

**Rising Sun City Council
Special Meeting—Public Hearing
June 22, 2006
6:00 P.M.
City Hall**

Call to Order/Pledge

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Bill Marsksberry with all of Council present except Councilwoman Scott.

Minutes

With this a Special Council meeting there were no minutes to address.

Public Hearing Open 6:00 pm

A Public Hearing was opened to address public concerns regarding the City of Rising Sun declaring the designation of an economic revitalization area at the location of 116 N Walnut Street by application Of Brown Tool & Mfg. Co. Inc./Benny D. Garland, Jr.” There was discussion regarding this proposed business expansion and possible personal property tax abatement. Attorney Siekman informed Council they were not approving or disapproving this tonight—this was a public hearing—to hear comments/concerns from the public. Councilman Padgett questioned if any business can apply for this. Attorney Siekman stated the business has to show new capital equipment or show the protection of old. With no further questions or concerns the public hearing was closed at 6:40 pm. Attorney Siekman stated this will be addressed by final resolution at the July 6th Council Meeting.

Health Insurance Renewal—Trey Clifton & Pat Kern

Clerk Gipson informed Council there was updated health insurance information in their packets. There was discussion that the health insurance renewal increased 31.1%. Clifton and Kern proposed options to Council that would cut this increase and keep the health insurance as close to what employees currently receive. There was discussion of increasing the HRA amount per employee to cover a possible increase in deductible—which would be closer to a 16% increase in costs. There was discussion about pursuing spousal waivers with possible bonus dollars for married employees whose spouses’ employer offers health insurance. Council will address this at the July 6th meeting.

Miscellaneous

Clerk Gipson informed Council there was a Resolution regarding PERF in their Council packets that would be addressed at the July 6th Council Meeting. The pending resolution is necessary to allow the Mayor and City Attorney be permitted to participate in City PERF. The resolution states these positions work at least 1000 hours per year.

Also in the packet according to Gipson is the Flood Plain Ordinance recommended by IDEM/DNR—that will be introduced at the July 6th Council meeting for first reading. The ordinance is updated every 2 years—the proposed ordinance is a sample ordinance from IDEM/DNR.

Adjournment

After the reviewing and signing of claims, and with no further business; a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Brown, 2nd by Councilman Padgett; meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Attest:

Rae Baker Gipson,
Clerk Treasurer

William A. Marksberry,
Mayor