

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 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 6:00 p.m. Darrin McGowan, John Byrne, and Mike Pavey answered roll call. Councilman Sheehan arrived at 6:15. Councilman Fields was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Elizabeth Gist, *Rushville Republican*.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * * *

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- Rush County Relay for Life had an extremely successful weekend. The committee met their goal. Bridges thanked those who participated in the walk and those who worked so hard for the community. Bridges also encouraged everyone to say a prayer for those who continue to battle cancer and those who have lost that battle over the past year.
- At a special meeting of the Rush County Commissioners the language and maps of the Ag Zoning were passed unanimously by the Commissioners. The plan must now be heard by the Town Board of Glenwood and Carthage.
- Reminded the Department Heads to get their budgets in ASAP with explanations of any increases.
- The Employee Policy Handbook and the wage study are nearly complete and a presentation will be made to the Council at the next meeting.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * * *

None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT * * * *

Pavey said the first concert went well. Thorn For Memory won the Battle of the Bands. The next concert will be June 30 with the Carmel Symphony.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * * *

Police – Fudge said once again he is getting questions concerning golf carts. He said the Attorney General's Office has said they are not considered vehicles.

Sheehan arrived.

Some communities consider them the same as slow moving vehicles. Fudge said Council may want to consider passing an ordinance with generic points. Council asked Fudge to work on putting together a sample ordinance.

PUBLIC HEARING * * * *

Mayor Bridges opened the meeting for a public hearing to rezone part of Section 30, T 14 N, R 10 E from Rush County Residential and Manufacturing to Rushville City Official Zoning Map C-2 Community Business District. Joe Calderon, representing Wal-Mart, was present to answer any questions. There were no comments from the public. Sheehan made a motion to close the public hearing. Pavey seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

Pavey made a motion to change the zoning section to Rushville City Official C-2. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS CONTINUED * * * *

Animal – Jamie Glandon asked Council’s consideration on the following items:

- The ordinance for animals is contradicting and should be cleared up regarding animals running at large. One section gives a 21 day period and one says 5 days. She would like it to be 5 days throughout.
- Would like to implement a computer software management program with no cost to the City.
- Would like all animals that are adopted to have a micro chip. The cost would be included in the adoption fee. They can also put the chip in other animals as requested by the owner for a \$10.00 fee.
- Would like to implement a policy that under certain guidelines they can refuse the right for adoption.
- Requested a release for liability for volunteers to help clean the shelter
- Requested permission to get medical attention for animals that are brought in to the shelter or picked up. This would only be for those in desperate need. She is working with area Vets for reduction in prices.

It was the consensus of Council that all were good ideas and told Glandon to go ahead and proceed.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * * *

Councilman Byrne said he had some questions as to what was going on at SR44 and Julian Street. He asked if they were widening the street. Bennett said they were relocating a gas line.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * * *

Update from Fujitsu Ten – The Mayor received a phone call this afternoon from Fujitsu saying they would not be able to attend the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS * * * *

Report on Capital Project for County Schools – Superintendent Dr. John Williams gave an update on the capital project for the Rush County Schools.

- He said there would be 2 new county schools, one in Milroy and one in western Rush County. Both buildings will be the same.
- They will add on 4 new rooms to Rushville Elementary. These rooms will be for all day kindergarten and special education.
- The Mays school will receive updates, which will probably include air conditioning.
- School district boundary lines will be adjusted.
- They are expecting the impact on the tax rate to be approximately 4 cents.

Resolution 2007-9 Temporary Loan – Sheehan made a motion to approve the resolution for a temporary loan. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Summer Concert Series – John McCane and Markus Strobl were present to ask permission of Council to allow beer sales at the remaining 6 concerts for this summer. This has been discussed with the City Police and the State Excise. There are controls in place so there is no over serving and the alcohol is only allowed in a fenced in area. McCane said he anticipates approximately \$8,000.00 in proceeds to go to the City. John Byrne asked if this would affect our insurance. McCane said Kevin Krekeler, the city's insurance agent, said it would not affect our insurance.

Sheehan made a motion to allow the beer sales at the remaining 6 concerts with proceeds going to the City. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

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