

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 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 6:00 p.m., with Darrin McGowan, John Byrne, Brian Sheehan, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Councilman Fields was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Scott Murray, WKWH.

**MINUTES \* \* \***

Minutes of the February 1, 2005 meeting were presented for approval. Byrne made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Bridges reported the following to Council:

- There will be a Rush County Fiber Technology Board meeting on Wednesday, February 23, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. at the Rush/Shelby Energy office located at 126 South Main Street. They will be discussing the fiber loop through Rush County and the possibility of the Fiber Board managing and administration group for the fiber. Since we are providing 1/3 of the funding. Bridges said he thinks we should at least have some input as to what we expect from the Fiber Board.
- The information packets have been prepared and will be distributed to the residents of the newly annexed area this Saturday by a local Boy Scout Troop.
- Met with representatives of the Police Department and the Park Department, as well as representatives of the Park Board and City Council. We are working on a compromise to the Park Department using the garage annex at the police department. Will keep Council informed of any further developments.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT \* \* \***

Clerk-Treasurer Copley asked Council for their review and approval of claims from M.D. Wessler for the Water and Wastewater Improvements for the newly annexed area. Byrne made a motion to approve to pay the claims as presented. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS \* \* \***

Councilman Pavey said they are still waiting on the maps for the planning and zoning.

Councilman Sheehan said he is still working on the wage study. He has not received all of the job descriptions.

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

**Street** – Bennett said the new street sweeper has been delivered. He is very pleased with it and it is very user friendly. He thanked Council for allowing the purchase.

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

Councilman McGowan received a complaint regarding golf carts. He was asked if someone were in a car accident with a golf cart who's insurance would be responsible. City Attorney Newhouse said he thought it would probably fall under homeowners insurance. Assistant Police Chief Williams said they were illegal for the street and that they should be reported to the Police Department. After discussion, it was referred to the safety committee along with concerns for skateboards, and the very small motorbikes.

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

**Kin Rankin Request to Modify Moratorium** – Bridges presented a plan from Rankin on the placement of the manufactured home she wishes to have constructed to replace the present home. McGowan said it defeats the purpose of the moratorium, but believes this is a special exception. Pavey spoke to Joe Ratz and was advised to have Rankin present a landscaping plan. Byrne made a motion to table the matter and ask Rankin to attend the next meeting to discuss some options. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

**Health Insurance Options** – Pavey recommended to Council that the medical insurance line item be broken down as to specific insurance line items. Such as a line for medical insurance, dental, vision, and life. He suggested Council determine a specific amount they were willing to spend.

Kevin Mandrell presented the renewal figures. The dental with Metlife was up 8%. There was no increase in the life insurance. Sheehan made a motion to accept the renewal for the dental insurance and the life insurance. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mandrell also suggested a cafeteria plan, which would be pre-taxed. If the employee did not use all that was put into the account by the end of the year, the remaining amount would be forfeited and returned to the City. There would be an initial set up fee to the City of \$795.00, and a \$5.95 monthly fee per employee. Sheehan made a motion to accept the cafeteria plan. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The medical insurance renewal was then discussed at great length. Without any changes to the policy the renewal rate would increase by approximately 20%. Byrne made a motion to keep the current plan with a change to the prescriptions only. This would increase the prescriptions to \$10.00, \$30.00, and 50%. The motion died for lack of second.

Sheehan then made a motion to change the percentages paid by the City and the employee. The buy up plan would be a 22½% -77½%, with prescriptions changing to \$10.00, \$30.00, and 50%. The core plan percentage would be 12½% - 87½%. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheehan made a motion to separate the insurance line items giving a 12% overall increase. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bridges ordered all Department Heads to attend both meetings and they would control their employees.

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

There being no further business to come before Council, McGowan made a motion to adjourn. Byrne seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

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JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

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BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

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MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER