

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2008
6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bostic called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with Allen Shelton, Darrin McGowan, Bill Goins and Cindy Humphrey answering roll call. Councilman Buckley was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Ron Wilson, and Mike Selke, WIFE Radio.

MINUTES * * * *

Minutes of the June 3, 2008 meeting were presented for approval. Shelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * * *

Mayor Bostic reported the following:

- ❖ **State Road 44 Project** – There will be a ground breaking ceremony Monday, June 23rd at 9:30. Beginning on the 23rd there will be areas closed, however, they will try not to have more than 1 or 2 blocks closed at a time.
- ❖ **Unsafe Hearing Board** – Gary Cameron resigned from the Unsafe Hearing Board. Bostic appointed Richard Malcolm as his replacement.
- ❖ **Utility Board Appointment** – Tom Simpson's time has expired on the Utility Board. Bostic appointed Phil Starkey.
- ❖ **Council Utility Board Appointment** – The Council appointments to the Utility Board are about ready to expire. Currently serving are Michael Singleton and Paul David Smith. Bostic appointed Goins and Shelton to bring a recommendation to Council for their consideration.
- ❖ **Liability Insurance** – Last year the liability insurance for the amphitheater was approximately \$3,000.00. This year with Schroeder Insurance the cost was approximately \$1,900.00
- ❖ **Nick Singleton** – There will be a celebration of life for Nick Singleton on June 28 at Laughlin Park.
- ❖ **Brackney Matter** – On June 11 there was mediation on the Brackney matter. There was no resolution.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * * *

Copley reminded the Department Heads to please mark their bills before turning them in.

Copley also asked Council to consider an amendment to the Handbook Policy. The Wage and Hour Section, Payroll D, on page 44. The suggestion was as follows:

If an employee is called to work by an authorized individual during an emergency, he/she will be paid a minimum of 1 hour at one and one half time their salary per hour. If the employee actually works past one hour they will receive time and one half per hour worked.

Goins made a motion to table the matter until the next meeting. Shelton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT * * * *

Goins said after the Department Heads turn in their budgets and everyone receives a copy they will set up a budget workshop.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * * *

Police - Cameron reported that the fence was up in front of the Department. He praised the Street Department for their work.

He also reported that the compressor for the air conditioner went out. He said repairs have been made. They replaced a 10 ton unit with 2, 5 ton units, which was more cost effective. He said they will need to make more repairs regarding the pneumatics and would like to go electronic since it would be less costly. Goins said to make sure the company doing the repairs is familiar with working on equipment of this size.

Cameron said they have completed the background checks on the police officer applicants, and also have completed the agility testing.

Jake Hadix repaired a leak on the roof. He reported that the roof is not in very good shape and will need more repairs soon. He will try to get an estimate for the work.

Cameron presented a list of equipment that is obsolete and he wanted to have it removed from his inventory list. Humphrey said to make sure the items were e-scraped.

A letter of resignation was presented from Jaimie Weichert effective July 4.

Street – Hoover said some of his men went to Moscow to help with the clean up on June 6. They will be reimbursed by FEMA.

The guardrail by the football field has been installed wrong, and they will be correcting that.

They have started spraying for mosquitoes. They have also been spraying for weeds.

Jim Houston thanked the Street Department for resurfacing Perkins Street.

Park – Mathews announced that the sock hop has been rescheduled for Wednesday from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at South Memorial Park.

Animal – Jarman said they had their first transport for spay and neutering animals. They took 7 cats and 7 dogs. He said he wanted to publicly thank Susie Odum for letting them use her place as a pick up point. He said they will do this the 3rd Monday of each month.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * * *

Historic Board – Jim Houston said the Historic Board would like some guidance from Council regarding enforcement. He said the Board is divided and they do not want to alienate anyone. Goins said they would take the matter under advisement.

Stop Sign @ 2nd and Hannah Streets – McGowan said he had a concern about the stop sign at the corner of 2nd & Hannah Streets. He suggested putting up a sign that says cross traffic does not stop. Cameron said there had not been many accidents there. Bostic said they will look into the situation.

Joe Rathz – Rathz was present to voice 2 concerns. One was the property 215 West 8th Street. He said there is a lot of junk and debris and rats.

Rathz also voiced his concern about the old school ground on Perkins Street. The County Commissions approved using this property as a construction storage facility. Rathz said he was very concerned about the wear and tear on the roads with the heavy truck use. The Mayor thanked Rathz for his concern and said he will discuss this matter with the Commissioners.

Outside Furnace – Shelton said he had a citizen question the use of an outside furnace. McGowan said the reason the ordinance was implemented was because the use of the furnace was a health hazard.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * * *

None.

NEW BUSINESS * * * *

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

There was no further business to come before Council, Goins made a motion to adjourn. Shelton seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

MERVYN R. BOSTIC, MAYOR

ALLEN W. SHELTON, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

MICHAEL BUCKLEY, MEMBER

WILLIAM R. GOINS, MEMBER

CINDRA K. HUMPHREY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER