

**Rising Sun City Council
Special Meeting
January 5, 2009
6:00 P.M.
City Hall**

Call to order/Pledge

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

The meeting was held to address 2009 special event funding requests. Groups and organizations had previously submitted applications. An agenda with a designated time slot had been mailed to participants.

Civil War Encampment—Bill Dichtl

Bill stated they had a great response to this event. The Park Board actually requested them to hold the event again. They have participation from the Rising Sun Regional Foundation, Tourism, and the Park Board. The funds requested will be used for port-o-lets, tent for dance, and Boy Scouts. Also Friday will be school day. The total budget is \$11,988. Request \$2,083. Last year funded \$5,400. Councilman Padgett informed Dichtl he might contact Ms. Holland—she may have some funds for this type of event.

Quilt Show—Bill Dichtl and Sandra Wiehe

Sandra Wiehe presented information regarding the 2009 Southeastern Indiana Quilt Festival. See Attached Exhibit A. She stated the 2008 Quilt Fest was a great success with approximately 300 attendees. Wiehe expects this number to triple in 2009. The total budget for the event is \$19,075. Request is \$5,950. Last year funded \$2400.

Health Fair—Jamie Works

Jamie works informed Council and Mayor Marksberry this was the 4th year for the Health Fair. The Health Fair event is for grades K-5 at OCEMS. Works stated 80% of the booths at the event are from Ohio County. The event has been very successful in educating the youth about general safety issues. The Discovery Health Van is also on site for the event. The total budget for the event is \$2500. Request is \$2500. Last year funded \$1,896.46.

Fine Arts and Crafts Show—Sherry Timms

Timms informed Council and Mayor Marksberry last year Debby Abrams had lead this charge. She stated Abrams cannot do it this year so Timms plans to create a steering committee to help with the event. A grant application is being submitted to the Rising Sun Regional Foundation to help with expenses and Tourism is taking on advertising expenses. The total budget for the event is \$65,000. Request is \$25,125. Last year funded \$24,262.20.

Catfish Tournament—Frank McIntosh

Mayor Marksberry informed Council that McIntosh was in Indianapolis and unable to attend. He stated the event has been a huge success in the past and anyone with questions can contact Frank prior to Thursday's meeting. The request is for the same as last year \$10,000.

Navy Bean Festival—Stephanie Scott and Sandra Arce

Scott presented information regarding the 2009 Navy Bean Festival (22nd Annual) to Council and Mayor Marksberry. According to Scott various committee members attended the Indiana State Festival Association conference in Indianapolis in November. They received training and information

on how to make your festival better. She stated it takes a lot of money to fund a good caliber festival. She stated \$58,000 is the high end for entertainment. The committee is not totally satisfied with having carnival rides—Murray Brothers have raised their price and the festival makes little to no money from the rides. There is also festival insurance and permitting as well as stage, sound and lights needed for the entertainment. The Queen pageant has gained participation the last few years—but the city is the largest sponsor for the event. Scott closed by saying there are a lot of dedicated people that work long and hard to present the Navy Bean Festival and the committee appreciates whatever the Council deems appropriate. The total budget for the event is \$144,000. Request is \$101,425. Last year funded \$79,850.

After Prom—Kelli Keith

Kelli Keith informed Council and Mayor Marksberry this was the 3rd year for the After Prom Event. The event is for Junior and Seniors and held at the Rising Sun Church of Christ from midnight to 4am. The key to the event according to Keith is to make it as fun as possible but not a party. The After Prom Event is the safe place to go after the prom. The event has been very successful the past 2 years and the group hopes to continue the After Prom event. The total budget for the event is \$14,000. Request is \$10,000. Last year funded \$10,000.

RSHS Prom—Pam McClure

Pam McClure thanked the Council and Mayor Marksberry stating the Prom would not be successful without the support from the City. This past year the group has participated in various fundraising opportunities including selling beans at the Navy Bean Festival. The committee has also been able to re-use materials which they were not able to do in the past. McClure stated the Prom received \$2,000 from a grant through the Community Foundation. The Prom now offers a meal for students which gives them more time at the Prom and keeps them in town—as a lot of kids went out of town for dinner. The committee also offers a public viewing of the Prom Event on that Saturday morning. The total budget for the event is \$6,500. Request is \$3,000. Last year funded \$5,000.

Lions Club Fireworks—Larry Gipson

Larry Gipson informed Council and Mayor Marksberry the Lions Club appreciates the financial support with the fireworks. He stated safety issues caused the group to contract the event—but there is still a lot of behind the scenes work in which the Lions Club participates. According to Gipson in order to continue to offer the same type of show there will be an increase in cost from Richard Elsen. The total budget for the event is \$12,000. Request is \$12,000. Last year funded \$10,000.

Chamber of Commerce—Summer Serenades—Lane Siekman

Siekman had not returned from the holiday weekend and was not able to be in attendance. Clerk Gipson informed Council and Mayor Marksberry Siekman had scaled the Summer Serenades back to half of last year's request. Gipson stated Lane based this on different facts—but mainly that people are just plain busy with graduation parties, family reunions, ballgames, vacations, etc. This year the plan is to cut back on events and target better times. The event has continued to pull more attendance—just needs some tlc. The total budget for the event is \$3,200. Request is \$3,200. Last year funded \$6,078.

Car Show—Ron Eads

Ron Eads informed Council and Mayor Marksberry this was the 13th Annual Car Show. The event brings thousands of people to the community. Eads noted he had reviewed the last few years funding—some sponsors are cutting back and getting items from Grand Victoria last year was difficult. Eads thanked the City for their support as well. He stated the event has been a huge success and is what funds the traveling band program. The total budget for the event is \$19,945. Request is \$19,945. Last year funded \$18,561.75.

4-H Fairboard—Kyle Weaver

Representatives of the 4-H Fairboard informed Council and Mayor Marksberry this request was for the Ohio County Fair Truck and Tractor Pull. The group estimates the annual fair has approximately 4000 attendees including exhibitors, families, and sponsors. The event has been very successful in past years and the group hopes to continue to improve the event. The total budget for the event is \$9,200. Request is \$9,200. Last year funded \$10,750.

Walk Rising Sun—Cheri Hall

Cheri Hall informed Council and Mayor Marksberry this was the 3rd year for the Walk Rising Sun Event. She stated the event is more of a program to promote wellness. The Walk has a dual function -to help fund area programs for the underserved. Hall stated the 1st year they had 200 participants—last year they only had approximately 125—but there were numerous activities happening the same day. Hall stated the total budget for the event is \$19,500. Dearborn County Hospital has committed \$1,000. Request is \$18,500. Last year funded \$11,863.21.

Cheri also informed Council and Mayor Marksberry the CFF reporting requirement for the Medical Center Grant is complete. Hall will mail the last report tomorrow. She also added Nurse Practitioner Vanessa Forrester is getting married and moving to Louisville in March. The Medical Board is currently interviewing a doctor from the Lawrenceburg area. Hall stated there is potential here and he has interest in us!!

Adjournment

With nothing further before Council a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Radcliff, 2nd by Councilman Slack; meeting adjourned.

Attest:



Rae Baker Gipsen,
Clerk Treasurer



William A. Marksberry,
Mayor