

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, MARCH 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 6:00 p.m., with Chris Fields, Darrin McGowan, John Byrne, Brian Sheehan, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, and Scott Murray, WKWH.

**MINUTES \* \* \***

Minutes of the February 15, 2005 meeting were presented for approval. Byrne made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Bridges reported the following to Council:

- Was asked by the ECDC Director, Greg Griffin, to inquire if the City Council would be available either March 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for a presentation by H.J. Umbaugh and Baker & Daniels concerning their reformation or the redevelopment commission. The majority of Council would be available on the 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Sent an inquiry on the IACT website on a city ordinance prohibiting skateboarding within the city limits. Seven replies were received. These will be reviewed with the City Attorney and something will be put together for Council to review.
- Commended Chief Clark and his men for their professionalism at the fatal fire last week in Milroy. Bridges received many reports for the way the firemen handled a difficult situation.
- Welcomed the newly annexed area of Circleville, Waits Addition, Rivercrest, and Fields Addition to the City of Rushville.

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

Copley asked Council to review statements from Barnes & Thornburg and M. D. Wessler for their work on the newly annexed area. The bills will be paid from the Bans. Byrne made a motion to approve payment of the bills. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT \* \* \***

Pavey said there would be a meeting regarding the amphitheater tomorrow. He is hopeful to get permits by the end of the week.

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

Fields said the APC has been discussing the possibility of developing impact fees, which would go towards the school and roads. He would like some input from Council.

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

**Police** – Fudge said he had spoken with other departments regarding emergency level situations and as to whether the City implemented their own emergency level or if they went along with the County. Most other departments thought it was too confusing to have their own level of emergency and followed what the County did.

Fudge also received an estimate to replace the doors for the Council Chambers. To replace both doors with the same doors in the rest of the building the cost would be \$2,168.00. Bridges recommended replacing the doors. The present doors are not secure and not energy efficient.

**Street** – Bennett informed Council that he had replaced some windows at the street department.

**Animal** – Hill said he would like approval from Council to discontinue trapping of animals in the City. He said there is a new law that to trap nuisance animals you must obtain a license. After discussion, McGowan made a motion to table for 30 days for further review. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Corina Paul, a newly annexed resident, questioned why she would not be receiving trash pick up. Also why the fire department would not dispatch the ladder truck to her residence if there were a fire. Bennett said the trash would not be picked up because it was a trailer park. The City does not pick up at trailer parks and this is regulated by the State of Indiana. Clark stated they needed to use the pumper truck if dispatched to the trailer park because at this time there are not any hydrants. Also the ladder truck is not necessary because trailers are not tall enough to require a ladder truck.

Ed Pribble, also a newly annexed resident, said that he was informed that trash would not be picked up on a private drive. Bennett said he would need to place

his trash at the edge of SR3. He asked Council to consider making a thoroughfare near his house an alley that the City would maintain. After lengthy Common Council Minutes

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discussion it was the consensus of Council that it would be a good idea to make the area an alley. Byrne made a motion to make the thoroughfare an alley. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

None.

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

**Rush Memorial New Medical Office Building** – Brad and Julie Smith gave a presentation of the new medical office building that Rush Memorial Hospital hopes to break ground for within the next couple of months.

**Community Alliance to Promote Education** – Avy Leissring, Executive Director of the Rush County Community Foundation, asked Council for a letter of endorsement for edit monies for the year 2011 for a period of 3 – 4 years. The money would be used to help fund a director for the learning center. Sheehan made a motion for preliminary commitment to help sustain the life long learning center. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Semi Trailers and Trucks in Residential Areas** – Pavey told Council that the problem with semi trailers and trucks in residential areas was coming up once again and urged them to think about this and be prepared to address it at the next meeting.

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

There was no other business to come before Council, Byrne made a motion to adjourn. Pavey seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

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CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

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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