

Rising Sun City Council Meeting Minutes

March 2nd, 2006

7:00 P.M.

City Hall

Call to Order/Pledge

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Bill Marsksberry with all members present except Councilwoman Siekman.

Minutes

The January 26th and February 2nd Council minutes had been distributed to Mayor Marksberry and Council Members prior to the meeting. After discussion a motion was made by Councilwoman Scott to accept both sets of minutes as written, Councilman Brown seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.

Reports of Committees, Boards, & Departments

Police Department

Police Chief David Hewitt reported to City Council that Officer Rodney Rimstidt had helped save approximately \$2,000 on the new radios that Council approved at the last meeting. Hewitt also informed the group the new police car had arrived. The Dodge Charger will be driven by Frank McIntosh and is one of approximately 25 of these new cars in service in the Country. The Police Logo and such will be added in April. Chief Hewitt reported five officers have been involved in approximately 80 hours of training this month, with the remainder of training scheduled in March.

Hewitt informed Council the '97 Nissan Pathfinder is in need of some high cost repairs. According to Hewitt the vehicle has approximately 130,000 miles on it with axel and other repair issues. He stated the vehicle is probably not worth \$2000. He requested Council's approval to look into trading this vehicle and the '98 Intrepid that McIntosh was driving and purchase another used vehicle. According to Hewitt's research he should have \$10,000 or so in his budget available to use as well. After further discussion a motion was made by Councilman Slack to give Hewitt authority to proceed with looking into this purchase, 2nd by Councilman Padgett; motion carried 4-0. Hewitt will bring possible purchases back to Council for final approval. Hewitt reported the parking issues on Industrial and Smart Drive seem to be going better at this time.

Historic Downtown

Tammy Elbright presented a 2006 "Working" Calendar of Events—she will update this as events are scheduled. She informed the board that she had attended the Celebrate 20 Years of Indiana Main Street in Indianapolis. Elbright presented a Comprehensive Work Plan for Council to review in reference to the renovation of the Presbyterian Church. According to Elbright Bruce Goetzman is working on getting a 3rd quote on the stained glass. She also informed all present Lt. Governor Becky Skillman e-mailed her today with the a picture of Rising Sun's Main Street included in her paperwork.

Rising Sun Regional Foundation

Jim Clements represented the Rising Sun Regional Foundation. He stated the Board was very proud of the progress, and presented the 2005 Annual Report of activity to the Mayor and Council. He expressed items included on pages one and two in reference to the Regional Economic Development efforts.

Historical Society, Tourism, Economic Development, and Project Manager

No reports.

Petitions or Comments from Citizens

No one present with petitions or comments.

Unfinished Business

Summer Baseball/Softball Program

Mayor Marksberry informed Council that per Steve Patz, all of the twenty-two potential summer baseball teams are sponsored. Although, sponsorship is still needed for signs to be placed at all three fields. The cost of the signs would be \$300 each, and each year following would be a cost of \$100 each. They discussed the sign reading along the lines of "City of Rising Sun supports the Youth of Rising Sun & Ohio County"—requesting Clerk Gipson to put something together. Councilman Slack motioned to approve 3 signs (one for each field), and Councilman Brown seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

New Business

Community Event Funding Grants

OCEMS Health & Safety Fair—2006-4

Jamie Works presented the Mayor and Council with a proposal for \$2,000 to conduct a Health and Safety Fair for Grades K—5 at the Senior Center in May 2006. This money would be used for supplies, rental of the center, and lunch for the volunteers. She explained that each grade would spend approximately one hour at the health fair. Councilwoman Scott made a motion to approve funding Community Event Grant 2006-3, 2nd by Councilman Padgett; motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Marksberry informed Council that Barbara Hon with the Rising Star Singers could not attend the meeting and would be on the April Agenda.

Mayor Marksberry had requested that Doug Baker research pool liner quotes for the Community Pool. Every year spots have to be grinded, applied with trisodium phosphate, and last epoxy paint. The Community Pool needs to be painted every 8 to 10 years. Baker requested that Chester Pools quote to paint the pool, but they would not quote this work. He did find in his research that Chester buys direct from RenoSys. He discussed with council the man hours that it takes to prepare for the season. We currently have two issues at the pool. One is the liner, and the other is the filter system. Priority should be given to the liner for 2006 with the following quotes given: Renosys \$53,361/15 yr. warranty and Chester Pools \$61,608/10 yr. warranty. Doug Baker and Paul Bovard traveled to Indy Parks to look at this style of liner. It's guaranteed no leaks. The filter system can be addressed for the 2007 season. A new filter system would cut down on man hours at the pool. City Attorney, Lane Siekman requested Baker to research more about the warranty specifics and allow him to review. After much discussion, Councilman Padgett motioned to accept Renosys bid, and Councilwoman Scott seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Local Community College Scholarship Fund—Resolution 2006-6 & 2006-7

Peg Dixon with the Ohio County Community Foundation presented to Mayor and Council formerly committed funds to Ivy Tech Scholarship to be considered for the creation of a community or junior college fund as a local fund with Ohio County Community Foundation. Resolution 2006-6 was presented to Create Community/Junior College Fund in the amount of \$30,000. This would be a split of \$8,000 as a Permanent Endowment Fund, and \$22,000 as a Non-Permanent Pass Thru Fund. This would enable any Ohio County resident eligible to apply for this college fund. After much discussion, Councilman Slack motioned to pass Resolution 2006-6, and Councilman Padgett seconded. Motion carried 3-1. Councilwoman Scott abstained.

Dixon presented along with Schedule A City Resolution 2006-6 to Create Community/Junior College Fund, Schedule B OCCF Fee Schedule, Schedule C Fund Agreement, and Schedule D Memorandum of Intent. After further discussion Councilman Padgett motioned to allow Mayor Marksberry to sign the above Schedule C, and Councilman Slack seconded. Motion carried 3-1. Councilwoman Scott abstained. Schedule D Memorandum of Intent was reviewed with discussion on Scholarship Criteria and Selection Criteria. After further discussion, Councilman Slack motioned to approve Schedule D Memorandum of Intent, and Councilman Padgett seconded. Motion carried 3-1. Councilwoman Scott abstained.

Next Resolution 2006-7 was reviewed as the Distribution of City of Rising Sun Quality of Life Endowment Fund Proceeds. After discussion Councilman Padgett motioned to pass Resolution 2006-7, and Councilman Slack seconded. Motion carried 3-1. Councilwoman Scott abstained.

Schedule F was reviewed as the Endowment Fund Agreement between the Ohio County Community Foundation and the City of Rising Sun. Councilman Slack motioned to give Mayor Marksberry the authority to sign the agreement, and Councilman Brown seconded. Motion carried 3-1. Councilwoman Scott abstained.

Schedule G was reviewed as the Field of Interest Endowment Fund Agreement between OCCF and the City of Rising Sun. After discussion Councilman Padgett motioned to give Mayor Marksberry authority to sign the agreement, and Councilman Brown seconded. Motion carried 3-1. Councilwoman Scott abstained.

Schedule H was introduced as a Memorandum of Intent for the Implementation of Future Generations of Endowment Fund. This would allow 2006 graduating class and thereafter and possibly a two-year college applicant to apply for four year money. Councilman Padgett approved Memorandum of Intent as amended with contingencies, and Councilman Brown seconded. Motion carried 3-1. Councilwoman Scott abstained. See attached 2 pages from OCCF Exhibit A.

Mowing Ordinance 2006-1

The first reading of Ordinance 2006-1 Mowing Ordinance was conducted this evening with the second reading to be held at the April 6, 2006 council meeting. Mayor Marksberry expressed the fact that in past years the City has had to mow private parcels in the community and reimbursement has never been made to the City. Marksberry did inform council a check was received from Bruce Fryman in the amount of \$300 for mowing done in 2005. Information was also given to Mr. Fryman of private contractors who mow grass for a fee. Clerk Treasurer Gipson stated this ordinance will allow guidance to the City in the future regarding the process used when the City is forced to take care of private properties.

Transfer Resolution 2006-8

Clerk Gipson proposed Resolution 2006-8 to transfer appropriations within the City. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Scott to approve the transfer request—Resolution 2006-8, Seconded by Councilman Padgett; motion carried 4-0.

Fifth Street Storm Water Improvements

Northcutt gave a proposal to council for review from ACE Engineering with a construction cost of \$420,000 and \$71,076 for engineer and design work. This is a similar project to the one that was done on High St./Maiden Lane. Items discussed included 5 acres of ground on Fifth St. not yet developed for proper drainage in the future. Mayor Marksberry informed council that most of the residents on Fifth St. complain about the drainage. Motion was made by Councilwoman Scott to enter into the engineering agreement with Ace Engineering at a cost not to exceed \$71,076. This was seconded by Councilman Brown and the motion carried 4-0.

Senior Housing Request

The request to fund the senior housing project at Fulton's Place for \$75,000 for the 2006 year has been requested in writing from the Board of Directors of Rising Sun & Ohio County Senior Citizens Housing, Inc. Reminder that \$75,000 was given towards Fulton Place for 2005 in November of last year. Council concurred this was approved in November 2005 and the disbursement could be made. Clerk Gipson stated the expenditure is included on the monthly claim docket.

Approval of Disposal

The Clerk Treasurer's office has been working on Record's Room at City Hall, and are requesting approval to donate old, unused record books and equipment by declaring items of no value. Councilwoman Scott made motion to approve this request, and Councilman Brown seconded. Motion carried 4-0. See Attached List Exhibit B.

Miscellaneous

Library information was given to council in their Council Meeting Folders. Clerk Gipson stated she has a call into the Librarian to clarify draws and total amount borrowed.

Clerk Gipson informed Council per their request at the previous meeting, the 2006 funding request from Rising Sun River Days was completed as a community event funding grant and is also included in their Council Meeting Folder.

Mayor Bill Marksberry informed council that May 4-6, 2006 would be dates for the Yard Sale Extravaganza 2006.

Councilwoman Scott informed all she was a guest speaker for a 5th grade class at OCEMS. The children asked her about the Skateboard Park. Councilman Slack requested clarification that only the design of the skateboard park has been approved to date. It was discussed that bids will be requested once the design is complete.

Mayor Marksberry informed council that the Utility Service Board wants to go ahead and drill their wells before anything starts on the Skateboard Park.

Larry Bailey was in attendance to thank Councilman Padgett for the funds that were given to the Environmental Park.

Adjournment

After the reviewing and signing of claims, and with no further business; a motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Scott, 2nd by Councilman Brown; meeting adjourned.

Attest:

Rae Baker Gipson,
Clerk Treasurer

William A. Marksberry,
Mayor

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A	City Resolution to Create Community/Junior College Fund	\$ 30,000.00
	Permanent Endowment Fund	\$ 8,000.00
	This fund would be a permanent fund with no principal being spent, only the interest figured over a 20 rolling quarter basis. OCCF admin fees equal 1% per year	
	Non-Permanent Pass Thru Fund	\$ 22,000.00
	This fund would be available immediately for payouts Minimum balance of \$20,000 to receive interest OCCF admin fees equal 2%	
B	OCCF fee schedule	
C	Fund Agreement	
D	Memorandum of Intent	

Additional funding would be necessary for ongoing Scholarships

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E	City Resolution to define interest payout	\$ 365,000.00
	City to return to own Fund	\$ (150,000.00)
	Non-Permanent Agency Matching Fund	\$ (80,000.00)

F Fund Agreement

Create 4-Year College Scholarship Fund \$ 135,000.00

G	Permanent Endowment Fund	
	This fund would be a permanent fund with no principal being spent, only the interest figured over a 20 rolling quarter basis. OCCF admin fees equal 1% per year	
	Non-Permanent Pass Thru Fund	\$ (35,000.00)
H	Fund Agreement	
	Memorandum of Intent	
	This fund would be available immediately for payouts Minimum balance of \$20,000 to receive interest OCCF admin fees equal 2%	
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Press Release: Ohio County News/Recorder
From: Peggy Dickson
Date: For immediate release 3/7/06
Subject: City of Rising Sun Establishes New Scholarships

Mayor Bill Marksberry and Clerk-Treasurer Rae Baker Gipson presented a plan to the Common Council of the City of Rising Sun to establish two new scholarship programs at the March meeting.

All 2006 graduating seniors of the Rising Sun High School will now be eligible to apply for a scholarship to further their education if certain criteria are met.

The Future Generations College Scholarship was established for the 2006 graduating seniors to apply for a scholarship to attend a four year college or university in Indiana, Kentucky or Ohio. The 2006 scholarship will be in the amount of \$1000 per award and may include up to five years of post-secondary education from the date of their high school graduation. The dollar amount of these scholarship will be determined by available funding each year.

This scholarship award may be used for tuition and/or books. Students receiving any other full tuition scholarship are not eligible to apply for this scholarship.

Criteria for this scholarship include a grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale, applicant must show proof of enrollment or acceptance into a 4 year college, must be under the age of 25 and must remain in good standing with the college for all semesters. All applicants must submit a completed application by the deadline stated on the application. Recipients of these awards must write a thank you letter to the Rising Sun City Council within the academic year of the award for each scholarship.

Graduates of the class of 2007 Rising Sun High School will have additional criteria to meet. Students must complete a minimum of 10 Community Appreciation Service hours approved by the Ohio County Community Foundation, 20 hours for the 2008 graduation class, 30 hours for the 2009 graduation class and 40 hours for each graduating class thereafter.

The second scholarship established is the Community/Junior College Scholarship. This scholarship was established to offer a \$500 per semester scholarship to students planning to attend a two year community or junior college in Indiana, Kentucky or Ohio.

This scholarship is available not only to graduating seniors, but to any residents of Ohio County that have resided in Ohio County for at least one year.

This scholarship is available to applicants planning to attend a two-year community or junior college in Indiana, Kentucky or Ohio and applicant must show proof of enrollment. This scholarship is to be used for tuition and/or books. Students receiving any other full tuition scholarship are not eligible to apply for this scholarship. Recipients of this scholarship are eligible to reapply for a maximum of 6 semesters. This scholarship dollar amount will be determined also by available funding each year.

Both of these scholarship programs will be managed by the Ohio County Community Foundation.

Mayor Marksberry and Clerk-Treasurer Gipson stated this is a program that they both want to see put into action as soon as possible. Common Council Members Mike Padgett, Steve Slack and Gerald Brown gave their approval. Stephanie Scott abstained from voting as she is an employee of the Ohio County Community Foundation and Angel Siekman was absent.

If anyone has any questions about the two new scholarships, please contact Peggy Dickson or Stephanie Scott at the Ohio County Community Foundation at 438-9401. Applications are available at the guidance counselor's office at Rising Sun High School and the Ohio County Community Foundation office. Deadline for submitting applications to the Ohio County Community Foundation is June 1, 2006.

March 2, 2006

TO: RAE

FROM: TAMMY

CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL FOR DISPOSAL OF
THE FOLLOWING:

1. NAKAJIMA AE-830 TYPEWRITER WITH RIBBONS
2. OLYMPIA STD 300 TYPEWRITER
3. TWO (2) OLD ORDINANCE BOOKS NEVER USED
4. ONE (1) CLAIM & ALLOWANCE DOCKET BOOK NEVER USED
5. ONE (1) TREASURER'S DAILY BALANCE OF CASH & DEPOSITORIES BOOK NEVER USED