Russell A. Davis
Bruce Howard*

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