

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. with Gerald Mohr, Chairman, Warren Norris, Charles Smith, Janet Kile, Marvin Hedrick, Kevin Spilman, Jerry Kent, Mary Ann Beard, Auditor and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Chairman, Gerald Mohr called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the May 8, 2013 were presented. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jerry Kent seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **ECDC**

John Mc Cane and Carolyn Bunzendahl from the ECDC were present. Mr. McCane shared that work is progressing on a Needs & Assessment for the Region since the dissemination of the EIDD. Beth Grigsby, Brownfields Program Manager for Cardno ATC, expounded on the coalition for the Brownfields Initiative. This ECDC grant in the amount of \$600,000 would only allow for assessment and clean up plans and is a voluntary program. Kevin Spilman concurred with joining the coalition. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Councilwoman Janet Kile presented the guidelines for tax abatement requests.

### **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

Judge Brian Hill introduced the new Community Corrections Director, Ashley Stevens. Ms. Stevens informed the council that they have a two year approved budget from the DOC, the advisory council will meet next week, and that she will soon be accepting clients.

### **MAYOR PAVEY**

- The Mayor has requested the Drainage Board to conduct a drainage study.
- The city is expecting the full amount of their budgeted Animal Control Request.
- A city Planning Commission is being considered.
- The city is asking RMH to be their sponsor hospital for ambulance service and to negotiate a plan for service for the remainder of the center coverage area.
- Mayor requested the County Council to consider the adoption of LOIT tax.

### **AREA PLAN COMMISSION**

Councilman Marvin Hedrick announced that Katherine Meyer, APC director has tendered her resignation but has agreed to stay until a replacement is named. Hedrick shared that the APC is exploring many options of the structure of the office while receiving applications for the position. Mrs. Meyer's recommendations include a Comprehensive Plan working with Community Outreach, adopting a building ordinance, and hiring a consultant. The council then identified the appointments of the APC and BZA.

**ADA**

Auditor Beard reported that another bill was received from ADA Consultants of Indiana which puts us \$904 over the \$25,000 budgeted for their services. Kate Meyer was questioned about the bill and guaranteed that this was the last invoice to be submitted by the company. Beard agreed to search for other areas in the budget to satisfy the invoice.

**SHERIFF**

Sheriff Jeff Sherwood submitted the jail report with 40 inmates. The sheriff reported that his budget is really taking a hit this year with medical and dental services for inmates being depleted after five months. Medical expenses have surpassed \$51,000 with over six months left. Jerry Kent moved to advertise for an additional appropriation of \$25,000 and to appropriate \$3,000 from the inmates fund for medical expenses. Charles Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sherwood also noted that the new locks for the jail were \$2,500 more than the estimated amount and that a new sheriff's car had arrived.

Motion to adjourn was initiated by Jerry Kent. Kevin Spilmam seconded the motion, motion carried.

/s/ Gerald Mohr  
Gerald Mohr, Chairman

/s/ Warren Norris  
Warren Norris

/s/ Charles Smith  
Charles Smith

/s/ Janet Kile  
Janet Kile

/s/ Marvin Hedrick  
Marvin Hedrick

/s/ Kevin Spilman  
Kevin Spilman

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Jerry Kent

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard  
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor