

**ROCKPORT COMMON COUNCIL**  
**FEBRUARY 8, 2016 5:15 PM**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Connie Hargis, Ferman Yearby, Roxie Decker, Donna Lashley, Mayor Gay Ann Harney, Clerk-Treasurer Susie Roberts, Council Attorney Bryan Rudisill and City Attorney John Wetherill. Absent: Joe Carpenter

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

**MUSEUM REPORT:** Charlie was unable to present the report, but Mayor Harney did give an update. She stated that Charlie is in Indianapolis for a special presentation of a mallet that was once used by Abraham Lincoln. It is currently on display at the State Museum but will eventually be housed in the museum at the Lincoln Pioneer Village.

**WATER METER UPDATE:** Andrea reminded the council that we have Utility Supply coming in to talk to us on Thursday.

**CITY WATER STUDY GRANT:** Mayor Harney discussed the possibility of getting a water study grant. She stated that our existing water lines are very old and we might need to start replacing some of them.

**STREET DEPARTMENT TRUCK REQUEST:** We are still looking for a one ton, 4 x 4 truck with an aluminum dump bed and snow removal package. We are trying to get quotes for this. Also, the garage, on Washington Street, is in need of a new roof. We will need three estimates on repairing the roof. Ferman made a motion to give the mayor authority to take the lowest bid to get the roof fixed, subject to it being less than \$25,000; Donna seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

**OLD AUTO PARTS BUILDING:** Mayor Harney stated that she will go ahead and get a feasibility study.

**SIDEWALK GRANT:** We do have someone coming in to initiate a study for a sidewalk grant. It will be an 80/20 grant. It will be for curbs and sidewalks.

**MAIN STREET PARK:** Connie shared news that Cyd Smiley is the artist that has been selected to do a mural on the west wall of the Spencer County Leader office building. This will be a great asset for Main Street.

**REQUEST FOR CEMETERY HELP:** Mayor Harney mentioned that she is needing to get the cemetery information re-entered on the computer and would like permission to hire someone on a part time basis to do this work. Ferman made a motion to hire a part time person to enter this information on the computer and pay them from the cemetery salary appropriation; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

**HISTORIC ROCKPORT PRESERVATION COMMISSION UPDATE:** Melanie Miller will be replacing Marva Stateler as a historic commission member. Also, Susie Roberts will be replacing Gay Ann Harney on the guidelines committee.

**OWNER OCCUPIED GRANT RESOLUTION:** A resolution was presented to the council for approval. It was previously approved last year, but due to new members on the council, and a new mayor, it was submitted again. Ferman made a motion to proceed with Resolution 2016-1, Authorizing the Acceptance of a Community Development Block Grant; Roxie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

**RESPONSIBLE BIDDING PLEDGE:** It was suggested that we review information regarding a “responsible bid” pledge and discuss it at the next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** John Wetherill mentioned that he does have a time set up to meet with AEP regarding our agreement.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mayor Harney mentioned that she has signed a proclamation making February 21-27 Tri Kappa week. This is their 55<sup>th</sup> year.

**SIGN CLAIMS:** Claims were signed.

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