

RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2003
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 Bill Goins, Darrin McGowan, Brian Sheehan, John Byrne, 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 June 3, 2003 meeting were presented for approval. Byrne made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * *

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- Attended the Energize Indiana presentation given by Governor Frank O'Bannon and Lt. Governor Joe Kernan. Several programs were introduced that will provide incentives making Indiana more attractive to manufacturers and encourage those industries already in place to expand.
- Met with David Lewis, regional director for Senator Bayh. Lewis said that Senator Bayh is sending a letter of support for our funding request from Rural Development for the south side annexation project. Congressman Mike Pence will also be sending a letter of support.
- Police Chief Fudge and Assistant Chief Mathews have been working on implementing a "neighborhood watch" program.
- The ECDC will award the final \$12,500.00 of the business development grant to Designs Unlimited. They have made application for the next grant cycle.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * *

Copley reminded everyone that the Clerk-Treasurer's office would be closed the next two days for training.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Police – Fudge said he has received the retirement letter of Officer Roger Dice effective June 13, 2003. Reynolds is finishing up his physical for PERF.

They are working on implementing a "neighborhood watch" program that will be divided into Council districts. He asked for any suggestions from Council for people to act as liaisons.

Fire – Clark stated they had performed pump tests on their trucks, with all trucks passing. However, engine #1 heated up at the end of the process and they are working to resolve this problem.

Street – Bennett said he has an overhead door that needs replacing and is waiting on an estimate. Bennett said the door is old and believes it is cost prohibitive to try to repair it.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS * * *

Scott Murray commented that the Relay for Life was very well attended and an awesome experience. He also said he thought it was great that it was held in the park.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

Ordinance Codification – Bridges asked Council to review the draft of the codification and have any corrections in to him by June 30.

Alley & Parking Problem 200 N. Julian St. – Some property owners were present to discuss the possibility of an alley or a solution to their parking problem on Julian Street. Newhouse stated that in order to make an alley we would need to petition and advertise. If Farthing indeed owns the property then we would be "taking" the property which would be costly. Newhouse said we would need to do a title search. Pavey made a motion to order a title search for a previous alley or easement in the 200 block of Julian Street. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Workman's Comp Ordinance – An Ordinance was presented for action to establish procedures for hiring of contractors and subcontractors for the City. Sheehan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2003-3. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

There being no further business to come before Council, Goins made a motion to adjourn. Byrne seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

WILLIAM R. GOINS, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER