

**CITY/COUNTY MEETING
RIVERBOAT FUNDING
CITY ADMINISTRATION OFFICES**

**NOVEMBER 9, 2004
6:15 PM**

Mayor Marksberry called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum of Council was determined with all of Council present. All Riverboat funded entities had been mailed an Agenda of the meeting indicating the time slot for that entity. See Attached Exhibit A.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Councilman Siekman, also Redevelopment Commission President, briefed the group on current and continuing projects.

- Presbyterian Church
- Former Dibble Hardware Bldg/Incubator Project/Lions Club
- Main Street Events
- Attracting Businesses

The Redevelopment Commission currently receives .25 percent of the Riverboat Pie Chart Allocations and requests to continue receiving this allocation with the ability to bring special projects to Council for approval of funding throughout the year.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

EDC President Trey Clifton informed all present the EDC group has been working with Thomas P. Miller and Associates on implementation of points presented in the analysis study. According to Clifton the group has participated in funding utility upgrades of approximately \$47,000 for the Willow Trace Apartment project. They continue efforts in acquiring 20 plus acres on North 56. The purchase of 5 acres has been approved at \$210,000 with an option to buy 2 other tracks at a later date. They plan to purchase a second track of 16.5 acres at an approximate cost of \$176,250 and a third track of 11.5 acres with a price tag of approximately 275,000 as funding permits. The cost of all three tracks is \$661,250. Clifton stated EDC has approximately \$250,000 currently in their coffers and recognize there will be other issues to address besides the purchase of these properties. The business park will need upgrades and there could be associated costs for business relocation and such. Tammy Elbright expressed appreciation to the City and County in recognizing the importance of Economic Development efforts.

**RISING SUN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
TREY CLIFTON**

Trey Clifton, Utility Superintendent addressed the Mayor and respective Boards of project goals of the Rising Sun Municipal Utilities. Currently RSMU receives eight percent of the Riverboat Pie Chart Allocations from the City of Rising Sun. RSMU currently has an approximate \$641,000 appropriation balance and requests any remaining balances be carried to the 2005 year. Clifton summarized the 2004 projects:

- Re-habed 2 water towers

- Purchased computer for WWTP
- Purchased Tree Chipper machine
- Installed a new manhole @ Margaret Avenue
- Purchased road plates for Trenching
- Purchased new work stations for utility offices
- Upgrade/replace the Water Main on Ridge Ave/Lincoln to SR 56

Projects RSMU continues to work towards completion on:

- Repairing driveway at the former utility office
- Continue researching 2-way cell phones and communication options.
- Install a new manhole @ upper Bellview
- Continue research and options of Hand Held Readers.
- Enlarge Bellview Manhole

Summarized 2005 projects:

- Automatic Meter Reading
- Electric relocation and re-hab from Camp Shore to the last phase of the SR 56 project. According to Clifton 5 poles have to be replaced. The line is 30 years old and needs to be upgraded and or replaced.
- Joint purchase with the City Administration of a new copier.
- Replace water department truck.
- Special Projects—current WWTP

The WWTP design should be complete by the end of the year. The City committed \$1 million a year for 5 years to this project.

Doug Baker questioned if the RSMU done the maintenance on their own vehicles? Clifton stated most of the time they do.

PARK BOARD

CARL COURTNEY, MATT MOBLEY, JANIE ELDRIDGE

Park Board representatives reported they continue to further develop the new community park by the school and are working on plans and funding for tennis courts. They reported the following accomplishments:

- Arnolds Creek Project—ADA Accessible Boat Dock, Launch Ramp repair and resurfacing parking area and access road.
- New Park—Score Boards, PA system, lights, and landscaping
- Bear Branch Community Center—New basketball court, building removal, playground equipment
- Senior Citizens Center—Replaced carpet, painted interior, replaced doors, purchased copier
- Sponsor—ballet, jazz and adult fitness classes
- Plum Street Park—New shelter
- Ohio Co Fairgrounds—new ADA accessible bathrooms, upgraded electric, new bleachers and fencing.

Future Goals:

- New Community Recreation Park
- Further Development of Plum Street Park

April Hautman questioned if there were plans to dredge at the Arnold's Creek location. Eldridge stated this has been discussed, but no immediate plans are underway.

**OHIO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
AMY KETZER**

Missy Wallace presented information in Ketzers absence regarding current year and 2005 year funding. See attached Exhibit B. She reported the Library is experiencing significant growth. The Library Group informed all that according to Mayor Marksberry there were no dollars currently set aside for the funding and construction of a new library and the land or site for the project was not available from the County at this time.

**RISING SUN OHIO COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY
GARY BRETT**

Gary Brett presented a report from the Port Authority reflecting their past accomplishments and future goals. He stated the Port Authority continues to research funding for dredging Arnold's Creek, negotiating possible ferry service, and purchasing additional real estate on Front Street for the expansion of the riverfront park.

**RISING SUN MEDICAL CENTER
DAN BEYER, CHAIRMAN
CHERI HALL, PHYSICIAN PARTNERS GROUP**

Cheri Hall presented a report of operations from the Rising Sun Medical Center (RSMC). She graciously thanked the Mayor and City Council for their past support financial and otherwise. She reported this year RSMC has addressed DOC grant concerns and entered the 5 year monitoring stage of this grant. The center has continued efforts to acquire the status of a Rural Health facility and have started plans for an additional doctor upon the retirement of Dr. Scudder within the next few years. She reported the facility was built with the concept of aiding the community with sliding fee health care and other programs for the uninsured or underinsured within the community. This continues to be possible due to the City financial commitments. According to Hall RSMC has been the recipient of several grants through the RS Regional Foundation and the Ohio County Community Foundation. Cheri further stated the RSMC goal is to have the center/facility be "the City/County health center and meet our criteria". According to Hall the City has participated in funding RSMC in the amount of \$150,000 in the past. She requested funds for 2005 in the amount of \$225,000. Mayor Marksberry commended Hall for the accomplishments at RSMC this past year. Councilwoman Scott stated she has only heard good things about the center this year and feels the patients feel they are getting better care as well.

**LIFE SQUAD/
MYRLE WHITE**

Myrle White presented information regarding EMS riverboat funds received and disbursed for 2001 through 2004 and requested funding for 2005. He stated there were 565 runs to date this

year. According to White the EMS funds are used for equipment, wages and computer software upgrades. Next year plans are to replace the 1995 Ambulance and monitor the need for another employee with additional billing tasks. Doug Baker questioned if the Life Squad or EMS had a five year plan? Myrle stated they did, but he did not bring it with him. Baker further questioned if the EMS Board would have a problem with a City and County Board representative sitting on this Board?—Myrle stated Wayne Siekman was the President of the EMS Board and Baker should contact him. White further stated the Group is in need of some young member participation.

COMMUNICATIONS/911 MYRLE WHITE

Myrle White presented information regarding the 911/Communications riverboat funds received and disbursed for 2001 through 2004 and requested funding for 2005. He stated the funds have been used for equipment, wages and computer software. The Communications Group continues to struggle to keep up with technology and training issues. He stated they have become more dependent on the riverboat funds in day to day operations due to staffing concerns and overtime issues. According to White a combined 592 hours have been worked by he and Gary Eldridge this year to save on overtime. Training has become a year round job. Eldridge does the instructing for personnel. This instruction is quite involved--including 120 hours of classroom training, SOP training, IC training, radio process, 4-day IDAC class using computer. Also the employee must be certified within 6 months of hire and as of July 2005 all employees must be certified EMD. They also must maintain CPR certification and 12 hours continuing education. Also when Eldridge is training –someone else has to take up these hours. The training has multiplied into a huge part of the Communications/911 Dept. Doug Baker questioned if they have noticed the employees getting the training here and taking another job in another County. Eldridge stated he hasn't seen that yet.

FIRE DEPARTMENT KEVIN ARMSTRONG

Kevin Armstrong thanked the City and County for the graciousness of sharing the riverboat funds. Kevin presented information regarding the funds spent for the current year and funds requested for 2005. He stated the funds have been used for equipment and building operations. The Dept plans to start replacing boots and on a long range plan are looking into another tanker to help improve the ISO rating. Software upgrades and more in house training will also be addressed. Armstrong reported they are maintaining members and building depth in the department.

RISING SUN OHIO COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL STEVE PATZ

Steve presented information regarding the Riverboat funds allocated to the School Endowment. See attached Exhibit C. The information presented reflects the possibility of paying off the construction debt by the end of 2006. According to Patz the school is working on a Capital Projects Plan of areas and priority that need to be addressed. Patz stated a school committee is addressing other funding needs. Some of these are labeled critical such as safety and the air

ventilation system. He would request the respective Boards understand the need for a continued flow of revenue after 2006 when the construction debt is paid. Doug Baker asked why our school system doesn't allow free school books as other schools. Patz stated the objective was to pay off the construction debt and that continues to be priority. He stated he had sent a letter requesting acknowledgment of the 2006 retirement of debt but has had no response to date.

With no further business before the Council; a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Slack, 2nd by Councilwoman Scott; meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rae Baker Gipson,
Clerk Treasurer

William A. Marksberry, Mayor