

**Rising Sun City Council
City/County Joint Meeting
April 30, 2008
6:00 P.M.
Senior Community Building**

Call to order/Pledge

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Marksberry. A quorum was determined by Clerk Gipson with all of City Council present, all of County Council present except Dill Dorrell and all County Commissioners present.

Legislative Update—Jewell Debonis/Jon Bond

Jewell Debonis presented a synopsis of the “short session”. See Attached Exhibit A. Debonis stated our money is always at risk. According to Debonis the State Revenue Forecast follows the economy so there will be a big hole to fill.

Sink Hole SR56 & Business Park—Bill Marksberry

Mayor Marksberry requested the County share in the costs to repair the sink hole on SR56 near Elliott’s Landing and the new Business Park. Estimated cost to repair from Holman is \$13,935.50. There will be an additional \$1900 cost from Land Consultants if permitting is needed. There was much discussion regarding what caused the sink hole and who was responsible. Mayor Marksberry stated this had to be fixed quickly to ensure the safety of Rising Sun and Ohio County residents and to avoid any further potential liability. After further discussion a motion was made by County Councilwoman April Hautman to pay half of these costs, 2nd by County Councilwoman Tammy Elbright; motion carried with all in favor –no opposed. Expense will come from Special Needs. A motion was also made by Commissioner Shane Koons to pay half of these costs, 2nd by County Commissioner Todd Walton; motion carried 3-0.

911 Communications—Joe Teke

911 Communications Director, Joe Teke informed all present he received a quote from MidWest Data Inc. for the computer project. The quote is half the anticipated cost from Bretzel. The project includes Fire, EMS, EMA, Police and Sheriff. A grant was awarded to the City in the amount of \$40,000. Teke reported he had talked with Ed Sullivan and will need a letter for the Board to amend the grant usage. Teke reported the original cost was \$170,000.

Denver Siekman Environmental Park—Janie Eldridge

Janie Eldridge presented information of what the group has accomplished since the first of the year. See Attached Exhibit B. Eldridge stated their current short term goal is a theater barn.

Park Board—Janie Eldridge & Pam McClure

Information was presented to the group of various accomplishments since the first of the year. See Attached Exhibit C. There was discussion regarding park board revenues and funds. McClure said there are some hot spots in their budget—Senior Community Building needs new toilets and the roof needs fixed.

There were questions regarding the Park funds and budget. Clerk Gipson informed all present the park revenues go into the park fund--this is cash. The budget is appropriated locally—in the past 5 or so years the park budget has been approximately \$215,000. The cash carries from year to year—if there is \$50,000 in cash on Dec 31 there will be \$50,000 Jan 1.

Gipson further stated appropriations go to appropriation heaven on Dec 31 and new appropriations are appropriated—(budgeted \$215,000). Gipson also stated the Park Board budget has had remaining appropriations near \$50,000 for the past 5 or 6 years. These funds have been additionally appropriated in the riverboat council budget since 2001 which has had remaining appropriations as well.

Gipson also stated the Park Budget was expended from the riverboat fund for several years with the Park Fund just building with revenues—but one year the Park Board submitted a budget of nearly \$400,000 and used the cash in the Park fund to fund this budget.

It was determined some tables were purchased by the City years ago for the Park Board. The Park Board is now requesting to declare the old tables of no value. After further discussion a motion was made by Councilman Slack to declare the tables of no value and donate to various groups, 2nd by Councilman Graves; motion carried 5-0.

They also requested funds to fix the roof on the building. The low bid is \$11,082.56 from Fletcher. There was discussion that this could come from the Park budget-Mayor Marksberry asked if anyone had checked with the insurance company? Pam will look into this and we will take a look at the park budget to pay for the roof repairs.

Miscellaneous

Mayor Marksberry presented City Council with a quote from Dave O'Mara for work on Fifth Street in the amount not to exceed \$12,000. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Graves to approve this work, 2nd by Councilman Powell; motion carried 5-0.

There was discussion regarding the Economic Development Commission and the Interlocal Agreement which was presented to County Officials at their last meeting. Clerk Gipson informed the group all the funds for EDC goes to the Economic Development Fund—not the General Fund as had been discussed. Gipson stated a check is cut on a quarterly basis to

EDC and is deposited to this fund. The cash carries from year to year with new appropriations as well(remember appropriation heaven—Dec 31). After further discussion a motion was made by County Councilman George Kittle to sign the EDC Interlocal agreement as the City has done; 2nd by County Councilwoman Elbright; motion carried with all in favor and none opposed.

The Park Task Force will update the groups at the next joint City/County meeting. This meeting will be July 30 at 6pm. Clerk Gipson will check availability of the Senior Community Building.

Mayor Marksberry reported that the Ohio County Community Foundation will be moving into the former Day Care Building owned by the City. Peg Dickson, Ohio County Community Foundation Director received grant funds through Echo 15. This is a 3 year program—Debbie Thomason has been hired as the coordinator. The building is being remodeled—and Batesville Casket has donated furniture to the Foundation. This will be an Education Community Center—the TAP program will also move here.

Adjournment

With no further business; meeting adjourned at 7:24pm.

Attest:

Rae Baker Gipson,
Clerk Treasurer

William A. Marksberry,
Mayor