

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 20, 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 6:00 p.m., with Chris Fields, Darrin McGowan, John Byrne, Brian Sheehan, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, Jan Voiles, *Rushville Republican*, and Scott Murray, WKWH.

**MINUTES \* \* \***

Minutes of the July 6, 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:

- Mike Delph, Government Affairs Officer for Comcast Communications, has set a meeting in Rushville on August 12 at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall. He has invited the City Council to be in attendance for the meeting to voice any comments or concerns. They will be taking over Insight Communications on August 1<sup>st</sup>. They are still in the process of auditing and inventory for each individual system they have acquired.
- Met with INDOT last Thursday and received an update on the proposed project in Rushville. We discussed the need for public meetings and the importance of working with the media to get information to the public concerning the progress leading up to and while each road project is in construction. They also wanted to invite you to attend the annual district meeting on Wednesday August 18 at the Greenfield district office in Greenfield. There are two meetings. The afternoon session is from 2:30- 4:00 and the evening session is from 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- ARA has submitted the CFF application for the Waits Addition project.
- "Rushville Night" at the Indianapolis Indians will be Saturday, August 28 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets may be purchased by calling Mike Blackert at 317-269-3542 ext 294. An added attraction will be the "Zuperstars".
- Avy Leissriing, from the Rush County Community Foundation was present to answer any questions or concerns regarding the "round-up grant". After discussion Fields made a motion to give a favorable recommendation to the City Utilities to participate in the "round-up grant" program. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried. The program would consist of utility customers rounding up their utility bill to the nearest dollar and the

monies would go into a grant awarded to a City department. Participation would be strictly voluntary.

- Announced that Paul Joyner, a Police Department Communication Officer, is in the hospital after suffering a heart attack. The Communication Officers are now working 12-hour shifts. They will be advertising for part-time help.

### **CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT \* \* \***

Copley asked Council to consider the following resolutions:

**Transfer Resolution 2004-12** – Byrne made a motion to approve Resolution 2004-12. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2004-13 Temporary Loan** – Byrne made a motion to approve Resolution 2004-13. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Transfer Resolution 2004-14** – Sheehan made a motion to approve Resolution 2004-14. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS \* \* \***

Pavey reminded Council to review the curb cuts he passed out at the last meeting, and submit any revisions.

Pavey met with Wilson Estate residents regarding the drainage.

Pavey also presented a Petition for a Better Neighborhood Program for the vicinity of 7<sup>th</sup> and Morgan Streets. Bridges named a committee of Pavey, McGowan, Fudge, Williams, Clark, and Bennett to work on the program.

Councilman Byrne said he and Fields would like to meet with the Wilson Estate Residents regarding the Home Owner's Association on Thursday at 5:00 p.m. at Council Chambers.

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS \* \* \***

None.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS \* \* \***

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS \* \* \***

None.

**NEW BUSINESS \* \* \***

**Budget Request Pool** – Pool Manager, Anita Carfield asked Council to consider a raise for the guards and concession workers. She said it is very difficult to keep good help because of their pay. Carfield requested a lifeguard be paid \$6.00 per hour instead of \$5.75, and a concession worker be paid \$5.40 instead of \$5.15. She said the guards are paying for their own CPR recertification. Bridges said that could be paid from the training line item in the non-reverting fund. Fields said he thought we could get local people to do the CPR training and just have to pay for the supplies.

Byrne asked how the attendance has been. Carfield said it has been pretty good, but also noted that we have had good weather.

Carfield also asked for consideration to raise the admission price of the pool as follows:

Child daily admission from \$1.25 to \$2.00  
Adult daily admission from \$2.50 to \$3.00  
Child's season pass from \$30.00 to \$50.00  
Adult's season pass from \$60.00 to \$75.00  
Family season pass from \$90.00 to \$100.00  
Pool parties from \$125.00 to 150.00

**Booker T. Washington Concerns & Deposits** – Members of the Parks Board were present to voice their concerns regarding the Booker T. Washington Building. President, Tracy Phillips, wanted to know what the responsibilities would be. Bridges explained that there would be a separate non-reverting fund set up for Booker T., and that no money would come out of the Park budget. He said there would be a Booker T. Committee that would report to the Park Board. We own the building and pay the insurance. The committee would raise the

money for the upkeep of the building. Bridges then challenged the Council to form a golf team for the Booker T. golf outing.

Mathews questioned the possibility of having damage deposits for the rental of Booker T. and the park shelters. It was agreed that this should be done. The City Attorney will prepare an application for those wishing to rent the shelter or Booker T.

**Request to Vacate Alley Between Morgan & Harrison Streets** – Noah Jacobs asked Council to consider vacating the N/S alley between Morgan and Harrison Streets (South of the Eagles). He said his main concern was the danger the traffic was causing. Fields made a motion to advertise for a public hearing to vacate the alley. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**2005 Salaries** – Bridges said he thought the maximum we could increase the salaries would be 3%. Pavey said he thought we should see about having a wage study done next year. Sheehan said he thought it might be a good idea to give a straight across the board raise instead of a percentage. Sheehan made a motion to advertise with a raise of 4%. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried. The 4% was suggested to give a little cushion knowing that Council could lower the amount but not raise it after advertising.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE \* \* \***

**Wilson Estates Tile Drainage Bill** – Bridges informed Council that he had received a bill from the Drainage Board for replacing the tile at Wilson Estates in the amount of \$8,143.18. The bill was sent to the City after Fred Wilson filed bankruptcy. The Drainage Board had ordered Wilson to repair the tile, when he refused they had it repaired.

Fields said the residents of Wilson Estates should not expect the City to take care of a problem that is not the City's.

Margaret Maxwell said the City owns the retention ponds, therefore they should take care of the drainage problem. She said the residents did not know of the infrastructure problem when they purchased their property.

Fields said the problem was to be taken care of by the developer and that it was not any error of the City of Rushville.

Sheehan said the City thought they should do something to remedy the problem, but they needed something of value to pull in some money, therefore, since Wilson filed bankruptcy and left a debt with the City, the City took ownership of the remaining unsold lots. Sheehan stated that the City could just sell the lots and re-coop the money for the debt left by Wilson. He said the City did not want the retention ponds, but in order to be able to fix the problem they would have to take the ponds along with the lots.

Pavey made a motion to table the matter of the drainage board bill and to withdraw the notice for a public hearing on the sale of the lots until the committee met with the residents of Wilson Estates concerning the possibility of forming a Homeowners Association. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Special Meeting** – There will be a special meeting on Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to hold a public hearing regarding the annexation of the Hooten property.

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

There being no further business to come before Council, Byrne made a motion to adjourn. Pavey seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

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CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

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DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

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JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

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BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

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MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER