

Rising Sun City Council
April 3, 2008
7:00 P.M.
City Hall

Call to order/Pledge

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Marksberry with all of Council present.

Minutes

Minutes of the February 7 and March 6 2008 Council meetings had been previously distributed to Council and Mayor Marksberry. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Padgett to approve the minutes of the February and March City County meetings as written, 2nd by Councilman Slack; motion carried 5-0.

Reports of Committees, Boards, & Departments

Mayor Marksberry informed Council he will be getting with the various boards and committees and condensing the monthly reporting.

Police Department

Police Chief David Hewitt stated he really had nothing to report this evening.

Tourism

No one available to report.

Historic Downtown Main Street

Bill Dichtl President of the Historic Downtown Main Street Committee and Linus Fancher, newly hired Main Street Director had nothing to report this evening.

Park Board

Jamie Bell, Park Director informed the Mayor and Council the Park Board changed their meeting time to 6:00 pm on the fourth Tuesday each month at the Senior Community Building.

Project Manager—Mike Northcutt

Project Manager Mike Northcutt reported on the following items/projects:

- **Presbyterian Church**--Northcutt presented Council and Mayor Marksberry with a punch list of items which need resolved for the Presbyterian Church. He requested approval of Change Order #8 for various items; compressor timers, phone jack, power for

garbage disposal; and additional circuits –in the amount of \$2,471. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Powell to approve this change order, 2nd by Councilman Radcliff; motion carried 5-0.

PETITIONS AND COMMENTS

RSOC Schools—Steve Patz

Steve Patz thanked the City for helping them out over the years.

RLF—Tracy Marksberry

Tracy Marksberry approached the Mayor and Council regarding a letter she recently sent to them. She stated she needed answers and didn't know if this came from Council or the RLF Board. She questioned if she can open her business under a new name and reapply to the Board for a loan?

Clerk Gipson stated she is a former member of the Revolving Loan Board. Gipson stated the Board acts on certain criteria each application must meet. They research each applicant for each loan. One of the criteria of these loans is they are not for financing prior acquired debt or refinancing. They are for new businesses and if you cannot get by submitting financials under 1 name it isn't likely a new name and application will do any better than the first. The concept was to enable the RLF to bring new business to the area. The funds were never set aside to pay off existing debt on a business. If that was the case everyone would have applied.

City Attorney, Lane Siekman stated the City Council delegates the authority to the Revolving Loan Board to make loans. They make recommendation to the Council of loans for approval or denial after doing due diligence. The funds are only for new business—changing the name of the business and reapplying is not a real option. Siekman said he would meet with Marksberry and look for any options available—but the RLF Board is the group that addresses this—Council only approves or denies upon recommendation by the Revolving Loan Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution 2008-3 “Distribution of City of Rising Sun Quality of Life Endowment Fund Proceeds”—Peg Dickson

Information had been presented to Council at the last meeting with three options of designations for the \$360,000 made on the City Endowment. After discussion it was decided to go with Option C. Resolution 2008-3 “Distribution of City of Rising Sun Quality of Life Endowment Fund Proceeds” was presented to Council. After discussion a motion was made

by Councilman Slack to approve Resolution 2008-3, 2nd by Councilman Graves; motion carried 5-0.

Dickson also updated Council on the Echo 15 funds. She stated Lilly gave \$38 million to a 10 county area. Peg has been given \$300,000 to hire a Coordinator for 3 years. Dickson has been working with the City to turn the Day Care Center into a Learning Center. The beneficiaries for the \$500,000 grant will have to be modified with an amendment. WIC and Headstart can remain—but plans are for the OCCF to move into the facility and benefit from their staff.

Library(former—location)—Mayor Marksberry requested Council’s pleasure regarding the letter from the Library Board offering the building to the city at a cost of \$160,000. After discussion it was the consensus of Council that they did not want to purchase at this time.

Bruce Howard--115 S Poplar Street

Mayor Marksberry requested Council’s pleasure regarding a letter from Bruce Howard offering to sale to the City the property located at 115 S Poplar Street for \$53K. According to Northcutt there could be 19 parking spots on the property. After discussion it was the consensus of Council they did not want to purchase at this time.

3 Phase Electric Project Front/Poplar

According to Mayor Marksberry, Utility Superintendent Trey Clifton informed him this would not be happening at this time.

Ohio County Fair Board-Grant Request- Grant 2008-11

Dan Cole, presented before the Mayor and Council in Michael Kirkpatrick’s absence. He thanked Council for their support of the annual 4-H fair last year through the Community Special Event Funding. He presented Council and Mayor Marksberry with another request for this year’s fair. He requested an amount of \$13,750 for sponsoring show tents, demolition derby, and the tractor pull. He also noted that last year \$3,000 was given by the County from the Fair Board budget. Mayor Marksberry added Council agreed to \$7000 last year. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Radcliff to approve \$10,750 for the event, 2nd by Councilman Padgett; motion carried 5-0.

Honor Flight—PG Gentrup Funding Request

PG Gentrup informed the Mayor and Council that the Honor Flight will take WWII Veterans to Washington DC for a 1 day trip. This is free for the WWII Veterans—but some can go as guardians. The group is a non-profit organization—they are looking for contributions. There are approximately 30 Veterans from Ohio County planning to take the trip. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Slack to approve

\$200 for each Ohio County Veteran that participates in the honor flight, 2nd by Councilman Graves; motion carried 5-0.

911 Communications—Joey Teke

Joe Teke 911 Director introduced himself to Council and Mayor Marksberry. He stated he is reviewing the Project Leader proposal and plans to attend the joint city county meeting.

Transfer Resolution 2008-4

Clerk Gipson presented Transfer Resolution 2008-4 to the Mayor and Council. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Padgett to approve Resolution 2008-4, 2nd by Councilman Powell; motion carried 5-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Marksberry informed Council the South Dearborn Swim Team would like to hold a swim meet on June 14 & 15. It was discussed this has been successful in the past and the consensus of the Board was to continue doing this.

Mayor Marksberry informed Council the Bell Break-out will be at 9:00 Saturday morning—if you want to participate—be there.

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 Powell; motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Attest:

Rae Baker Gipson,
Clerk Treasurer

William A. Marksberry,
Mayor