

Rising Sun City Council Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2006

7:00 P.M.

City Hall

Call to Order/Pledge

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

Minutes

The January 5th and March 2nd Council minutes had been distributed to Mayor Marksberry and Council Members prior to the meeting. Councilman Padgett noted some spelling corrections to the January 5th meeting minutes. He also noted regarding the March 2nd meeting minutes on Page 3 under the section “Local Community College Scholarship Fund—Resolution 2006-6 and 2006-7” paragraph 1 line 8 should strike “any Ohio County Resident” and reflect “any student that has attended Rising Sun High School for the past 4 years”. He also noted in this section on page 3 that Councilwoman Scott abstained so the votes on these should be reflected as 3-0 with 1 abstention. After discussion a motion was made by Councilwoman Scott to accept both sets of minutes with these corrections, Councilman Padgett seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Reports of Committees, Boards, & Departments

Lobbyist—Jewell Debonis Legislative Update

Lobbyist Jewell Debonis gave an overview of the Indiana General Assembly 2006 Legislative Session and Bills that were passed this session that relate to the City of Rising Sun and Ohio County. Jewell focused on the following categories:

HB 1001—Various Tax Matters, which includes Homestead Credits for 2006 & 2007 and a 2% cap on assessed values on residential property in 2008 & 2009 and 2010 for all property.

HB 1008--Major Moves Approximately \$150,000 will be distributed to MVH in Oct 06 (75K) and Oct 07 (75K).

HB 1010—Eminent Domain, which restricts the ability of most local government groups to use seize private property and transfer to private entities for development.

HB 1102—Local Government Matters, which includes numerous provisions affecting local government.

HB 1362—Local Government Reorganization, which sets process in statute by which local units can consolidate or reorganize.

HB 1279—Telecommunications Reform, has affect on local franchising agreements and advanced broadband and information services as well as non-basic telecommunications services.

HB 1380—Various Economic Development Issues

SB 260—Additional Property Tax Issues

SB 355—Property Taxes

It was discussed that there was no attempt to take any additional Riverboat funds this year. There was a Bill proposed in the Senate for slots at tracks, but it was never heard in the House. Next year being a Budget year there will most likely be attempts to take additional Riverboat Revenues. Mayor Marksberry questioned if the initiatives that Lawrenceburg has done would make a difference on this. Jewell stated it could but the property tax issues has caused serious concerns for many local government entities.

TOURISM

Sherry Timms, Director of Tourism presented information to Council and Mayor Marksberry about printing of 3 different brochures; 5000 Brand Brochures, 2000 Walking Tour Brochures, and 5000 Calendar of Event Brochures. She stated Tourism is experiencing a cash flow problem which will not be alleviated until the supplemental admissions payment is received in September. Timms stated Tourism has committed nearly \$70,000 towards product development and advertising through August 2006. She further stated the importance of the brochures in providing visitors with community happenings during our prime visitor season. She requested Council approve advancing funds to have these brochures printed in the amount of \$6,573. After discussion a motion was made by Councilwoman Siekman to approve the advance of funds or purchase of the brochures by the City to be reimbursed by Tourism when the supplemental funds are received, 2nd by Councilwoman Scott; motion carried 5-0.

Historic Downtown

Tammy Elbright informed all that “Cricketts” (former Pitcher’s Mound) will open tomorrow. The Sunrise Café (former Kelly’s Landing) plans to be open on April 15th. A new shop will be opening next the RS Pharmacy by Michelle Carraou and others within the next couple weeks. Elbright also continues to work with the Main Street Assessment Briefing. There were 8 stipends awarded for the Main Street Artist Program. There will be another round of awards on June 15th. She presented a proposed mural for the Aculpoco’s building. Redevelopment has agreed to prep the building at a cost of approximately \$10,000. The City set aside riverboat funds for Redevelopment projects. Councilwoman Siekman has been working with the Artist group with this project as well. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Slack to approve proceeding with the

first mural project, 2nd by Councilman Padgett; motion carried 5-0. It was also discussed that proposals were being requested for fencing at different gateway sign locations. After further research on the sound system it has been determined that a wired system would be more effective. A memo has been sent to the businesses in the Main Street area asking if they would want a speaker attached to their building or place of business.

TREY CLIFTON—RSMU & EDC

Clifton presented “Covenants Conditions and Restrictions for Barbour Business Park” prepared by Attorney Hocker for Council and Mayor Marksberry’s review. He stated this document was based on information received from Columbus, Ohio. If anyone has any questions they can get in contact with Trey before the next Council meeting—It will be on next months agenda for review and passage.

Clifton also presented a contract agreement to the Mayor and Council from PANGAEA to provide professional hydrogeologic consulting to identify suitable locations on RSMU property located next to the Police Department for future installation of two high-capacity ground water production wells in reference to the skateboard park location on this property. The quotes received were as follows:

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| Soft costs | \$2500 |
| Drilling Option 1 | \$7000 |
| Drilling Option 2 | \$8000 or \$16000 |

Councilman Slack stated this information is necessary to determine where the skateboard park can be located correct..? It was stated this work would have to be done eventually as at least one well will be needed within the next 2 years. Councilman Padgett stated seems as though we will more or less have to do this since we have already approved the design and engineering of the skateboard park. After further review of the quotes by Attorney Siekman it was requested that Clifton get a clarification of these quotes and bring back to Council at the May meeting.

Trey also informed all present RSMU had received a grant from RS Regional Foundation to purchase a van to be used for the installation of the broadband internet service in the amount of \$11,000. Trey has located a van at a cost of \$16, 824.25 at Bloomington Ford. He requested to use \$5,824.25 from broadband internet funds. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Padgett to approve this purchase, 2nd by Councilman Slack; motion carried 5-0.

Police Department

Police Chief David Hewitt was out of town at a training seminar. Officer Rimstidt was in attendance but had nothing to report.

Project Manager

Northcutt presented 2 quotes for the stained glass windows for the Presbyterian Church.

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| Windows World | \$41,947.50 |
| Sunset Ridge | \$73,250.00 |
| Rodons Studios | \$30,725.00 |

According to Northcutt the wide variation in cost is due to the difference of using aluminum vs. wood for the storm panels. Northcutt recommended the quote of Windows World to the Council. After further discussion a motion was made by Councilman Brown to approve the quote of Windows World in the amount of \$41,947.50 upon recommendation of Northcutt, 2nd by Councilman Slack; motion carried 5-0.

EDC

Ed Sullivan presented an updated report to the Mayor and Council for review at their convenience. He emphasized there has been a lot of meetings with Ivy Tech and Purdue; as well as much movement on the Ferryboat.

OCCF

Peg Dickson reported the administrative fees for endowments have been lowered as the foundation is sustained. She also informed the group that all of the City of Rising Sun scholarship documents were passed by the OCCF Board of Directors.

Petitions or Comments from Citizens

No one present with petitions or comments.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Community Event Funding Grants

Ohio County Historical Society—2006-5 (Nightmare)

Bill Dichtl presented the Mayor and Council with a proposal for \$7,080 to hold the 2nd Annual Nightmare on Walnut Street Halloween Event. The

group plans to add a haunted house this year and will be sending out sponsor solicitations seeking \$2500. There were over 750 in attendance in 2005 and the event was a safe family-friendly time for an inexpensive night of fun. After discussion a motion was made by Councilwoman Siekman, 2nd by Councilwoman Scott; motion carried 5-0.

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Mayor Marksberry informed Council that Barbara Hon with the Rising Star Singers could not attend meeting and would be next month with proposal.

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. Community Pool needs to be painted every 8 to 10 years. Baker requested that Chester Pools quote to paint, but they would not quote. 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 two 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 on warranty specifics. After much discussion, Councilman Padgett motioned to accept Renosys bid, and Councilwoman seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution—Local Community College Scholarship Fund

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

Senior Housing Request

There was a request to fund the senior housing project at Fulton's Place by \$75,000 for the 2005 year and another \$75,000 in 2006. This would push up the date for the funds, which are already approved. Mike Padgett made a motion to do so. Angel Siekman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Year-End Meeting Date

There will be a year end meeting for council on Thursday, December 22nd at 5:00 P.M.

Riverboat City/County Meeting Date

There will also be a meeting for the Riverboat City and County to discuss budgets as well as a one and four year plan. This meeting will take place on November 22nd.

Christmas Compensation for Employees

There was a motion for the suspension of rules on the Christmas compensation by Stephanie Scott and a second by Mike Padgett. The motion passed unanimously.

New Restroom Duty

Council discussed the new restroom duty and felt that it would be best if the duty previously assigned to the restrooms on the river would be passed on to the new restrooms on Main Street during the winter months when the former are closed.

Ivy Tech

There was a resolution to reallocate funds into the Ivy Tech Scholarship Fund. Ivy Tech will match \$1.25 to every dollar put into the fund. Bill Marksberry recommended reallocating all \$50,000 into the scholarship fund. Residents of Ohio County are eligible for the scholarships. This money is interest off of the endowment. Steve Slack made a motion to reallocated \$50,000 into the Ivy Tech Scholarship Fund. Gerald Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0, with Stephanie Scott abstaining due to conflict of interest. This is spelled out in Resolution 2005-16.

Miscellaneous

The council signed the 2005-5 Salary Ordinance, with the exception of Stephanie Scott who was absent at the meeting in which the ordinance was approved.

Steve Slack made a motion to approve ordinance 2005-9. Angel Siekman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

There was a motion to adjourn at 9:27 by Gerald Brown and a second by Steve Slack. The motion passed unanimously.