

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2003  
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 6:25 p.m., which was immediately following an Executive Session, with Bill Goins, Brian Sheehan, John Byrne, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Councilman McGowan was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, Jan Voiles, *Rushville Republican*, and Scott Murray, WKWH.

**MINUTES \* \* \***

Minutes of the November 18, 2003 meeting were presented for approval. Byrne made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT \* \* \***

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- Attended a meeting today with ARA and the Department of Commerce regarding additional money in the form of a CFF grant for the annexation South of town.
- On December 11 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. there will be a meeting of the Historical Theatre Roundtable in Danville at the Royal Theater.
- The closing on the Hooten property took place earlier this afternoon.

**CLERK-TREASURER REPORT \* \* \***

Copley reported to Council that she had received enough tax money to pay off the Tax Anticipation Warrant. She will get a report out to advise Council as to exactly what was used.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS \* \* \***

**Police** – Fudge asked permission to proceed with the purchase of 2 vehicles from Renner Motors of Columbus. He would purchase a Crown Vic for \$20,773.00 and an Explorer for \$21,990.00. He would not be trading in one vehicle because he would replace the wrecked canine car with it. Goins made a motion to allow Fudge to proceed with the purchase of the 2 vehicles. Pavey seconded the motion. Fudge stated the money from this year's budget would need to be carried forward since the vehicles would not be ready for delivery until sometime after the first of the year.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS \* \* \***

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS \* \* \***

**Wilson Estates** – Sheehan made a motion to proceed with the agreement with Mainsource, and Fred and Anita Wilson on the remaining 5 lots. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS \* \* \***

**Copeland Tax Abatement** – Kim Case and Dominic Basciano were present to ask Council to consider a tax abatement for Copeland Corporation. Case first gave a brief history of Copeland in Rushville. Sheehan made a motion to approve Resolution 2003-18 for rehabilitation/redevelopment deductions. Pavey seconded the motion. Councilman Byrne abstained from voting. Motion passed.

Sheehan made a motion to approve Resolution 2003-19 for new manufacturing equipment. Goins seconded the motion. Byrne abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Goins made a motion to approve the Statement of Benefits for Copeland Corporation. Pavey seconded the motion. Byrne abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

**Citadell Request to Construct Tower** – Kathleen Robison came before Council to request an exception from the moratorium to construct a tower behind the old Taff Furniture Store. Eleanor Arnold spoke representing the historical society. Arnold stated that this is a historical district and the construction of the tower would take away from the historical value of the property. Goins stated that he thought the tower could be located somewhere out of the historical district. Sheehan said he did not wish to deviate from what we are trying to do with the moratorium, but yet he does not wish to stop progress. Sheehan also agreed that an alternate location for the tower would be a good idea. After lengthy discussion Goins made a motion to table the matter until the next meeting and asked Robison to provide more information on the size of the tower and the range it can be from the location. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Ordinance 2003-8 Additional Appropriation** – Byrne made a motion to approve Ordinance 2003-8 for additional appropriations for Park & Rec Non-Reverting and Cedit Fiber Optics. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2003-17** – Byrne made a motion to approve Resolution 2003-17 transferring monies from CCI and Electric Liquidation (interest) to the general fund. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**United Fund** – Sheehan said employees would be receiving pledge cards and urged everyone to give to the United Fund.

**Coats for Kids** – Scott Murray reminded everyone that there will be a distribution of Coats for Kids on Saturday from 10:00 to 2:00 at the Shelter House.

**ECDC Minutes** – Goins said he appreciated the minutes they had received.

**Claims** – Byrne made a motion to approve all claims including an additional claim for Barnes & Thornburg on the annexation. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Goins made a motion to adjourn. Pavey seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

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WILLIAM R. GOINS, MEMBER

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DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

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BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

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JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

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MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER