

ROCKPORT COMMON COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 4, 2013 6:00PM

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ferman Yearby, Connie Hargis, Chris Brown, Carol Huff, Bob Mack, Mayor Harold Goffinet, Clerk-Treasurer Susie Roberts.

PLEDGE: The *Pledge of Allegiance* was said by all in attendance.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Connie made a motion to approve the minutes; Chris seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

LEDC: Tom Utter, with Lincolnland Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) appeared before the council. He stated that they (LEDC) appreciate the City of Rockport city council and would like to donate \$10,000.00 to Rockport's Economic Development Fund for the purpose of assisting Rockport's effort to address the negative economic impacts of the city and its citizens being forced to pay Indiana's highest utilities rates.

SHAW FRIEDMAN RESOLUTION: Mr. Shaw Friedman, an attorney from Laporte, Indiana, addressed the city council regarding the high rates we are paying to Vectren for our electricity. He, along with Robert Wright and Deanna Dean-Webster, will represent the City of Rockport at the next hearing for Vectren before the IURC. Resolution 2013-1 was presented to the council for their approval. Chris Brown made a motion to adopt the resolution, Bob seconded the motion. All were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

HANDBOOK UPDATE: The handbook is not quite ready.

DEED FOR SEMINARY PROPERTY: The deed was presented to the council for the sale of the Seminary St. property. It was signed and has been recorded.

PARK ANNEXATION: We are getting closer to getting the park annexed. Updated paperwork was presented to the council members for their review.

NEW ZONING MAP FOR 2 MILE BUFFER ZONE: The mayor would like to get with Morley and Associates to get an updated zoning map. Ferman made a motion to allow Harold to get with Morley to find out what we need to do to get an updated zoning map; Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN: The capital improvement plan was presented to the council for their signatures. This has to be turned in to the County Auditor each year. \$60,000 is designated for the Rocky Side Park and \$35,000 for capital improvements. Ferman made a motion to approve the Capital Improvement Plan; Bob seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS: We are getting closer on our **Ordinance Book update**. Carol made a motion to approve the estimated cost of \$3,764.48 for the ordinance book update; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

The **revised Salary Ordinance, 2013-2**, was signed by all council members. This was approved at the last council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Chief Meredith presented Kamree Anderson with a check for \$100 for Easter Seals. She is a poster child for Easter Seals this year. This was a donation collected from some of the city employees.

Chris asked where we stand on the Auto Parts Building? What do we have to do to start moving forward to sell it? A motion was made by Chris to get a market analysis on the Auto Parts Building; Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

CLAIMS: Claims were signed.

ADJOURNMENT: Carol made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.