

RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2004
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 6:05 p.m., with Chris Fields, Darrin McGowan, John Byrne, Brian Sheehan, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, Jan Voiles, *Rushville Republican*, and Scott Murray, WKWH.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the April 20, 2004, 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:

- The ECDC has an offer for the purchase of the B & B property. The purchaser has agreed to purchase the land at the appraised value and erect a building within one year of the purchase. The request deviates somewhat from the original interlocal agreement between the City and the County. Bridges said he believes the effort displayed by the purchaser is sincere and that we should agree to the sale of the property.
- Received a fax from Richard Perterson, from Porter Advertising LLC, requesting the City sign the lease for the property on the South side of town. We have reached the May 1st deadline and he was exercising his option to renew the lease for another 3-year period.
- Attended the Rush/Shelby Fiber Board presentation on April 28th. The presenters from Shelby County were very informative and basically outlined how they got started and later became self-sufficient. They also told of how fiber in a community was a deciding factor for them to land a "certified tech park" in Shelby County. Ron Lienemann has requested to be on the agenda for May 18 to update the council on the fiber progress in Rush County.
- The Three-Rivers Solid Waste District will be opening its facility on Smiley Avenue in May. You will find a sample letter to local businesses outlining the program and how their excess materials can be reused and distributed free of charge to non-profit organizations.
- You have been invited to join the Rush County Ministerial Association tomorrow between 12:00 and 12:30 for the "National Day of Prayer". It will be held on the west lawn of the courthouse.
- The Rush County Commissioners have scheduled an informational meeting for this Saturday at 7:00 a.m., to discuss the ambulance service. They have asked Council to attend if at all possible.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * *

None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Animal – Hill asked Council to consider raising the adoption fee from \$10.00 to \$35.00. Fields made a motion to approve the increase in the adoption fee. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried. The fee will go into effect immediately.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS * * *

Councilman Sheehan received the following complaints:

- Some of the truck drivers parking at the lot West of town are not parking properly, therefore, not leaving enough room for others.
- Asked for requirements on golf carts. Fudge will try to come up with something and report at the next meeting.
- Was asked the estimated time for the annexation South of town. Bridges said bids are estimated for fall/winter. With construction in the spring of 2005.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

Final Draft of Zoning Ordinance – Joe Rathz presented a working copy of the final draft of the zoning ordinance. Rathz thanked the steering committee for all of their work. Rathz will be back for the first meeting in June, giving Council time to review the draft. Bridges noted that the PUD ordinance was rejected by the Utility Board and Todd has requested to be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Handicap and Truck Parking – Residents and truck drivers, Scott Southerland and Mike Barnes were present to voice their concerns regarding the semi truck parking. Both men stated it would cause a lot of problems if they weren't allowed to park their tractor at their residence. Southerland suggested posting a sign not to park trailer/tractor combinations and only allow 1 hour to run the motor. Pavey made a motion to send the matter to the traffic study committee. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sale of Wilson Estate Lots – Pavey said they have looked at the site and would like to make a recommendation to Butler Fairman and see if they think

their recommendation would be feasible to remedy the solution. Bridges and Sheehan said they needed to sell the lots in order to be able to afford to fix the problem. Fields made a motion to get 2 appraisals within the next 30 days. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried. Fields also made a motion that after the appraisal have been completed to set a notice to sell the lots. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Newhouse said Council needed to name itself as the disposing agent on the Wilson Estates Lots. Sheehan made a motion to name itself as the disposing agent. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Fujitsu Ten Tax Abatement – Barry Maier and Dick Marks gave an update on new products and a change in a line for Fujitsu. Sheehan made a motion to approve the tax abatement. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rushville Manufacturing Mall Tax Abatement – Dave Jordan updated Council on the Rushville Manufacturing Mall. Byrne made a motion to approve the abatement. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Liability Insurance – Kevin Krekeler gave a presentation on liability insurance for the City. He left information for Council to review.

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

There being no further business to come before Council, Pavey made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 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