

**ROCKPORT COMMON COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 6, 2015 6:00PM**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Connie Hargis, Ferman Yearby, Carol Huff, Chris Brown, Mayor Harold Goffinet, Clerk-Treasurer Susie Roberts and City Attorney Bryan Rudisill. Bob Mack absent.

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

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** Connie made a motion to approve the minutes of our September 1<sup>st</sup> meeting; Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved. Carol made a motion to approve the minutes of our special meeting from September 10<sup>th</sup>; Ferman seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

**MUSEUM REPORT:** Charlie reported he has a busy month coming up with several school groups coming. Also, the Ghost of the Village drama started this past weekend and was well received. It will run for a couple more weekends. Then he will have Heritage Days October 31<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>. He has also been working with the Historic Preservation Commission on getting the guidelines and application ready for submission.

**BIDS ON DILLON BUILDING:** The mayor received three bids for demolition of the Dillon building. The bid from Gaddis was for \$30,000 to demolish, \$38,800 to save the facade. Murphy Excavating for \$52,200 for demolition – they will not save the facade. Klenck was for \$90,800 to demolish, \$105,800 to save the facade. It was discussed that we need to have a special meeting to discuss this since we do not own the building at this time. Carol made a motion to meet on Weds, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 5 pm to discuss the Dillon building; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

**ADD HELEN GARRETT AND PHIL FORCHE TO ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** Ferman made a motion to add Helen Garrett and Phil Forche to the advisory committee; Chris Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

**UTILITY SUPPLY CO REP:** Ben Christiansen and Brad Stork, with Utility Supply Company, appeared before the council to discuss the Neptune water meter and their system. Our city attorney indicated that we might need to get bids for this.

**ADOPT BUDGET AND SALARY ORDINANCE:** Ferman made a motion to adopt the 2016 budget, Ordinance 2015-10; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved. Ferman made a motion to adopt the 2016 salary ordinance, Ordinance 2015-11; Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:** John Wetzel, with Midwestern Engineers, appeared before the council to give them an update with the CSO. He said if there are any complaints from

the citizens to please let him know and they will address their concerns. He also submitted a couple of pay requests from Blankenberger Brothers for \$195,881.65 and Midwestern Engineers for \$16,851.38. Ferman made a motion to pay these pay requests; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved. Chris Brown asked if we had heard anything about the housing grant that we had applied for and Mayor Goffinet stated that we should be hearing on that around the end of the month.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Ferman stated that he and the mayor met with INDOT officials a few weeks ago regarding the Fifth St. project. He is optimistic that we can get some issues resolved in the near future.

**SIGN CLAIMS:** Claims were signed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Connie made a motion to adjourn; Ferman seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.