

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2011
6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bostic called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with Allen Shelton, Bob Bridges, Mike Buckley, Bill Goins and Cindy Humphrey answering role call. Also present were City Attorney, Ron Wilson, Mike Selke, WIFE Radio, and Melissa Conrad, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES * * * *

Minutes of the February 15, 2011 meeting were presented for approval. Shelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Buckley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * * *

Downtown Façade – Trena Carter presented Resolution 2011-1 for the Submission of a CFF Grant Application. Goins made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-1. Shelton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Legal Drain Fraley/Wilker – County Surveyor, Marvin Rees, asked Council to consider a Petition to Establish the Fraley/Wilker Mutual Drain as a Legal and Regulated Drain. This will help to alleviate a drainage problem in Waits Addition. Humphrey voiced her concern that this would merely drain the water to Lawton Addition and flood that area.

Bostic asked if this would take care of the problem at the trailer park. Rees said it would cover the connections into the park, but inside the trailer park would be the owner's responsibility.

Rees said that the tile is too small to handle the load. A drainage pond is needed near the trailer park.

Several residents of the area also voiced their concerns regarding the flooding. The City Council will act on the petition to establish the drain as a legal and regulated drain at the next meeting.

North Industrial Park and Cherry Street Extension – John Pavey and Jim Finan updated the City Council. The Redevelopment Commission voted to proceed with the Cherry Street extension. They are also applying for a grant for the North Industrial Park development. Both projects will be funded through TIF monies.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * * *

Copley handed out a rough draft of the report from Umbaugh for the trash collection study. She asked Council to review it and there will be a public hearing scheduled.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT * * * *

Goins said that he along with Councilman Bridges, Jemmy Miller, and Carole Yeend visited some recycling centers today and found it very interesting. He said that this would have to be a work in progress for the City. He said he would keep the Council informed.

Goins also said that he wrote a letter of support for the downtown façade program.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * * *

Fire – Jenkins informed Council that the Fire Department received a donation from the William Herdrich Family for the training center.

He has received 5 smoke alarms for the hearing impaired and will be installing them to residents that have applied for them.

Animal – Nickel said that he had received a large donation of dog food from Tractor Supply in Greensburg. He urged those present to come down and adopt a dog or cat.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * * *

Ordinance 2011-6 Fire Department Non-Reverting Fund – Humphrey suggested the ordinance needed to be clearer. She understood that the ordinance would state that 50% of the money would be used as the Fire Department deemed necessary to purchase equipment, etc. The remaining 50% would be used to lower the Fire Department's general fund budget. It was agreed that in item #3 the words "general fund" would be added. Item #3 will read:

3. That fifty percent (50%) of such funds shall be used by the Rushville Fire Department with respect to paying for expenditures incurred for equipment and training for its personnel and EMS

personnel in conjunction with and in lieu of **general fund** budgeted amounts for such purposes; and

Goins made a motion to approve Ordinance 2011-6 with the added wording of "general fund". Humphrey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Insurance – Copley said they are still waiting to receive a quote or two on the health insurance. Until that has been received and a decision can be made we would need to go ahead on a month to month basis with what we currently have which would include an increased premium of 27%. She asked Council how they wished to take care of the increase. Bridges made a motion for the City to pay the 27% insurance premium increase for a period of one month. Buckley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS * * * *

Rushville Public Library – Sue Otte and Laura Steenstrup addressed Council. They passed out their annual report and also an Accessibility and Structural Improvement Project General Scope for the library.

Utility Board Appointment – Buckley made a motion to re-appoint Michael (Butch) Singleton to the Utility Board. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims – Shelton made a motion to approve the claims as presented. He abstained from voting on the claim to pay the fee for Santa Claus. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no further business to come before Council; Goins made a motion to adjourn. Bridges seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

MERVYN R. BOSTIC, MAYOR

ALLEN W. SHELTON, MEMBER

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MEMBER

MICHAEL BUCKLEY, MEMBER

WILLIAM R. GOINS, MEMBER

CINDRA K. HUMPHREY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER