

**Rising Sun City Council**  
**May 7, 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 March 19, April 2, and April 9 meetings had been previously distributed to Council and Mayor Marksberry for review. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Slack to approve all three sets of minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Graves; motion carried 5-0.

**Legislative Update—Jewell Debonis/Jon Bond**

Jewell Debonis presented a synopsis of the past legislative session which ended without a State Budget. She stated the Special Session begins on Tuesday. She repeatedly stressed that all items are back on the table and warned us to be prepared for the worst. She specifically stated the "Held Harmless Money" would be a target but her and Jon would fight to see these funds did not get raided. In this Special Session a State Budget needs to be passed by June 30, 2009. Jon Bond spoke briefly regarding Development Agreements and language that had been inserted giving IGC jurisdiction over these Agreements. According to Jon they have worked hard to keep the IGC controlling language out of these proposed bills.

**Reports from Boards and Committees**

**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 A.

**Police Department**

Police Chief, David Hewitt presented an arrest report to Council and Mayor Marksberry. Hewitt apologized that there was not an officer at the Board of Works meeting last week. Hewitt stated he was out of town and Lieutenant Browning planned to be at the meeting but was held up with issues at the school. Hewitt reported 4 officers are taser certified and Officer Rimstidt has completed computer classes with classification as a forensic expert. He also reported there was landscaping vandalism at the Community Park with damage in the amount of \$1,800. The person was identified by camera footage (the movable unit) and the PD is in the process of getting this resolved. Hewitt informed Council and Mayor Marksberry that Street Laborer Doug Baker was very helpful with this case.

**Project Manager**

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

- **Fairgrounds Fence around large Arena**—Northcutt presented 2 quotes for fencing around the large arena as follows:

Links Fence Co	\$9,728
Final Grade	\$12,548

After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Graves to approve the quote of Links Fence Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Radcliff; motion carried 5-0.

- **Fairgrounds Show Arena Barn Retainage Release**—Northcutt informed Council the Pole Barns at the New Fairgrounds Park are complete. He requested to release one half of the retainage on the show arena barn in the amount of \$1,838.15 to Cousins Construction. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Radcliff to release half of the retainage on the show arena barn to Cousins Construction in the amount of \$1,838.15, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Powell; motion carried 5-0.
- **Fairgrounds Electric**—Northcutt informed Council and Mayor Marksberry after Council approved D & J Electric for the lights at the New Fairgrounds Park Shane Koons got a better deal. We will have to pay \$2500 restocking fee to D & J Electric but we will receive 60 used lights for \$1000 from Linkmeyer with a cost savings of \$4000. It was stated that Street Laborer Bobby White checked the lights and they were basically the same. After further discussion a motion was made by Councilman Slack to approve this process and purchase of lights from Linkmeyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Padgett; motion carried 5-0.
- **Fairgrounds Concrete Floor Large Animal Barn**—Northcutt presented bids for concrete floor for the Large Animal Barn. See Attached Exhibit B. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Radcliff to approve the bid of Ron May in the amount of \$45,705.25, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Graves; motion carried 5-0.
- **ReCap Grant Guidelines**-- Northcutt presented a final invoice from PAST for the guidelines for the ReCap Grant funds in the amount of \$9,520.89 for approval. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Slack to approve the final invoice from PAST in the amount of \$9,520.89, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Powell; motion carried 5-0.

#### **Park Board—Jamie Bell**

Park Director, Jamie Bell presented a monthly report to Council and Mayor Marksberry. See attached Exhibit C.

#### **Economic Development Commission—Gary Green**

Gary Green, representing EDC informed Council and Mayor Marksberry of various EDC activities in the past few months:

- Eat Desserts First is under construction at the Business Park.
- EDC has a written agreement with Mark Rowell/D & J Electric for the next lot in the Business Park.
- EDC will need to do work on the interior road at the Business Park. They are currently checking options and costs.
- EDC is checking options and costs for a permanent sign for the business park.

#### **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 D. Hoffman reported Heritage Hall has been booked an entire week in May and the Bell at Heritage Hall looks great.

#### **OCCF—Peg Dickson**

Peg Dickson Executive Director of the OCCF informed Council and Mayor Marksberry their new location was coming along. She stated they have a new sign which they are currently getting set up. She is also working with Ivy Tech and Purdue. Dickson reported meeting with OCRA regarding 11 year old grant requirements—which they may be able to close out this year.

#### **Petitions and Comments from Citizens**

There were no petitions or comments from Citizens.

**ADA Doors—RS Medical Center**--Northcutt presented cost for a heavy duty swing door from Cincinnati/Columbus Automatic Door, Inc. in the amount of \$6,450 for the Rising Sun Medical

Center. He explained to Council and Mayor Marksberry that there are a limited amount of suppliers for this type of door and couldn't get additional quotes. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Graves to approve the cost of this door, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Padgett; motion carried 5-0. Northcutt stated he will get 3 quotes for electric to install the door.

**Peg Bradfield—Wedding and Reception on Riverfront--**Peg Bradfield approached Council and Mayor Marksberry regarding holding a wedding and reception on the riverfront September 12, 2009. She stated there will be approximately 100 people in attendance. She stated food and liquor will be on the left apron of the fountain and cake under steps in rounder part. She stated the Bride and Groom are in their late 20's and there will be family and friends that age present. The wedding and reception is planned from 6-10pm. There was discussion regarding security—an off duty police officer, liability insurance, and clean up. City Attorney, Lane Siekman stated we don't have an established policy for leasing spaces. There are many requirements for a liquor permit—containment etc. This would have to be Bradfield's responsibility. It was also mentioned this was the same weekend as the Catfish Tournament. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Slack to allow the wedding and reception be held on the riverfront with Ms. Bradfield taking full responsibility of security, liability insurance, liquor permits, and set up/clean up and Attorney Siekman preparing proper documentation, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Graves; motion carried 5-0. Siekman will draw up letter of responsibility for Peg Bradfield to sign.

**Arts Festival—Mike Northcutt & Amy Hoffman**

Northcutt and Hoffman reported the Arts Festival has been canceled. Mayor Marksberry stated we can get a full report to Council regarding this cancellation.

**Fee For Services Agreement—Rising Sun Regional Foundation**

Mayor Marksberry had requested members of the Board of Directors (Board) of the Rising Sun Regional Foundation (RSRF) attend the meeting. Board President Marianne Wiggers introduced the members and voiced the Board's support for the Fee for Services Agreement (Agreement). She stated the impact of RSRF on Rising Sun and the surrounding communities is monumental. RSRF has funded thousands of capital projects. The concept or idea of the foundation has been huge—tech projects through the schools, Lily scholarships, fire trucks, equipment, radios and buildings, Parks, Medical equipment and street or road equipment. The largest impact according to Wiggers was the challenge grants or seed money utilized to create the Dearborn, Ohio, Ripley and Switzerland County Foundations. In 1996 these projects were only dreams—they became a reality by giving matching funds and leveraging money for many projects. RSRF has signed the Agreement. A discussion was held concerning the policy and benefits of the Agreement with respect to the City and the Foundation. After further discussion a motion was made by Councilman Slack to approve the Fee For Services Agreement, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Radcliff; motion carried 5-0.

**Odds & Ends**

- **Article in Vevay Newspaper**—Mayor Marksberry presented Council with a copy of an article in the Vevay newspaper regarding RSMU providing Broadband services to Switzerland County residents.
- **Arbor Day—Tree City USA**  
Mayor Marksberry informed Council there was an Arbor Day celebration on April 25 at the riverfront pavilion.
- **Citizen request Street Dept move wood after tree cut and laying in yard--**  
Clerk Gipson informed Council Street Commissioner Paul Bovard was approached by a resident to remove remaining wood from a tree the resident paid to have cut down. He offered to pay the Street Dept for this removal. Bovard had told Clerk Gipson it would probably take 12-13 truckloads—but the Street Dept could move it if it was Council's pleasure. After discussion the consensus of Council was that the resident can pay the person that cut the tree down to haul it away. If the Street Dept was to do this it could be taking work from

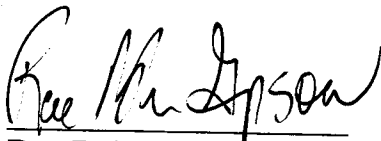
people within the community that do this work. Also they don't want the liability of going on private property to make the removal.

- **RLF appointment**--Mayor Marksberry informed Council and all present that Peg Bradfield had resigned from the RLF Board and he was appointing Rae Gipson to fill this vacancy to the end of the year.

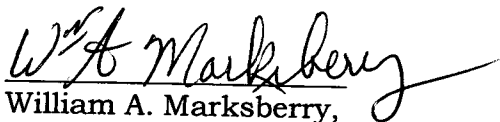
### **Adjournment**

After the reviewing and signing of claims, and with no further business; a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Graves, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Slack; meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Attest:



Rae Baker Gipson,  
Clerk Treasurer



William A. Marksberry,  
Mayor

**Water****New Water Well**

Bids were received at the April 8 USB meeting:

National Water Services	\$218,960.00
Ortman Drilling	\$229,508.00
Moodys of Dayton	\$266,000.00
Reynolds Inc	\$284,721.00

The engineer's estimate was \$227,000.00

Neil Comer, USB Attorney, reviewed the bid from National Water and found everything in order.

Scott Henry and I visited Western Mason KY Water District to see some wells National Water had installed 2 years ago. We were very satisfied with their work and received a good report from the supervisor there. American Structurepoint is also doing some research on National Water.

We have been chosen to receive a grant and loan through the DWSRF Stimulus program. Based on our rates and median household income, we will get 30% covered by grant and the remainder on a 3.88% interest loan.

This project was built into our 2009 budget so we are trying to get the 30% grant without taking out a loan for the remainder. I am working with Sarah Hudson(DWSRF) and Buzz Krohn on the details.

We must wait for Contract Award Approval from DWSRF. There is a 30 day waiting period for public comment on the Preliminary Engineering Report which will end on June 1. We will award the bid at our June 10 USB meeting.

**Water Loss**

We have an increase of gallons of water pumped per day, but no leaks have come to surface. Alliance of Indiana Water came down to help us find the problem. They heard noise in the 4" main above town, from McConnell Lane to Barbour Business Park, and think it is our problem. We dug next to the gravel pit entrance but could not find a leak in the immediate area. We did install a new valve there so we could isolate both ends of the line. Scott thinks the leak is on the upper end by what he hears when opening and closing the new valve.

**Fairgrounds Water**

We have completed installation of new lines and hydrants at the Fairgrounds. All old lines have been abandoned. 2" meter will service 7 barn and shelter hydrants along with 2 flush hydrants.

1" meter will service the animal shelter.

1" meter will service the exhibit hall, shower house, and boy scout cabin. Shut off valves were installed to isolate the shower house and cabin.

**Sewer****WWTP BAN**

I met with Buzz Krohn at the IRWA Conference in Columbus. His staff is finalizing financial information for our Sewer utility. We will be meeting in the next couple of weeks to put together various BAN refinance scenarios. (pay all with rates, pay with rates and continued RB support,...)

**Plant Maintenance**

The grit chamber was making a lot of noise to the point we had to periodically shut it down. BL Anderson came to inspect and gave us a quote of \$2975.00 to replace the gearbox. After listening closer, we decided to pull the motor to see if it was the motor or gearbox making the noise. It ended up being a bad bearing on the motor gearshaft. We fixed it for \$41.00.

The band screen was allowing some paper and small solids to pass through. JWC came to inspect and found the screen had separation at the bottom. JWC replaced a roller bracket and adjusted to fix the problem.

Some protective paint has peeled away from the SBR1 tank wall. We have contacted American Structurepoint and they are checking with the contractor about repairing it for us.

Some pavement around a manhole in the WWTP parking lot caved in a few weeks ago. We checked all lines with our sewer camera to make sure there were no collapsed lines. We think it was a void in the fill prior to paving. We sent pictures and are in contact with American Structurepoint and Reynolds for their advice.

**Sewer Schedule**

We have had some recent sewer main trouble at Willow St and also at the corner of Walnut and Plum St. I made a spreadsheet to record dates of when we camera and jetter sewer mains. Scott and I will set a plan once they get the water loss problem completed.

**ThinkGIS Mapping**

Alan and I attended training on our mapping system in March. WTH was here last week to update our software to the new version. We will begin work on updating and correcting our maps using GPS waypoints on manholes, valves, hydrants, etc...

## Electric

### Roof 301 S Poplar

The roof has been patched numerous times a replacement is needed. Neil Comer and I are writing specs on a new roof for public bid. We will advertise for bids in May.

### 1 Ton Service Truck

We have received 3 quotes for a small, 4WD service/bucket truck with 42' working height. A truck this size would be very beneficial in getting to areas difficult to reach with our larger truck. Narrow alleys, steep driveways, and off road. It will also give us an additional truck when we have widespread outage.

We have requested a \$50,000.00 grant from the Regional Foundation to cover approx. 1/2 the cost. We will get feedback on June 30.

### Climate Change Legislation

I faxed and mailed the form letters signed by the Mayor and copies of the signed resolution to Members of Congress.

We have advertised the last few weeks asking our customers to stop by and sign form letters. RSMU will mail to Members of Congress.

### Arc Flash Analysis

Per new rule NFPA70E, all electric utilities will be required to have an aarc flash analysis performed on their distribution system. IMPA/ISC will do our analysis for \$3000.00. This is \$2000.00 cheaper than Alpha Eng quoted to us.

Once the analysis is complete we will need to outfit our electrical employees with updated FRP clothing.

### IN56 Laughery Bridge

Duke Energy and RSMU electric lines must be relocated in September 2009 during the bridge reconstruction project. Once the reconstruction is complete, they need to be returned to original. INDOT will pay all costs.

We have retained Alpha Eng to contract the work out for us. They quoted \$70,032.00 to INDOT.

INDOT has sent a contract agreement for us to sign. I have Neil reviewing it now.

### Substation Capacity

Substation capacity is 15MW(two 7.5MW transformers). We normally run between 6 to 9MW, but capacity could be tested in hot weather season or if an existing transformer goes down. We will monitor closely throughout the summer.

Hyatt tested their diesel generators and were able to bring them up in less than 1 hour.

We will proceed with getting quotes for a backup transformer.

### Fairgrounds Electric

We have completed setting the poles and mounting security lights. A new pad mount transformer has been set for the barn and show arena. One linemen is assisting Bobby wiring the barns.

## Broadband

### Growth

East Enterprise Tower was installed on May 5. Switzerland EDC is paying all costs. They have contributed \$63,000.00 for installation of 3 towers in 2009.

The Hartford area will be the next target for tower installation. Hopefully in June.

We are now at 500 customers with growth of 160 customers in the past 6 months.

Rising Sun Municipal and Switzerland EDC have submitted requests for stimulus money to expedite broadband expansion.

### Cost Savings

Since 2005, we have been purchasing routers, wire, and mount brackets from Wireless Connections. I found cheaper products of equal quality on the internet. We have tested and started using for installs.

	<u>previous price from Wireless</u>	<u>new price from internet</u>	<u>savings per customer install</u>
router	Linksys wired \$53.00	Belkin wireless \$33.93	\$19.07
CAT5 wire	Madison Cable \$0.75/ft	Cable Guy \$0.15/ft	\$30.00
bracket	Waldom 2.5" \$11.99	Channel Master 3" \$3.47	\$8.52
			<u>\$57.59 total</u>

Exhibit B

City of Rising Sun/Ohio County Fair Grounds quotes due May 6, 2009 11:00 am.

Concrete Floor for New Large Animal Barn 60' x 200' with two 12' x 30' Wash Bay and Bleacher Pad 30' x 60'

Contractor	Concrete Floor with stone	Concrete Floor without stone	Bleacher Pad with stone	Bleacher Pad without stone	Total with stone	Total without stone
Ron May	\$40,305.25	\$36,265.25	\$5,400.00	\$4,660.00	\$45,705.25	\$40,925.25
Jack Lillie	\$43,115.00	\$38,315.00	\$7171.75	\$5,871.75	\$50,286.75	\$44,186.75
McAlister	\$46,500.00	\$45,000.00	\$9,500.00	\$8,750.00	\$56,000.00	\$53,750.00
C&H/M	\$62,220.00	\$56,320.00	\$10,980.00	\$9,855.00	\$73,200.00	\$66,175.00

RSOC Parks & Recreation Dept. Monthly Report

Month: April, 2009

Prepared by: Jamie Bell

<b>Events</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Pitch, Hit &amp; Run Competition was Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Varsity Baseball and Soccer Fields in the Shiner Community Park. We had 9 kids participate. Winners were:              7/8- Overall- Jacob Bovard, Pitch- Peyton Bell, Hit-Max Bowne, Run-Jacob Bovard              9/10- Overall- Balyee Hunter, Pitch- Baylee Hunter &amp; Chase McDade, Hit- Chase McDade &amp; Run- Baylee Hunter              11/12- Overall- Shane Chase (Shane won all the categories in this age group.              13/14- Overall- David Huber (David won all the categories in this age group.</li> <li>2. I participated in the OCEMS Health Fair on April 21<sup>st</sup>. There were overall 400 kids from K-5<sup>th</sup> grade. I talked about Earth Day. Each child received a mini frisbee.</li> <li>3. There were 12 people that participated in the Brain Fitness Seminar. The seminar talked about dementia and ways to prevent it. It was a free event.</li> <li>4. Boy Scouts camped in the Shiner Community Park April 24-26<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>5. American Legion Post 59 had their annual Easter Egg Hunt in the Shiner Community Park.</li> <li>6. Civil War Encampment was May 1-3 in the Shiner Community Park.</li> <li>7. The Dance recital is Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Rising Sun High School. Show times are 1p and 3p.</li> </ol>
<b>Projects</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Spring Rider in the Shiner Community Park has been repaired.</li> <li>2. Working on getting plaque for the Sycamore tree at Schroeder Facility.</li> <li>3. Wise Kids Outdoors and the Tyke Hike programs will begin the first week of June.</li> <li>4. Tree Trail Markers will be placed this summer when Street Dept. receives their summer help.</li> <li>5. Bear Branch Community Park baseball field is being renovated. The field should be playable by the end of the month. I am working with REMC on getting the lights working as well.</li> <li>6. New benches ad trash cans have been purchased for the Shiner Community Park.</li> <li>7. April Events- 39</li> </ol>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rental- \$1405.00</li> <li>2. Security Deposits- \$540.00</li> <li>3. Dance-\$1638.00</li> <li>4. Programs-\$268.00</li> </ol> <p>As of 4/28/09</p>
<b>Attended Meetings</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. City Council</li> <li>2. Schroeder Educational/Recreational Task Force</li> <li>3. America in Bloom</li> <li>4. Town Hall meeting through Historic Downtown</li> </ol>
<b>Hot Spots</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pop Machines (Park Board voted to have these removed)</li> <li>2. Water Fountain (Talked to Paul. He will have someone clean out the lime.)</li> </ol>
<b>Questions/Comments</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rental pricing for the Community Center at the Schroeder Facility will be the same as what is charged for the Senior Citizen Center.</li> </ol>



## DESIGN

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

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

### Energy Efficiency Workshop with a Preservation Twist

- Waiting for grant approval from Regional Foundation and the Ohio County Community Foundation
- Conducting the workshop would be Bill Hill, a retired professor from Ball State

### Working on the 42 pots around town

- Planting them next week

## PROMOTIONS

### Geocaching Contest

- Geocaching is an activity where people hide little objects, post the longitude and latitude coordinates on the [www.geocache.com](http://www.geocache.com), and other people post their finds. This is a modern day treasure hunt.
- There will be a form to be downloaded from our website and returned to our office. November 1, we will have a random drawing of four \$100 prizes, and one \$100 prize to the person who came from the furthest away.

### Summer Serenades

- Organizing Summer Serenades this year.

### Community News

- Turned in a grant to the Regional Foundation to help fund Community News for the rest of the year
- Collaborated with Bretzel Enterprises with developing an on-line version [www.risingsunnews.org](http://www.risingsunnews.org)

### Main Street Events

- Hosting the Regional Main Street Workshop on June 5, 2009

## ECONOMIC RESTURCTURING

### Business Development

- Coordinating a Workshop on May 28 with Brett Stowell which will help with Resumes and Interviewing skills

### Building Inventory

- Will be completed this summer with the help of Erin Keith

## ORGANIZATION

### Preservation Gala

- May 15, 2009 Heritage Hall with Spittin' Image for entertainment and Jessica's Taste Sensation will cater.

### Organizing the creation of a Strategic Plan

- Creating the Strategic Plan will give us long range goals

## **Community Involvement**

- Attended the Purdue Lean Overview Workshop
- Attended the following meetings
  - Revolving Loan
  - Redevelopment
  - Rising Sun Art Council
  - 2009 Art Festival
  - Rotary
  - Retirement Task Force
  - Inn Keeper's Networking Meeting
  - Navy Bean Festival Meeting
  - Historic Downtown Board
    - Organization
    - Design
    - Economic Restructuring
    - Promotions