

**Rising Sun City Council
January 10, 2018
5:30 PM City Hall**

Call to order/Pledge

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Brent Bascom. A determination of quorum was made by Clerk Treasurer Gipson with the following Councilmembers in attendance: Swede Colen, Sheena Graham, Bill Marksberry, and Bud Radcliff. Councilman Dennis Williams was not in attendance due to family concerns. City Attorney Andy Baudendistel was also not in attendance at the meeting.

Community Event Funding Presentations

Music on Main/Karrah Miller/\$4,000 Request

Karrah Miller requested Council and Mayor Bascom to continue to fund the Music on Main Event in 2018. She stated the events are offered the 3rd Friday of the Month from May through September. The funds requested are used to pay for the bands. She stated she would be moving the Music On Main back to the middle of Poplar and Main Streets at the request of businesses. Clerk Treasurer Gipson questioned why they would not want to use the Pavilion area after receiving the grant for Stage Equipment etc.? Karrah stated the entertainers bring their own equipment—we do not furnish this. Gipson stated she thought the grant for the stage equipment was to be used for this. Karrah stated she was aware the grant was going to be submitted but was not aware it had been funded. After some discussion Mayor Bascom requested the Music on Main events be planned/held at the Pavilion at this time.

Navy Bean Festival and Splash In—Karrah Miller/\$78,000 Request

Karrah Miller requested Council and Mayor Bascom to fund the festival as it continues to be successful. There was discussion regarding the bean soup or potential lack thereof. Miller stated she will work with the Board to try to come up with an alternative for additional soup. In past years they have run out of soup usually by 5pm on Sat. This year it was about 3:30. There are some complaints about why there is no soup left for the Saturday evening festivities. Clerk Treasurer Gipson stated she becomes a part of this event as the funding portion runs through the office. She stated she sees what it takes to put on this event. It does not happen overnight—it pretty much starts right after the last one ends. And as we hear repeatedly—there are only so many volunteers to go around. Gipson stated the event was very well done. It's a great festival event—we just are limited on volunteers and participation. According to Miller they had participation from several businesses, Nonprofits and 100 plus volunteer hours. There is approximately \$60-65,000 remaining in the Navy Bean Fund. With the great weather the event produced good revenues and cost approximately \$60-65,000. Karrah stated they plan to operate 2018 in the same manner as 2017.

OCEMS Health Fair—Jamie Works/\$1,500 Request

Jamie Works was not in attendance due to the flu. Gipson stated she had informed Jamie if anyone needed more information from her she would let her

know. There was discussion the event has been a huge success in past years and teaches health and safety information to different grade levels at the school.

Ohio County Fair Board—Eean Bailey/\$14,150 Request

Bailey informed Council and Mayor Bascom the requested funds are to aid with costs for the 4-H Fair/Rodeo and Open Beef Show. He stated all the funds are used to benefit kids in leadership programs and to benefit the community as well. The group is trying to reach a broader market and encourage membership. Bailey stated the County participates in the amount of \$2,500 through the Youth Advisory Board. They also receive some help with funding through the OCCF for the rodeo.

Car Show—Kyle Weaver/Tyler Umpleby /\$29,125 Request

Kyle Weaver and Tyler Umpleby informed Council and Mayor Bascom the Car Show will be held the 2nd weekend in July 2018 for the 22nd year. Weaver stated the Car Show has been a very successful event for the RS Marching Band and the City of Rising Sun. He stated in 2017 we had beautiful weather which contributed to over 400 cars participating. He said the group have requested \$29,125 for the event. The funds raised during this event go directly to the kids in the Marching Band—their activities and equipment needs. Weaver stated this year they plan to operate as in past years but are going to add emphasis on motorcycles in the show. It was discussed this event brings a lot of people to the City and City businesses as well as being the sole funding source for kids to participate in a marching band program.

RSHS Prom—Debbie Cappel/\$1,000 Request

Deb Cappel presented pictures to Council and Mayor Bascom and thanked the City for funding in past years. She stated they started this in 2006 with nothing. Now they participate in various fundraisers throughout the year and budget approximately \$5,000. They build most of the props (apx 130) and keep them for possible use in future years. Last year's theme was Mardi Gras. It is held at the Senior Building and takes a lot of friends and family to help pull it all together. Clerk Treasurer Gipson stated Cappel and Crew do a wonderful job pulling this together for the kids in our community.

After Prom— Rusty Walton and Dea Wallace/ \$2,500 Request

Rusty Walton and Dea Wallace informed Council and Mayor Bascom the Event is scheduled for April 28, 2018 and will be held at the Life Center at the Rising Sun Church of Christ. They have approximately 180 attendees and 40 volunteers. Some noted they had worked the event in the past and it is a nice event to offer youngsters a safe place to go after the prom.

Fireworks —City Event/\$15,000 Approved by City in Dec. 2017

Catfish Tournament—Frank McIntosh/\$17,000 Request

Frank McIntosh thanked Council and Mayor Bascom for their continued support for this event. He made a point of thanking Councilman Bill Marksberry for the initial funding for this event. He stated every year the event gets better!! It is a Top 3 Tournament in the US. Frank stated the group has requested an additional \$2,000 for this event this year. The reason for this is

Tourism has reduced their funding from \$5,000 to \$500. Tourism says they will help them with advertising. McIntosh stated the Catfish Tournament's advertising is word of mouth. Frank has a meeting with Jim McDaniel and Tourism this week.

Special Dance RSCC—Rusty Walton/\$2,000

Rusty Walton informed Council and Mayor Bascom the group would like to offer a dance party to special needs kids. The purpose is to provide an unforgettable experience for 8th-12th grade students with special needs. The event will be open to surrounding schools in the area.

Christmas in Rising Sun Ohio County —Kendal Miller/\$5,000 Request

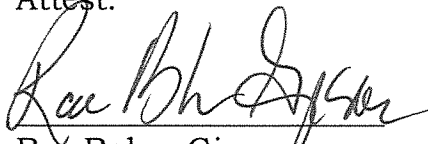
Kendall requested Council and Mayor Bascom to continue to fund the Christmas in Rising Sun Ohio County in 2018. She stated they had tremendous participation this year. Having the 2nd and 3rd grade kids sing carols was a great addition as well. She stated it was great to see activity at the Pendleton during the Christmas season, and they have received a lot of nice feedback regarding the Santa's House at the Visitor Center.

Quilt Show—Susan Bengston and Cliff Thies \$1,100 Request

Susan and Cliff requested funds to continue the Quilt Show. Susan stated they picked up the show when Pavy's shop closed about 16 years ago. Karen Gillard has been the President for the last 5-6 years. Susan will take over this year. They have approximately 650-750 visitors for the event. Cliff stated this may be the last show as volunteers are hard to come by—but they will do their best to carry on the event. Clerk Treasurer Gipson stated \$1,100 of funding is nothing for the amount of people the quilt show brings to the community.

With no further business before Council; a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Radcliff, 2nd by Councilman Marksberry; meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Attest:



Rae Baker Gipson,
Clerk Treasurer



Brent Bascom,
Mayor