

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2005
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 6:15 p.m., with Chris Fields, Darrin McGowan, John Byrne, Brian Sheehan, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, Scott Murray, WKWH, and Starr Shuppert, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the January 18, 2005 meeting were presented for approval. Fields made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * *

- Each Department Head has submitted information for a brochure that will be placed in a packet and distributed in the newly annexed area before 2/28/05. I would like for each Department Head and their liaison to meet with me immediately after the council meeting and approve the department's final draft.
- Last Thursday I was asked by IACT, along with three other mayors, to meet with Brian Bosma on HB 1148. IACT opposes this legislation because it prohibits any municipality from providing cable telecommunications and information services, including broadband. This bill has been assigned to the Local Government Committee. Rushville was selected because of the innovative way in which the community is using a city, county, and private partnership to put fiber throughout Rush County.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * *

None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT * * *

Renewal time for the medical insurance is March 1. The committee needs to take a look at what options we might have before the next meeting. Right now Anthem looks like there would be an increase of approximately 20%.

COMMITTEE REPORTS * * *

Sheehan urged the Department Heads to turn in their job requirement questionnaires as soon as possible.

Greg Griffin asked Council to consider reestablishing the Redevelopment Commission. Pavey asked who would make the appointments to the Commission. The Mayor has 3 appointments and Council has 2 appointments. After discussion Sheehan made a motion to allow the Mayor and City Attorney to begin the process to reestablish the Commission. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Park – Mathews announced the Valentine Dance will be February 11 at the Benjamin Rush Middle School from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Chaperones are needed.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * *

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

Animal Shelter Redemption Fee – There has been some confusion as to the daily redemption fee of an animal. McGowan said he was comfortable with the redemption fee of an animal being left at the current rate of \$5.00 per day. It was the consensus of Council to leave the fee at \$5.00.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Travel When a Local Disaster Emergency Has Been Declared – Mayor Bridges asked Council if they thought it necessary to prepare an ordinance regarding travel on City streets when an emergency has been declared. Fudge stated that the situation in the City would not necessarily be the same as the County. He thought the City should have something in place in case it became necessary. Pavey made a motion to table the matter for further review. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2005-2 Supplement Adopting Ordinance – Sheehan made a motion to approve the Ordinance adopting the Code of Ordinances. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Purchase of Dump Truck – Bennett asked permission to prepare specifications for the purchase of a dump truck, with 2 additional pieces for snow removal. Sheehan made a motion to allow Bennett to prepare the specification for the advertisement of the truck. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kim Rankin/Moratorium – Bridges spoke with Kim Rankin, who requested Council to lift the moratorium they now have in place so she can tear down her house and replace with a doublewide. The house is across from Smiley Avenue. Sheehan said he would like to see some sort of plan before making a decision. Pavey made a motion to table until Rankin produces some sort of plan. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims – Pavey made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before Council, Byrne made a motion to adjourn. Pavey seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER

