

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2005  
6:00 P.M.**

**Please Note: These minutes are subject to approval at the next board meeting.**

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, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Councilman Sheehan entered the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, Scott Murray, WKWH, and Starr Shuppert, *Rushville Republican*.

**MINUTES \* \* \***

Minutes of the April 5, 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:

- Received a letter addressed to the City Council notifying you that John Chaille, Area Specialist with USDA Rural Development, will be retiring effective May 1<sup>st</sup>. John has been our representative during the application and grant award process for the newly annexed area. His replacement will be Cheryl Ozbun from North Vernon.
- Received the following request from INDOT: When relocating the signs at the entrances to Rushville they discovered a sign identifying "Circleville" as you enter US 52. They want to know if we should allow the sign to stay or would you rather have it removed? They feel it could be confusing entering Rushville, then Circleville, and then Rushville again.
- The annual NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet will be held on April 30, at the Rushville Elk's Club. The social time will be at 6:00 p.m. with the dinner to follow at 6:30 p.m. The speaker for the event will be David Lewis. If you plan to attend please RSVP to Bill Goins at 932-4970 or Krista Payton at 765-825-9420.
- The first class of the Rush County Leadership Academy will be graduating on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The graduation ceremony will be at 7:00 p.m. followed by a dessert buffet at 8:00 p.m. The ceremony will be held at the community/boardroom of the Rush County Consolidated Schools, 330 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

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

Copley asked Council to consider Transfer Resolution 2005-8 transferring monies from electric liquidation and CCI to the general fund. Byrne made a motion to approve the resolution. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT \* \* \***

Pavey said the columns are up on the amphitheater and are ready to set the trusses.

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

Fields said that the Handbook Policy Committee is meeting every 2 weeks and making some progress.

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

**Police** – Fudge invited Council to the Holliday Inn on Wednesday evening to the training session on domestic violence.

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

Councilmen Byrne and Sheehan said they have had several phone calls regarding the trash curbside pickup. They have been telling them that no action has been taken.

Jack Hill said during the heavy trash collection, people have been making a mess by sorting through trash that has been set out.

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

**Fiber Optics Update** – Dave Sheets was present to represent the fiber board and give an update. He said Chris Seals is the Council's appointment and that will expire at the end of July. He said Seals is interested in remaining on the board. Council will need to make that decision before the end of July. He said all positions are now filled. Sheets asked the City if they would like to consider not having 1/3 ownership of the fiber. He said Rush Shelby Energy and an unnamed partner are willing to purchase the fibers. Bridges said he did not think it is necessary that we own the fiber and we could better spend our money on infrastructure. After lengthy discussion, Sheehan made a motion to formerly withdraw our agreement with the County and Rush Shelby Energy regarding the ownership of the fiber. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sheehan said we need to pursue a study on the infrastructure.

**Apartment Trash Collection** – Bennett explained that we are currently picking up for Loma and Northgate Apartment Complexes. He has met with

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representatives from the complexes and they are present to voice their concerns. Bennett presented figures on the approximate cost to pick up at the 2 complexes.

Charles Ray, representing Northgate, said he feels that the City is discriminating against them because they live in clusters. He said he didn't see what the difference was if the City was picking up for apartments with 2 or 3 tenants. He also stated that if they had to get a dumpster it would be a hardship on the senior citizens to try to get the trash into the dumpsters.

Tom Cartmel, owner of Northgate said if it were the matter of the City coming onto a private drive then they would grant the City an easement. He also said he would be happy if \$1000.00 was taken off his tax bill so he could use that towards trash collection.

Charles Ray said if the City wants to save money they should think about not having the heavy trash pick up in the Fall and Spring that would save a lot of expense.

Fields made a motion to stop the trash and recycling pickup at Northgate and Loma effective April 29. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-1 vote. Councilman Pavey voted nay. Pavey said we should consider continuing the recycling program.

**Cafeteria Plan FSA** – Byrne made a motion to approve the cafeteria plan for the FSA. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sheehan then made a motion to approve the Consent Resolution #2005-7. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Annexation Claims** – Sheehan made a motion to approve the claims for annexation from Barnes & Thornburg. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CF1 The Trane Company** – Byrne made a motion to approve the CF1 for real estate and personal property for The Trane Company. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CF1 Vinyl Therm** – McGowan made a motion to approve the CF1 for Vinyl Therm. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CF1 Rushville Manufacturing Mall** – Sheehan made a motion to approve the CF1 for the Rushville Manufacturing Mall. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Loan Resolution 2005-5/Water Annexation** – Sheehan made a motion to approve Resolution 2005-5 in the amount of \$794,000.00. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Loan Resolution 2005-6/Wastewater Annexation** – Sheehan made a motion to approve Resolution 2005-6 in the amount of \$965,000.00. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Amendments to International Property Maintenance Code** – McGowan asked in regards to the Code Enforcement Officer, who would issue tickets. Bridges said the first avenue would be to talk to the person face to face, then to issue a letter. A ticket would be issued as a last resort. It would depend on what the offense was as to who would issue the ticket.

Pavey asked if the Code Enforcement Officer would be responsible for registering rental properties. Bridges said, yes.

Sheehan was concerned as to the amount of beginning salary. He suggested \$25,000.00. He also asked if applications would be taken. Bridges said, yes.

Pavey asked when the person would be hired. Bridges said he hoped within 2 to 3 weeks.

Byrne asked if this person would be treated as a Department Head. Bridges said yes, and final approval before hiring would come before the Board of Works.

Sheehan said we need to be very careful and remember our values.

Pavey then made a motion to approve the amendments to the International Property Maintenance Code with a salary of \$28,000.00 plus benefits. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4 to 1 vote, with Councilman Sheehan voting nay.

**Claims** – Sheehan made a motion to approve the claims as presented with the additional 3 miscellaneous claims for the amphitheater. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sheehan invited everyone to the Historical Society Dinner on April 28. Sheehan will be the guest speaker.

There was no further business to come before Council, Pavey made a motion to adjourn. McGowan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 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