Rising Sun City Council Meeting August 3, 2006 7:00 P.M. City Hall

Call to Order/Pledge

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Bill Marsksberry with all of Council present.

Minutes

The minutes of the June 1st, 12th, and 22nd Council meetings had been distributed to Mayor Marksberry and Council Members prior to the meeting. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Slack to approve minutes as written, 2nd by Councilman Padgett; motion carried 5-0. Clerk Gipson stated the minutes of the July Council meeting will be sent out within the next week or so and can be addressed at the September meeting.

Reports of Committees, Boards, & Departments

Tourism

Sherry Timms, Director of Tourism informed Council and Mayor Marksberry she had distributed recently printed Tourism pamphlets. She discussed the Tourism media plan for the remainder of 2006 and stated a long range plan is underway. She brought the historical wharf boat sign for all to see. This is a part of the historical signage project.

EDC

Trey Clifton and Steve Jiminez addressed the Mayor and Council regarding extending the contract between EDC and Ed Sullivan for an additional 30 days. According to Clifton and Jiminez, Sullivan is the point person for EDC. His contract is set to expire July 31, 2006. The extension is at no cost to the City or County and will allow for a transition period keeping projects and plans from being at a stand still. Councilman Slack questioned if this would only be for the City? Clifton stated the EDC recommendation was a split vote 3-3 with City representatives vs. County representatives, so yes Sullivan will be considered as a City consultant. Councilman Slack stated he is not sure he feels this split vote is a majority. It was mentioned by Jiminez and Clifton the split vote was a result of a letter sent by the County officials making statements about improprieties and such. Councilwoman Scott stated she feels the extension of the contract will make things uncomfortable with the County being against and feels one month without Sullivan will not make that big of a difference. Councilwoman Siekman questioned how this would work with the City and County EDC Representatives at a 3-3 vote. Clifton stated this would be an extension of the contract for 30 days as a city consultant or EDC point person. Jiminez stated EDC wants to continue to move forward and keep the momentum moving with a smooth transition. We are not looking to pit City against the County—Ed has worked as EDC point person for nearly 2 years. There is a lot of information here to pass forward during transition. After further discussion a motion was made by Councilman Slack to deny the request to extend this contract 30 days; 2^{nd} by Councilwoman Siekman; motion carried 4-1 with Councilman Brown being against the motion.

Utility Service Board

There was nothing to report.

Historic Downtown

Tammy Elbright reported the following:

- The City received National Main Street Accreditation.
- There will be a Main Street Assessment meeting at 5:30 August 21 at the Historical Society.
- With the implementation of the signage plan, 54 new banners, designed by Robin Siekman, will be installed on various poles throughout town.
- Elbright reported she had pin pointed about 14 locations for the fence post program. This would cost between 18,000 and 20,000 to address them all. Council requested Tammy to get a list of the locations for them to review.
- Elbright presented a proposal for 3 creature sculptures to be added to the existing fountain at the pavilion. The cost for these additions will be \$5,000. Councilwoman Scott stated according to Elbright this was a part of the original fountain design. After discussion Councilman Slack stated with all the controversy about the fountain etc-- he felt we ought to let a sleeping dog lie for awhile.
- Elbright presented a poster of painted pots to be used for promotional use.
- Elbright informed all that Historic Downtown will be hosting an Indiana Historic Landmarks tour and reception at the Pendleton Arts Center on August 28th.
- Elbright also informed Council Karrah White Miller will be going on maternity leave in the next couple months. She will be using FMLA for this time away from work. Elbright was approached by Abbey Gipson about filling in for Karrah a few days a week while she is on leave. This will allow some flexibility for Elbright during Karrah's leave of absence. After further discussion a motion was made by Councilwoman Siekman to approve Miller's FMLA and Gipson filling in for her, 2nd by Councilman Slack; motion carried 5-0.
- Elbright informed Council about the Community Picnic to be held on August 26th. Clerk Gipson stated that Barb Anderson had requested Council release the shuttle from the obligatory route in order to transport kayakers back to Aurora. After discussion a motion was made by Councilwoman Scott to release the shuttle of this obligatory route in order to transport kayakers back to Aurora, 2nd by Councilman Brown; motion carried 5-0.
- Elbright informed Council and Mayor Marksberry of her participation plans in the River Days festivities. See attached Exhibit A.
- Elbright requested Council release the Rising Sun Regional Foundation of the commitment which they had made when application for CFF funds was made. With this funding not successfully acquired the scope of work changed. After further discussion a motion was made by Councilwoman Scott to release RSRF of the \$50,000 commitment since the scope of the project has changed, 2nd by Councilwoman Siekman; motion carried 5-0.
- Elbright also informed Council that Suzanne Sizer had another obligation and requested information be passed to the Mayor and Council regarding activities for the "First Friday" in September. See Attached Exhibit B. There will be 3 Sister Arts Centers featured. Grand Victoria is a sponsor of the event—Sept 1st at 7:00 pm. Sizer also wanted to inform all there is only 1 condo remaining to be sold.

Project Manager

Northcutt gave an update on the Presbyterian Church project. He stated the Windows of the World is at 50% of project completion. He is waiting on an update from the Architect.

He informed all present there will be a Riverfront Advisory Commission meeting August $16^{\rm th}$ at 4:00 in reference to the Riverfront Phase 5 Project. A preliminary plan was distributed to the Council and Mayor Marksberry. He also stated the skate park plans will have cost estimates soon.

OCCF

Peg Dickson informed the Mayor and Council that the Life Squad is the first agency fund to meet the maximum donation of \$10,000 from the City of Rising Sun.

Police Department

Police Chief David Hewitt informed Mayor and Council there may be some vendors pulling in on Thursday evening prior to River Days event—but this shouldn't be cause for earlier street closings. He also stated there are a couple employees that have questioned the "at will employment" statement on the acknowledgement of the Employee Handbook. Attorney Siekman stated the policy was approved by Council in December 2005 and February 2006. Indiana is an "at will" employer which applies to everyone. He further stated the employees are only signing a "receipt and acknowledgment" that they have been given the employee handbook and they have read it. Chief Hewitt stated the PD employees with these concerns probably will not sign if this statement remains.

Petitions or Comments from Citizens

Rita Thompson informed all present she had been attacked by 2 dogs and had to have 8 stitches. Upon identifying the dogs Thompson was not 100% sure they were the same dogs—because their appearance had changed or been altered. According to Chief Hewitt there was not enough evidence to get a search warrant—the person hired an attorney and the Judge would not sign the search warrant. According to Attorney Siekman there are Criminal issues and Civil issues regarding this situation. Chief Hewitt addressed the situation as far as he could as a criminal issue. As a civil issue Thompson could address this and sue the person for damages. The issue comes back to having a stronger ordinance in place. It was requested by Council that Attorney Siekman review the Ordinance approved by the County a few months back and bring suggestions to Council for review.

Unfinished Business

TAP Program Funding Approval

David McKinnis representing Purdue re-established the request and proposal. The TAP proposal is a three year funding plan--\$100,000 committed by the Rising Sun Regional Foundation and \$50,000 requested of the City of Rising Sun both over a 2 year funding period. The remaining budget amount will come from Purdue. The office will be located in Rising Sun. The served area has a population of 201,510. The position description is ready to be posted upon approval and is attached as Exhibit C. The TAP office will offer assistance and be a partnership serving as a resource to industry in the regional area. The program offers multiple ways for companies to connect with Purdue's technicians, consultants, assistance with employment/recruitment, and extensive research resources. Rising Sun will be a host site --- one of three of these offered programs. Councilwoman Scott questioned if the other locations participated with start up funding? According to Purdue representative

McKinnis there were some large contracts that funded these programs—but funding requests are not uncommon. After further discussion a motion was made by Councilwoman Siekman to approve funding this program at \$50,000 over a two year period, 2nd by Councilman Brown; motion carried 5-0. McKinnis thanked everyone for their participation and stated there is a segment scheduled on the Gerry Dick show which he will forward the link to Council and Mayor Marksberry.

Lifetime Resources—Funding Request

Julie Schafer with Lifetime Resources presented 2007 funding requests to Council and Mayor Marksberry for review. According to Julie the State funding level for Lifetime Resources was cut, but they are requesting \$15,200 from Rising Sun as was funded in 2006. Council will address the funding request in the budget for 2007.

Rising Sun Medical Center—Cheri Hall

Cheri Hall thanked Mayor Marksberry and Council members for the continued funding for the center. She updated as follows:

- The Center has done their first newsletter.
- The Center continues to be monitored by the State regarding CFF funding—this will continue through 2008.
- The Center received State funding in the amount of \$92,000, but the levels continue to be reduced state wide.
- The Center continues to need funding for the sliding scale.
- The Center understands that everyone liked Dr. Z but he had to be located in an underserved area and Rising Sun no longer fits these criteria.
- The Center held a Health Fair at Grand Victoria which was funded by OCCF—probably won't offer extended hours again as only had 2 people after 5pm.
- The Center received funding for the Reach out and Read program.
- The Center sponsored a Golf Tournament at Grand Victoria.
- Hall stated she had written a Grant to the Dearborn County Foundation for funding for the sliding scale program and was awarded \$96,000.
- The City of Rising Sun started an endowment fund for the Center in 2005. The Center plans to contribute to the fund as dollars are available.
- The Board continues to try to recruit another physician. They are working on several options at this time.
- The Center was awarded grant funds from RSRF for a new phone system.
- Hall reported she is currently working with the Health Department on a health program for walking and weight loss—plans are just underway and there is still a lot to be determined.

Hall again thanked the Mayor and Council for their continued support—and for all the graciousness shown to her during her father's illness and passing.

Ron Timms—Chairman Region 9 Workforce Board

Timms gave an overview to the Council and Mayor Marksberry of the new Workforce Board of Development for Indiana.

RSOC Schools—Superintendent Steve Patz and Tim Adams School Board Representative

Board Member Tim Adams presented a report to Council see attached Exhibit D. They informed Council and Mayor Marksberry a new phase of debt was issued as a 20 year bond issue. With the City and County continuing to contribute to the School Endowment this debt will be paid off prior to the 20 year bond issue. They invited Council to come for a tour of the construction.

Ordinance 2006-6—"Supplemental Codification to the City Code"

Mayor Marksberry presented Ordinance 2006-6 for First Reading – second reading will be held at the September Council meeting.

Health Insurance

There was discussion regarding the renewal of employee health insurance for City employees. After discussion a motion was made by Councilwoman Scott to approve the Option 1 plan (Attached exhibit E) and continue the Employee HRA with single employees to receive an HRA of \$1,500 and any plan other than single to receive an HRA of \$2,000, 2^{nd} by Councilman Slack; motion carried 5-0.

PERF Resolution 2006-13

Clerk Gipson proposed Resolution 2006-13 to enlarge the City PERF account to include the positions of Mayor and City Attorney. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Padgett to approve Resolution 2006-13, $2^{\rm nd}$ by Councilwoman Scott; motion carried 5-0.

Miscellaneous

- Mayor Marksberry presented INDOT information to Council regarding an update for SR 56 over Arnolds Creek. See attached Exhibit F.
- Marksberry also reminded Council of the cookout at the Denver Siekman Environmental Park on August 11th.
- Councilwoman Scott stated she had calls with concerns regarding drainage issues and standing water in the area of Margaret Avenue. Mayor Marksberry stated there is a retention pond there to address these issues. Marksberry stated he will have the Street Dept and Northcutt take a look at this area during the next rain.

Adjournment

After the reviewing and signing of claims, and with no further business; a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Slack, 2^{nd} by Councilwoman Scott; meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Attest:
Rae Baker Gipson, Clerk Treasurer
William A. Marksberry, Mayor

River Days August 18, 19, &20, 2006 Historic Downtown Program Schedule of Commitments

1. The Historic Downtown Office can be used as Information

Central. (We will need event information as soon as possible.)

- Our phone number (812) 438-2750 and our e-mail address downtownrisingsun@orvcomm.com can be used to answer questions about River Days in the weeks and days before the event.
- We are willing to be the central location for **pre-sale** tickets and/or wristbands. (But, we will not be responsible for ticket sales on the days of the event.)
- 2. Historic Downtown will ensure the committee that *most* businesses will be open during the 3- day event and they will be participating in a **River Days Scavenger Hunt**. (The scavenger hunt will be used to drive attendees of the event into the businesses.)
- 3. Historic Downtown will be booking strolling sidewalk entertainment on both Saturday and Sunday. Such as: jugglers, balloon artists, face painters, magicians, and storytellers. (This type of entertainment will appeal to all ages and can be used as fill-ins before, between, and after some of the daytime musical acts.)

Thursday, July 13, 2006

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT: Suzanne Sizer at (513) 324-7322

Rising Sun, IN: PENDLETON ART CENTER WELCOMES GRAND VICTORIA CASINO AND RESORT

The Grand Victoria Casino and Resort in Rising Sun, IN, is celebrating it's 10th anniversary this year with a full calendar of events... plus, The Pendleton Art Center in Rising Sun will feature "Artists and Art in Gaming" art show in September to open the first annual Grand Victoria Casino and Resort Month at the Pendleton.

Artists from the three sister Pendleton Art Centers in Rising Sun, Cincinnati, and Ashland, KY, will present artwork focused on their rendition of what gaming means to them.

The Grand Victoria Casino judges will award prizes to winning artists on September 1, 2006, at 7 p.m. at the Center. VIP guests of the Grand Victoria will be hosted in the VIP suite at the art center.

"We're excited about this show and recognizing the Grand Victoria's contributions to Rising Sun," says Jim Verdin of the Pendleton Art Centers. "Rising Sun is a natural venue for artists with the scenic river views and supportive environment. And, a gaming theme will allow for some creative interpretations by our artists. This will be our first annual Grand Victoria Casino and Resort event, but also our first event for the three Pendleton Art Center artists to participate together in a judged art show and exhibit, "Mr. Verdin continues.

Every First Friday of the month, the Pendleton Art Center in Rising Sun opens its doors for visitors and anyone interested in seeing artwork and meeting some talented artists. Rising Sun artists, photographers, sculptors, glass artisans, weavers, potters, and musicians invite guests to come to their studios to see their works; or just come hang out for refreshments and some great music on a Friday night in Rising Sun along the Ohio River. From contemporary to realistic expressionism, the artists enjoy opening their studios to the general public on First Friday's and Second-Look Saturday's to show their wares.

For more information, contact Suzanne Sizer at (513) 324-7322. Further details of the show will be released at a later date.

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Purdue Technical Assistance Program Rising Sun Office Position Description (to be posted August 7, 2006)

Bachelor's degree is required. Bachelor's degree in management, engineering or technology is preferred. Minimum of four years direct involvement in manufacturing or consulting to manufacturing is required. Candidates must possess: a working knowledge of lean manufacturing; a working knowledge of manufacturing quality systems; proven skills in consulting services sales, contract services, bids/quotations, work statement preparation and client portfolio management; and a valid driver's license. Automotive manufacturing experience highly desired. Other highly desirable traits include: a working knowledge of continuous improvement methodologies; working knowledge of safety and OSHA requirements for manufacturers; working knowledge of inventory and warehouse management; knowledge of environmental issues; and be willing to travel up to 80% of the time.

The successful candidate will serve as the Manufacturing Services Account Manager. The Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) is a program initiated by the federal government to perform economic development in the manufacturing sector. The Purdue Technical Assistance Program manages the Indiana MEP Center. The Account Managers are responsible for promoting the program to manufacturing companies. This includes visiting companies, presentations at conference and trade groups, setting up seminars and workshops and development of promotional materials. Account Managers are responsible for connecting companies with the program services that will impact the operational efficiency, marketing, quality and environmental functions of a manufacturer. It will be the responsibility of the Account Manager to articulate these services, develop proposals and work statements, and develop contracts with manufacturing firms to receive MEP training and technical services. Account Managers will work with local economic developers to attract new companies and will perform limited work in non-manufacturing sectors.

This position is located in Rising Sun, IN. This position is subject to renewal annually based on performance and the availability of program funding.

August 3, 2006

City Council Meeting

Report from the Rising Sun-Ohio County Community School Corporation on the building/remodeling project. Since the City Council has gifted money in the past to the School Endowment, we thought it would be a good idea to keep everyone up to date on the progress of the present project.

Items of Interest

- 1. In June, the Endowment gifted enough money to the School Corporation so the debt could be paid off in December of this year. Ms. Keith and Mr. Patz will pay off the loan in December.
- 2. The present project is on schedule to be completed by August 1, 2007.
- 3. School will start on time. While there will be some inconveniences, we will be able to operate in a safe manner for students, staff, parents and community members.
- 4. As you probably remember, there are upgrades to each of the three buildings. The most extensive is the upgrade at the elementary-middle school with a new HVAC system for the older three wings. The drainage system around the building is also being addressed.
- 5. There are two photo booklets that have pictures that were taken a week a part. Progress is being made each day and it is very noticeable each week. There are also some pictures of the very beginning of the project.
- 6. If any member of the Council Members would want a tour of the project, contact Mr. Patz.
- 7. I know that my time is limited, so if there any questions I would be more than glad to answer them at this time.
- 8. Thank you

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Exhibit F

Bill Marksberry

From:

"Williams, Bob" <BWILLIAMS@indot.IN.gov>

To:

<Mayor@cityofrisingsun.com>

Sent: Subject: Wednesday, August 02, 2006 9:42 AM FW: Update for SR 56 over Arnold Creek

F.Y.I.

Bob Williams

District Deputy Commissioner Seymour District, INDOT (812) 524-3702

----Original Message----From: Bunselmeier, Jason

Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2006 9:28 AM

To: Logman, Jeffrey; Harris, Tom; Williams, Bob; Mcclellan, Tony; Jenkins, Marvin; Kiefer, Chris

Subject: Update for SR 56 over Arnold Creek

Gentlemen,

John Mauser with Janseen and Spaans has informed me that the new support plans for B-28366 have not been submitted. He stated that he proposed to submit the new plans today or tomorrow to George Snyder and Don Leonard for their review. He is also going to make personal contact with George and Don to make sure that the e-mails are received and that they know the urgency of the review. When I have any further information I will contact each of you.

Jason B. Bunselmeier Area Engineer – INDOT Seymour District Construction 812-524-3740

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