

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2006**  
**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, Tracy Newhouse and Elizabeth Gist, *Rushville Republican*.

**MINUTES \* \* \***

Minutes of the May 1, 2006 meeting were presented for approval. Fields made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Bridges called for a recess of the City Council in order for the Economic Development Commission and Redevelopment Commission to conduct their order of business. Minutes of both Commissions are attached.

Bridges then reconvened the meeting of the City Council. He then presented Ordinance 2006-8 regarding the Revenue Bonds for Rush Renewable Energy. Byrne made a motion to approve Ordinance 2006-8. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Bridges reported the following:

- Was asked to attend a public hearing of the Rush County Drainage Board on Monday. A petition was filed by Raymond Melton, new owner of Smith Trailer Court on East US 52, for the Rush County Drainage Board to alleviate storm water from his property. The complaint was investigated by Rush County Surveyor, Marvin Rees, and he found no blockage in the storm water system, but he did find that the area was being drained by a 6" tile, which is undersized for the area. The ruling by the Rush County Drainage Board was since there was no blockage then they have no jurisdiction so they dismissed the petition. The Mayor spoke with Mr. Melton and he intends to be present at the next City Council meeting to ask the City to work with him toward a solution to the problem. This area and the adjoining area have had storm water issues for several years. The Mayor has agreed to survey the area with Rush County Commissioner, Tom Barnes and Rush County Surveyor, Marvin Rees.
- The first of a series of concerts, featuring Jenny DeVoe, will be this Saturday at Riverside Park Amphitheater.
- Asked if there were any questions or comments regarding petfinder.com.

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

Copley said the City received a check for the auction. It was a little over \$5,000.00. The last auction was in 2002 and the profit was just under \$2,000.00.

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

Pavey passed out a letter from Greg Griffin regarding funding for next year.

Another meeting will be set for the compatible use zone.

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

None.

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

**Fire** – Clark asked permission to purchase an F 350 diesel truck and trade-in his car. He has gotten 3 quotes with the lowest being \$26,800.00 with the trade-in. Fields made a motion to approve the purchase of the truck for \$26,800.00 with a one year lease. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

None.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Vacation of Pearl Street Alley** – Bridges opened the meeting for a public hearing regarding the vacation of the alley. There were no comments from the public. Sheehan made a motion to close the public hearing. Byrne seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed. Sheehan moved to approve Ordinance 2006-9 Vacating the Alley. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Rezone Rush Renewable Energy** – Bridges opened the meeting for a public hearing regarding the rezoning for Rush Renewable Energy. There were no comments from the public, Sheehan moved to close the public hearing. McGowan seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed. Sheehan made a motion to approve the rezone for Rush Renewable Energy. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**M.D. Wessler** – The following items were discussed by M.D. Wessler on the annexation project:

1. Jeff Peters asked if Council would like to consider using any funds that might be left over in the project to apply towards the purchase of service lines, reducing the customer's cost. Sheehan moved to approve applying any unused monies towards the purchase of service lines. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. Sarah Altizer explained to Council that there were 2 pay estimates for Brackney that had inadvertently been paid twice. Therefore, additional payments to Brackney will not be made until the overpayment amount has been fulfilled with subsequent work on the sewer projects.
3. Altizer also explained that there were property lines misplaced for residents Austerman & Gorman. Wessler will take care of any easements necessary in this matter.

**Fiber Update** – Randy Frye said he had received 11 forms back from businesses regarding the interest in purchasing fiber. He will be contacting the hospital and Intat in regard to placing distribution huts at the two locations.

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

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

**Copeland CF1** – There was no one present from Copeland Corporation. Pavey made a motion to table the approval of the CF1 on personal property. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilman Byrne abstaining.

**Trane CF1** – Greg Harcourt asked Council to consider their CF1 for personal property and one for real estate. Byrne made a motion to approve the CF1's. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sheehan made a motion to also approve the SB1 for a new product line which would add 15 new jobs. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Intat** – Don Carson was present from Intat with a request to approve the CF1 for personal property. McGowan made a motion to approve the CF1. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ECDC** – Greg Griffin introduced a pilot shovel ready program that the ECDC will be applying for. This would help to expedite development. Sheehan moved to

send a letter of support from the City for the program. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Griffin also requested money for the year 2007. Presently the City is giving \$50,000.00 and the County is giving \$100,000.00. The County is suggesting that the City give an additional \$25,000.00 and the County reduce theirs to \$75,000.00. Pavey said there is a split of 40/60 in EDIT money. Sheehan said he thought someone should meet with the Commissioners to discuss this matter. Pavey moved to table the matter and set up a meeting with the County to work out the funding. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Agreement with Rush County Shriners** – Bridges asked Council to approve an agreement with the Rush County Shriners to use their “people mover” for the concerts from May 19 – September 30. The agreement would hold the Shriners harmless if any accident occurred while in the City's use. Sheehan moved to approve the agreement. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Insurance** – Kevin Krekeler said the price of the City's insurance would stay about the same. But the umbrella plan would be increased from one million to two million. He was also checking to see if he could get a better price on the workman's comp policy.

**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, Byrne made a motion to adjourn. McGowan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 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