

RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 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, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Councilman Sheehan was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse and Elizabeth Gist, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the May 16, 2006 meeting were presented for approval. McGowan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * *

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- The second public hearing on the housing grant will be tomorrow morning at the Rush County Senior Citizen Center. The first meeting on May 24th was well attended. If you know of someone who may qualify for the funding, please contact them and have them attend the meeting. The income guidelines were published in the newspaper.
- The afternoon of July 9th will be "Rushville Day" at Victory Field. We hope everyone will come and enjoy and Indianapolis Indians game and help promote Rushville.
- Bill Todd has arranged for a Land Use Conference meeting to be televised at our local training center at the Rush/Shelby location. This should be an informative meeting.
- June 17th & 18th will be Relay for Life. Hopefully everyone will attend the event and support this worthy cause.
- Presented Resolution 2006-12 for signatures. The Resolution to rezone the ethanol plant was approved at the last meeting.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * *

Copley informed Council that the State Board of Accounts has completed their audit. The exit conference will be at a later date.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT * * *

Pavey said a presentation was given to the fiber board. They are waiting to hear from the legal department.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Police – Fudge handed out the monthly report for May. He also reported that the department participated in Operation Pullover for 4 days. Approximately 15 tickets were issued.

The department will be purchasing new weapons. He hopes to place the order tomorrow.

Animal Control – Hill passed out the monthly report.

Code Enforcement – Harmon passed out the monthly report.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * *

Raymond Melton, the new owner of Rush View Mobile Home Court came before Council to discuss a drainage problem he is having. The drainage board took a look at the problem and came to the conclusion that the drainage tile was not large enough to handle the water. They dismissed the matter. Bridges said he thought maybe when the septic system for the annexation was completed that may alleviate some of the problem. The City will take a look at the matter again in 90 days.

Councilman Pavey said in his neighborhood there are some problems with families disturbing the peace. It seems that some families are feuding among one another. He asked the Police Chief to look into the matter to see if he could come up with a solution.

Whitney Boyer asked Council to consider not charging her for a permit to sell ice cream from their newly purchase ice cream truck since they are residents of the City. She stated that they pay taxes and thought they should be exempt from purchasing the permit.

Fields stated that if we exempt this case from purchasing a permit, then what is next? He said he thought this would be like opening a Pandora 's Box.

Boyer said it was her opinion that the City was discouraging new businesses in town.

After lengthy discussion, Fields suggested that Boyer present an Ordinance for Council to review and possibly vote on.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

Bridges asked if there was any objection to deviate from the agenda and allow Jeff Peters to speak, since he had another engagement. There were no objections.

Request to Change Inspectors – Jeff Peters asked Council for their approval to appoint a new inspector for the water and sewer project. Byrne moved to approve Andrew Gordon as the new inspector. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Amendment to PER - Byrne made a motion to approve the amendment to the PER. This is amendment #2 to the preliminary engineering report to the City. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Copeland CF1 Personal Property – Ann Sherman asked Council to consider the CF1 for Copeland Corporation. Pavey made a motion to approve the CF1. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilman Byrne abstaining.

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

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Strobl Request for Zoning Change – Marcus Strobl said they are planning to expand their business and take it out of their home. He said they would like to have the property changed from commercial to residential. Fields moved to give a favorable recommendation to the APC to change from commercial to residential zoning for the property located at 136 East 3^d Street. McGowan seconded the motion. Byrne said he thought the surrounding houses in the area should be checked to see how they are zoned. Motion carried.

Boys & Girls Club Presentation – A presentation was given by Kip Burkett, Chet Walker and Steve Froman. Burkett said the building has been updated once in 10 years. He said they are trying to provide new and better programs. They are doing some fund raising. One of those fund raisers is Sponsor a Child Campaign at \$225.00 per child. The gentlemen asked Council to continue funding the Boys and Girls Club and to consider raising their contribution to \$30,000.00.

Cabinetry Donation – Byrne approve to donate cabinetry from the Police Department to the Mays/Raleigh Fire Department. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Request for Extension of Water & Sewer – Byrne moved to approve the water and sewer extension to 1025 West 1st Street. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilman Paving abstaining. The extension has already been approved by the Utility Board.

Transfer Resolution 2006-10 – Pavey made a motion to approve Resolution 2006-10. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution to Adopt Changes to Construction Standards – Pavey made a motion to approve the changes to the Construction Standards. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Resolution will be presented for signatures at the next meeting.

Claims – Byrne made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Fields 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 7:40 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