

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2007
6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Darrin McGowan, John Byrne, and Mike Pavey answered roll call. Councilman Sheehan entered the meeting after the roll was called. Councilman Fields was not present. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

MINUTES * * * *

Minutes of the March 6, 2007 meeting were presented for approval. McGowan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * * *

Mayor Bridges reported the following to Council:

- Received a thank-you card from one of the residents who was approved for a home improvement loan at the last meeting.
- Sent Council a copy of a letter from the APC director, which was addressed to the present owner of Hollywood Estates. This is a request to appeal the content of the letter to the City Council. She wants to begin developing homes to the north of Hollywood Drive, with a cul-de-sac and an exit onto Barbara Drive as she was requested to do. I told her to submit her amended design plans and I would distribute them to the Council prior to the next Council meeting.
- The City Attorney has been monitoring legislation regarding wood burning furnaces. The IDEM public comment period ended on March 3, 2007. A synopsis of the comments will be distributed for your review. I have also included two recent ordinances from Evansville and Petersburg for your review. After review I would like to discuss how Council feels is the best way to appropriately handle these in our community.
- I have e-mailed each of you along with our representatives on the APC & BZA concerning a request to allow an in-home business, specifically a barber shop, at 323 West 1st Street and to allow the RCVA to place an office and shelter in the St Mathias Church building at 924 N Main Street. This would require either the property or the neighborhood to be rezoned R-3. I would like to hear if there are further comments on this.
- Today Danny Bennett and I met with Butler Fairman on the 16th Street project. We also included Kevin Mahan, who expressed concern as to the layout of the street as it goes through his property. After notifying Butler

Fairman they changed the configuration of the road and he is agreeable with the change. They indicated the project is about 45% complete and they are intending to submit the plan for preliminary approval soon.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * * *

None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT * * * *

Pavey reported:

- Our APC representative suggested that the City receive copies of all permits. Sheehan made a motion to inform Bill Todd that the City would like to receive copies of all permits issued. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Wanda Henderson requested a letter of support from the City for a feasibility study grant for a public transit system for Rush County. After discussion, Sheehan made a motion to send a letter of support for the public transit system. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * * *

Code Enforcement – Harmon said the new GIS system will be installed on 8 computers this Friday.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * * *

A request to take away the skateboard ordinance was left on a police car and was passed around for Council's consideration.

Tracy Newhouse reported that the appeals process on the litigation on the Flatrock River project has been exhausted and it is now time to start maintenance and assessment. The Assessor said there were approximately 3100 parcels. Council thought it would be a good idea to have Wilbur Hoeing explain what the maintenance would consist of and get an update since there hasn't been one for quite some time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * * *

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

Addendum to ECDC Contract – Sheehan made a motion to approve the addendum to the ECDC contract. The addendum simply included a per diem rate of \$325.00, not to exceed an annual invoice of \$75,000.00. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS * * * *

CF1 Copeland Corporation – Ray Weber submitted the CF1 for approval. Pavey made a motion to approve the CF1. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilman Byrne abstaining from the vote.

CF1 Intat Precision – Jerry Sprouse submitted the CF1 for approval. Byrne made a motion to approve the CF1. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sheehan thanked the Mayor and the Police Department for their help and support for the St. Patrick's Day celebration.

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

There was no further business to come before Council, McGowan made a motion to adjourn. Pavey seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER
ATTEST:

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER