

RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 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, John Byrne, Brian Sheehan, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, Jan Voiles, *Rushville Republican*, and Scott Murray, WKWH.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the January 20, 2004, were presented for approval. Bridges said some members were not getting their agendas so along with the regular mailing he will also e-mail them. Pavey made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * *

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- Thanked everyone that attended the tax abatement seminar given by Nexus.
- On January 26 attended the Department of Commerce GO Blitz strategic planning session in Batesville. The Department of Commerce is promoting in which they will visit 1000 companies from December 1, 2003 through December 1, 2004 to survey companies about their industry needs and to promote state economic development tools. The targeted dates for Region 9 are March 9 through March 11. The two goals set out in the work plan are to illustrate on going activity that will take place in the region throughout the 12-month period and a 3 day blitz of the regions leaders and businesses.
- Today all departments hosted the Optimist Club's "Youth In Government Day". Bridges thanked the Optimist Club for giving us the opportunity to participate in this event.
- Today the final site visit was completed by the Department of Commerce on the NE Revitalization Project.
- On February 16 from 2 PM to 4 PM the Department of Commerce is holding a community forum in Rushville at the Council Chambers to get public input in an attempt to determine how housing and community development funds should be spent in 2004-2005.
- IACT is hosting a 5 district legislative meetings. They will be in the evening from February 10th through the 17th at 5 different locations throughout the State.
- Informed Council that they now had a project estimate and time estimate on the 16th Street Project

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Copley asked the Department Heads to get their updated inventory list to her within the next 6 weeks.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Park – Mathews reminded everyone of the Valentine Dance on February 13 at the Benjamin Rush Middle School from 6 PM to 8 PM. He urged Council members to come to the dance and chaperone.

Animal – Hill said that he would be meeting with Terry Receiver to look at some cages on Friday morning for possible purchase.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * *

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

Kevin Mandrell/Insurance Quotes – Mandrell told Council that the question on the morbid obesity only makes up for approximately 2% of the premium. He also said there was no flexibility in the open enrollment because of the size of the City's group.

There was lengthy discussion regarding the possible slight changes in the renewal for the medical insurance. Byrne stated if we were within the budget he would like to see the benefits stay the same.

Mandrell offered a dual option of a \$250.00 deductible or a \$500.00 deductible. With the \$500.00 deductible the employee would see a decrease in the amount of insurance taken out of his/her check.

Sheehan moved to accept the dual option plan and to keep the employer/employee payment portion the same as it currently is, which is 85% - 15%. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried with Sheehan, McGowan and Pavey voting in favor of the motion. Byrne and Fields voted nay.

Mandrell will meet with all employees at a mandatory meeting to answer any questions they may have and to make sure it is understood the options they have and how it will affect them.

Ordinance Approving the Code of Ordinances – Sheehan said he was not prepared to vote on this ordinance and would like to have some time to make sure all the changes were accurate. Byrne made a motion to table the matter. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2004-3 Vacating the Alley/Billy Evans/East 8th Street – The ordinance vacating the alley was presented for signatures. Said ordinance was passed at the last meeting.

Ordinance 2004-1 Vacating the Alley/Cedarwood Development – The ordinance vacating the alley was presented for signatures. Said ordinance was approved and passed at the January 6, 2004 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Ordinance 2004-4 Reimbursement for Services for Annexation – Pavey made a motion to approve Ordinance 2004-4 for reimbursements for services from Rural Development Grant on the annexation. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Long Range Planning Committee – Pavey reported that Joe Ratz is hoping to have the report completed by the end of May or the first of June. He also told the department heads and Council to prepare their long range planning ideas for the next four years.

Cable TV Franchise – Bridges said Sheehan has been gathering information regarding the Cable TV Franchise, which is due to expire in August. This is something Council will want to research.

Claims – 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 Sheehan, made a motion to adjourn. Fields seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

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DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER