

**Rising Sun City Council
Special Year End Close Out Meeting
Dec 21, 2006
5:00 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

There were no minutes to address. Minutes of the December 7th meeting will be addressed at the regular scheduled Council Meeting in January.

Petitions or Comments from Citizens

None at this time

Reports of Committees, Boards, & Departments

There were no reports at the close out meeting.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Marksberry welcomed Sean Furlow, Account Manager, of the TAP program. Furlow presented information to the Mayor and Council about the Technical Assistance Program. TAP is a part of a national network of manufacturing experts ready to help businesses succeed. TAP has links to every State providing a Nationwide network of resources. He stated the primary focus of technical assistance is for Ohio, Ripley and Dearborn Counties and he is excited about this economic opportunity for the tri-county area. Furlow plans to report at Council meetings on a quarterly basis. His office is located on Main Street in the same building as Siekman Law Office and the Ohio County Community Foundation. He invited all to stop in and talk with him.

New Business

Clerk Gipson presented information supplied by the Rising Sun Volunteer Fire Department in reference to the pending purchase of the Aerial Fire Truck. Gipson stated the Fire Department can finance the truck through 2009 at an interest rate of 5.3%. Gipson proposed setting up financing through the City for the purchase of the truck for the Fire Department similar to what was used to build the EMS Building. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Padgett to approve Clerk Gipson set up financing through the City to purchase the Aerial Truck for the Fire Department in the manner presented, 2nd by Councilman Slack; motion carried 5-0.

Year End Transfer Resolution 2006-21

Clerk Gipson presented a Transfer Resolution to Council for year end budget adjustments. Gipson stated the items to be transferred were basic bookkeeping issues. After discussion a motion was made by Councilwoman Scott to approve Transfer Resolution 2006-21, 2nd by Councilwoman Siekman; motion carried 5-0.

Contractual Service—Kay Fleming

Ice Miller Attorney Kay Fleming addressed Council to provide an update regarding the potential sale of Grand Victoria Casino and Resort. She presented Council with a potential agreement to retain Monte Denbo as a consultant with respect to the sale. There was discussion pertaining to the agreement and different options were discussed. City Attorney, Lane Siekman informed Council that Denbo was a large part in ensuring the original gaming venture in Rising Sun and the negotiations of the project

agreement. It was questioned if the City could contract with someone else that has this knowledge or expertise? Fleming stated the City could but no one else would have the historic knowledge Denbo possesses. Additionally Ms. Fleming noted Denbo was able to identify two bidders and has entered into extensive dialogue with one bidder. Mayor Marksberry stated he wanted Council to approve a contract for additional work for Attorney Siekman as well. Clerk Gipson stated in 1993 there were no contracts with Denbo or Siekman for these services—possibly if this had been done the perception would be different now. Fleming stated Denbo is a successful businessman with the ability to make important contacts which we need at this time. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Slack to approve entering into a contract with Monte Denbo pursuant to the consulting Agreement modified to (1) state retroactivity with more specificity and (2) provide for a 30 day review, 2nd by Council Councilwoman Scott; motion carried 5-0. Fleming will make appropriate changes to the contract and Attorney Siekman will review before taking to Denbo for signature.

Adjournment

With no further business before Council; a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Slack, 2nd by Councilwoman Scott; meeting adjourned.

Attest:

Rae Baker Gipson,
Clerk Treasurer

William A. Marksberry,
Mayor