

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2004
6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., with Chris Fields, Darrin McGowan, Brian Sheehan, John Byrne, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, Jan Voiles, *Rushville Republican*, and Scott Murray, WKWH.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the December 16, 2003, and January 5, 2004 meetings were presented for approval. Sheehan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * *

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- Received a check today in the amount of \$2,500.00 from Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana. Bridges made application to the foundation after being asked to investigate the possibility of restoration of the Durbin Hotel, which is listed on the national register of historic properties. The application is for a feasibility study. The City's match is 25% or \$625.00. The study would indicate the structural integrity of the property and the best use for the facility. If interest still exists after the study then we can work toward how we should proceed with the remainder of the project.
- Received a call from Mike Waldron with Butler Fairman. Waldron informed me that the street extension grant we have been working on with Butler Fairman for approximately 4 years to obtain TEA 21 money to fund the 16th Street extension to Spencer Street has been funded. This is a federal grant with a 20% match from the City. The project will be a definite benefit to the northwest side of Rushville. Not only will it alleviate some of the traffic flow problems in the area, but curbs and sidewalks have also been added in the project, which will add to the streetscape to beautify the area, and increase pedestrian safety in the area. Pavey made a motion to approve the 25% match or \$625.00. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Police – Fudge handed out an annual report from the Reserve Police Commander. The report showed that the 10 reserve policemen had worked a total of 2,056 hours and driven a total of 10,262 miles in the year 2003. Fudge extended his gratitude to the reserves for all the hard work they do as volunteers.

Fudge also said he had met with the County Commissioners and they had given their permission to begin the preliminary work for the new radio system and tower.

Fire – Clark also handed out an annual report.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * *

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

None.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Bridges asked if there was any objection to moving out of order on the agenda since the public hearing was scheduled for 6:30 and it was not yet 6:30. There were no objections.

Kevin Mandrell, Diversified Insurance - Mandrell said that he had just received a firm renewal from Anthem for a little over 15%. He said everything looks great and is hoping to get the numbers down to single digits. He is hoping to have numbers for Council at the next meeting.

Public Hearing Cedarwood Development – Bridges declared the meeting open for a public hearing regarding the vacation of an alley. Mitch Ciccerone said that their plan was to construct a CVS Pharmacy, which would include new sidewalks on the east and west sides.

Faith Sadler asked what would happen if the sale did not go through. Ciccerone said the vacation of the alley would be contingent on the closing of the property.

Sam Weidner asked if there would be any barricades in the alley between the alley and the car wash. Ciccerone stated, no.

Jack Hill asked if there was any truth to the rumor that a Kentucky Fried Chicken and a Taco Bell would be constructed. Ciccerone said there would not be.

Fields moved to close the public hearing. Pavey seconded the motion. The public hearing was declared closed.

Pavey made a motion to approve Ordinance 2004-1 Vacating the alley, based upon the findings in the ordinance and contingent on the closing of the property. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried. The ordinance will become effective on the closing of the property.

Claims – Month end claims were presented for approval. Byrne made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before Council, Byrne made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER