

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 1, 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 6:08 p.m. Chris Fields, John Byrne, Brian Sheehan and Mike Pavey answered roll call. Councilman McGowan was not present. Also present was City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, and Elizabeth Gist, *Rushville Republican*.

Mayor Bridges asked to suspend the rules in order to deviate from the agenda for a meeting of the Redevelopment Commission and the Area Plan Commission. Byrne made a motion to suspend the rules. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Redevelopment Commission convened at this time. The Commission unanimously voted to pass Resolution 2007-1, a Declaratory Resolution of the Rushville Economic Development Commission selecting an area to be developed. The meeting was then adjourned.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION

The Area Plan Commission convened their meeting at this time. The Area Plan Commission unanimously voted to approve an Order Determining that a Declaratory Resolution and Economic Development Plan Approved and Adopted by the Rushville Redevelopment Commission Conform to the Comprehensive Plan and Approving that Resolution and Economic Development Plan. The meeting was adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING RECONVENED

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING WOOLDRIDGE & PENTION

Mayor Bridges opened the meeting for a public hearing regarding annexation. There were no questions or comments from the public. Pavey made a motion to close the public hearing. Sheehan seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed. Byrne made a motion to approve Resolution 2007-2 and to adopt the fiscal plan. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING JEHOVAH'S WITNESS

Mayor Bridges opened the meeting for a public hearing regarding annexation. There were no questions or comments from the public. Sheehan made a motion to close the public hearing. Byrne seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed. Byrne made a motion to approve Resolution 2007-3 and to adopt the fiscal plan. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA ACTION

Lisa Lee from Ice Miller directed Council through the following items in regard to the industrial and economic development area:

1. **Resolution 2007-6** Approving a Declaratory Resolution and Economic Development Plan of the Redevelopment Commission of the City of Rushville and Approving the Order of the Rush County Area Plan

Commission. Sheehan made a motion to approve Resolution 2007-6. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. **Ordinance 2007-5** An ordinance to acquire 80 acres. Fields made a motion to suspend the rules. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried. Byrne made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-5. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Ordinance 2007-6** An ordinance to issue bonds. Byrne made a motion to suspend the rules. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Pavey made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-6. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Additional Appropriation Ordinance** – Byrne made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2007-7 for Additional Appropriations. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES * * * *

Minutes of the April 17, 2007 meeting were presented for approval. Fields made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * * *

None.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * * *

Copley asked Council to consider Transfer Resolution 2007-5. Sheehan made a motion to approve the transfer resolution. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT * * * *

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS * * * *

None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * * *

Police – Fudge said that the week of May 14 is Law Officer's Memorial Week. He invited everyone to attend a memorial service at the memorial bridge after the Council meeting on the 15th, which is Law Officer's Memorial Day. After the service they will have a uniform and vehicle inspection. Fudge said this would be a good time for Council to take a look at the department's vehicles.

Park – Mathews said one of the pool managers resigned. He said that instead of 2 managers he would like to have one manager and pay that person \$10.25 per hour. He then suggested 2 assistant managers at a rate of \$8.00 per hour. He said this would actually save money since we were paying 2 managers at \$10.00 per hour and one assistant at \$8.00. Sheehan made a motion to make the changes at the pool. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Animal – Hill handed out his monthly report.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * * *

Bridges said that tonight at the School Board meeting the School Board would present Sgt Major Brown with his high school diploma. After the meeting there would be a reception at the VFW.

Sheehan thanked the police department for the programs they do with the kids.

Pavey passed out a list of concerns that he had received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * * *

Policy Handbook Discussion – Bridges said the handbook is close to completion.

Job Descriptions and Certification Pay – Bennett and Fudge said the job descriptions were not consistent. There was a question regarding putting a cap on payment for certifications. There was lengthy discussion, but the matter was tabled for further review.

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

Reconsideration of In-Home Business – Bridges sent Council a copy of a letter explaining a request for an in-home business that was discussed at the last meeting. The business would be strictly an internet business of curio and relic firearms. There would not be any guns on the premises for sale. Fields made a motion to rescind the unfavorable recommendation for the in-home business. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS * * * *

Trane Statement of Benefits – Amy Kissell and Adam Dollarhide asked Council to consider the approval of 2 CF1's for The Trane Company. Pavey made a motion to approve both CF1's for Trane. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Historic District Boundaries – Joe Ratz asked Council if they would like to consider changing the historic district boundaries south of town. It was the consensus of Council that the boundaries are left as they are.

ECDC Quarterly Report Review – Griffin gave some of the highlights of his report as follows:

- There are 32 voting members
- They had 35 inquiries
- Work continues on the Ethanol plant
- There was a meeting on the proposal for State Road 3 with INDOT
- They are promoting the shovel ready site
- The historic walking tours is moving forward
- Copeland and Trane have added employees
- There are potential layoffs coming at another facility
- Smurfitt in Carthage is closing

Claims - Fields made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no further business to come before Council Pavey made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER