

Rising Sun City Council

October 2, 2008

7:00 P.M.

City Hall

Call to order/Pledge

With Mayor Marksberry attending the America in Bloom Conference the meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Pro-Tem Steve Slack with all of Council present.

Minutes

Minutes of the September 4th Council meeting had been previously distributed to Council and Mayor Marksberry. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Graves to approve the minutes of the September meeting as written, 2nd by Councilman Powell; motion carried 5-0.

Reports of Committees, Boards, & Departments

Project Manager—Mike Northcutt

Project Manager Mike Northcutt reported the Storm Sewer Project (Library Drainage) is going very well and will be complete in 4 weeks. Contractor Sedam will come back 3-4 weeks later and pave the area. Northcutt also presented a letter of recommendation for City approval regarding a garage/storage building being upgraded by the American Legion Post 59 located at 110 Main Street. Northcutt stated by the City Code a committee is to be formed for each occurrence that would have an affect on the Main Street area. According to Northcutt instead of forming another committee it was determined to ask each entity that would have had a member on the committee to prepare a letter basically signing off for the building. The groups involved would be the Redevelopment, Main Street, Tourism, Plan Commission, BZA, Mayor, and City Council. Northcutt stated there is an 8 foot privacy fence that keeps the building from actually being visible from the street. He has letters from every entity and is requesting Council give Councilman Slack authority to sign the same. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Graves, 2nd by Councilman Padgett; motion carried 5-0.

Tourism—Sherry Timms

Sherry Timms, Executive Director of Tourism gave a report to Council on her activities for the past month. See attached Exhibit A. She also informed Council about a grant Ohio and Switzerland County Tourism offices were submitting an application for a virtual website. The grant is for a website that would feature various artists working in their spaces. According to Timms the Website will propose a virtual trail built around the successful creative spaces rural places studio tour. The match is \$15,000. Switzerland County Tourism has committed \$7500 and Ohio County Tourism has committed \$6500. Sherry requested \$1000 from Council towards this project. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Padgett to approve \$1000 for this project, 2nd by Councilman Radcliff; motion carried 5-0.

Rising Sun Regional Foundation—Ed Sullivan

Ed Sullivan, Executive Director of the Rising Sun Regional Foundation presented a list of the grants awarded for the 3rd Quarter. Sullivan informed Council that due to budget cuts SIRPC would no longer be able to prepare grants for groups or organizations at no cost. Ed also stated the applications have been modified/amended and anyone wanting an application for the next round of grants should contact the office and they will email the application. Sullivan stated emailed grants work better for the Foundation—but you can still drop them at the office next to the Historical Society on Walnut Street. The next grant deadline is Oct 15 2008. Sullivan also informed Council Board Member Larry Elliott has resigned from the Board and Ohio County Commissioners have appointed Dennis Elliott in his place.

Clerk Gipson informed Council Rising Sun Regional Foundation has funded \$150,000 in the last 2 grant rounds towards the New Fairgrounds Park. Everyone thanked Ed for his support on this project.

USB—Marty Dennis

Utility Superintendent, Marty Dennis was in attendance but had nothing to address with Council at this time. He will attend his first USB meeting this month.

Park Board—Jamie Bell

Jamie Bell, Park Director, informed Council of various activities of the past month and had submitted a monthly report for Council and Mayor Marksberry. See attached Exhibit B. Bell also reported the Park Board has changed their meeting time to the fourth Tuesday at 6:30pm. She informed all of the 31 miles in October program and upcoming Zumba on October 14 at 7pm. She also stated 9 people showed up for the vintage baseball game and they would like to have 14—so anyone interested give her a call. She reported 27 bookings in September and said she would be in the Kid Zone at the Navy Bean Festival.

Historic Downtown Main Street

Amy Hoffman, Director of Historic Downtown Main Street presented a report to Council of the past months activities. See Attached Exhibit C. Hoffman stated she is also working on a building inventory on Main Street which will be extremely helpful when a business wants to locate on Main Street.

Revolving Loan Board

Kathy McKay and Fred Taylor with the Revolving Loan Board informed Council the Board had 2 loan requests to present with a recommendation on each. Specifically the Board made the following recommendations from the Revolving Loan Board:

- Glenn & Judy Potts: Owners of the building located at 231 Main Street. Requested \$ 36,000 to tuck-point the brick and to have the roof of the building repaired. The Revolving Loan Board currently holds a mortgage on this building as a result of a previous loan. To protect the interest of the City, the RLF Board recommends approval of the \$36,000 loan contingent upon an appraisal that reflects the combined loan amounts does not exceed 95% of the appraised value. The RLF Board also recommends the loan

approval be contingent on a clear title through a title search and RLF or the City holding a second mortgage or some other mechanism to cover the combined loan amounts. Mr. & Mrs. Potts have loans totaling \$74,702.21 with this additional loan Potts will owe RLF \$110,702.21. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Padgett to accept the recommendation of the Board for this loan, 2nd by Councilman Graves; motion carried 5-0.

- Kathy Engelhardt: Owner of the Wellness Spa located at 103 North High Street. Requested \$ 120,000 to purchase the property. Ms. Engelhardt is providing \$21,000 toward the purchase for a total purchase price of \$141,000. The property is zoned commercial. The RLF Board recommends approval of this loan subject to an appraisal supporting the loan amount, a clear title on title check and RLF Board or the City holding the primary mortgage. Clerk Gipson asked if Engelhardt had been to a bank to apply for a conventional loan. Engelhardt stated she had not—and knew she would not be given a loan from a bank for this amount. She also stated she had property in Ohio that she has for sale and will apply some funds down on this loan when the Ohio property sells. After much discussion regarding \$27,000 remaining funds available in the revolving loan and this being such a large request and Council seeing for the first time; a motion was made by Councilman Powell to accept the recommendation of the Board for this loan, 2nd by Councilman Radcliff; motion carried 5-0 subject to the conditions stated.

Resolution 2008-9 “New Fairgrounds Park Additional Appropriation”

Resolution 2008-9 “New Fairgrounds Park Additional Appropriation” was presented to Council. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Padgett to approve Resolution 2008-9, 2nd by Councilman Radcliff; motion carried 5-0.

Rising Sun Festival of Fine Arts—Debby Abrams and Jodi Cole

Debby Abrams and Jodi Cole presented a report from the committee and thanked everyone for all their help in sponsoring the first annual Rising Sun Festival of Fine Arts. See Attached Exhibit D.

Adjournment

After the reviewing and signing of claims, and with no further business; a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Padgett, 2nd by Councilman Radcliff; meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Attest:

Rae Baker Gipson,
Clerk Treasurer

William A. Marksberry,
Mayor

September Tourism Report to City Council

September began with First Friday, the Cincinnati Dancing Pigs and an Instrument making workshop for kids and an apple pie contest. The Rising Sun Art Academy opened for fall session and has had 6 classes to date. We will be adding group piano lessons in a month.

We are working on our visitor's guide to be ready for the Navy Bean Festival. Working on advertising and a road rally for the Navy Bean Festival.

Helped with Art Festival. Researched two grants and am pursuing them. I am asking the City to be a partner in the Artisan Trail Grant for \$1000. Tourism will pledge \$6500, Switzerland County Tourism will pledge \$7500. and the grant is for \$10,000. You will not be obligated to pay anything unless the \$10,000 grant is awarded. The more partners, the better. I will ask the Arts Council and Community Foundation, and Main Street as well or your funds could be designated as Main Street participation.

Artists workshops September 27 & 28, Oct 4, 11, 18, 25th and 26th.

Planning for the holidays with Main Street will include a Christmas Gala Concert at Heritage Hall, open houses and a performance of the Nutcracker.

We are planning a marketing workshop for artists and businesses with Main Street.

Lane Siekman, Peggy Dickson, Amy Hoffman and I went to Indianapolis and made a presentation to the Indiana Arts Commission to host the 2009 Governor's Arts Awards in Rising Sun.

Amy Hoffman, Jodie Col, Marsha Loudon and I attended an Eco 15 meeting in Madison to discuss Tourism and Hospitality careers and funding for an educational track in our area.

Working on cooking class and culinary arts careers workshop with community foundation for Oct 20.

Postcards from Rising Sun at the Pendleton on Friday night. Awards presented at 6pm.

RSOC Parks & Recreation Dept. Monthly Report Month: September, 2008 Prepared by: Jamie Bell	
Projects	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yoga and a senior fitness class have started. 2. Zumba will be taught on Tuesdays at 7p by Linda Kime-Wilson beginning October 14th. 3. 31 Miles in October kicks off October 1st. 4. The October walking groups start October 2nd. We will meet at 9a on Tuesdays and Thursdays in October. 5. I will be working in the Kid Zone at the Navy Bean Festival. 6. The Senior Games went well. 7. Vintage Base ball team call out was Sunday, September, 28th. There were nine that showed. 8. USO dinner and dance is scheduled for June 12, 2009. Bill Dichtle and I are working together on this. 9. September Events- 27
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rental- \$1715 2. Security Deposits- \$1490 3. Dance-\$1244.50 4. Programs-\$104 <p>As of 9/23/08</p>
Attended Meetings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. City Council 2. Walk Rising Sun 3. Schroeder Educational/Recreational Task Force
Hot Spots	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Storm Damage- Shingles on the building, barn and shelter in Shiner Park. Tree damage in Shiner Park and cedar tree at Plum St. Limbs down at fairgrounds. Fence was damage around the dumpster and along the parking lot.

Historic Downtown Director's Report October 3, 2008

The Historic Downtown Office has been focusing on the following this month.

- Rising Sun Art's Festival was a success besides the visit from Ike which caused everyone to pack up early
- Pepsi Machine outside of our office is scheduled to be removed 10.8.08
- The city workers have us on their list after Navy Bean and between leaf pick up to remove light fittings under the overhang to take down, so we can have them stripped, refinished and put back.
- Spoke with Allen Bernstein (B&B Riverboat) about planning for 2009
- Creating Vendor list for Navy Bean Festival
- Putting on the scarecrow decorating contest
- Kid's pumpkin painting contest during the Navy Bean Festival
- Setting up Heritage Hall for the following
 - Hospitality Center for Art Festival
 - Wedding
 - Two Navy Bean pageants
 - Rotary Dinner
- Updated website, come visit us at www.enjoyrisingsundowntown.com
- Plugging along with the Building Inventory
- Very nice ice cream social for Amy
- Beginning stages of Christmas Season planning
- Had a wonderful turn out at a cook out for the merchants
- Ordered a changeable letter board for the outside of Heritage Hall
- Updated Artist Stipend Program Application
- Talking to Gary Anderson about updating four directories
- Judged postcards for First Friday Pendleton Art Center
- Creating schedule for Grand Victoria Shuttle with business's opened times
- Grand Opening for new management at Subway
- Helped represent Rising Sun in Indianapolis for possible 2009 Governor's Art Award
- Helped represent Rising Sun in Madison concerning Eco 15 Hospitality and Tourism
- Attending multiple meetings
 - Historic Downtown Board
 - Arts Council
 - Arts Festival
 - Artist Stipend
 - Redevelopment
 - Revolving Loan
 - Organization Committee for Historic Downtown Board
 - Economic Restructuring Committee for Historic Downtown Board
 - Relocation Packet update with Tourism

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Dear Rising Sun City Council and Mayor Bill Marksberry,

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Nearly a year ago, you provided us with the necessary funding to begin to plan this event. Your initial grant provided the foundation for the Festival to become a reality.

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- The Pendleton Art Center
- The Rising Sun Art Academy
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- Rising Sun Police Department
- Residents of Senior Housing
- Rising Sun High School Students
- Ohio County Rescue
- The Ohio County Historical Museum
- The Methodist Church
- The Church of Christ
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- Tandy's IGA
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- The American Legion
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- S.L.C. Meter Service, Inc. Sellersburg, Indiana
- The Schneider Corporation, Indianapolis, Indiana
- The Town of Sunman, Sunman, Indiana
- Virgil Neaman, Neaman Floral

THE EVENT, STAGED ON MAIN STREET, BROUGHT RECORD SALES TO BUSINESSES

- Hotels and Bed & Breakfasts were fully booked (except Riverview which had a cancellation). Even Tuggles reported being fully booked.
- The Courtyard, Empire House, Mexican Restaurant, Chinese Restaurant, and River House restaurants reported great weekends
- The Persimmon Tree (owner Jim Moody) had a "record weekend" in sales.
- Victorian & Lace reported a great weekend of sales.
- Harps had increased business.
- Artists in the Pendleton in sold artwork and took commissions.

Our experience in organizing this event was all the more rewarding and personally satisfying because of the outstanding commitment and involvement from all quarters of the Rising Sun community.

We're looking forward to an even greater event in 2009.

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