

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2009
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, Mike Buckley, Bill Goins and Cindy Humphrey answering roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Ron Wilson. Mike Selke, WIFE Radio, and Melissa Conrad, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES * * * *

Minutes of the July 21, 2009 meeting were presented for approval. Shelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING CFF OCRA GRANT * * * *

Mayor Bostic opened the meeting for a public hearing regarding the CFF/OCRA Grant. Treana Carter, from ARa explained this is a grant in the amount of \$600,000.00 with a \$153,000.00 match. The grant is for infrastructure. The application is due October 2, 2009. Carter asked for questions or comments from the public. There were none. McGowan made a motion to close the public hearing. Goins seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * * *

Mayor Bostic gave Brad Smith, Rush Memorial Hospital, an opportunity to speak to Council. Smith said he wanted to publicly thank the City employees for their help today when the hospital experienced flooding from the extremely heavy rain. Smith said everyone should be very proud of the City employees. Bostic thanked Smith and said he would relay the message.

Bostic also reminded everyone of the City picnic August 20 at 5:00 p.m. at the Root Building.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * * *

Copley informed Council that she has received the Spring tax draw. She said it was \$26,230.26 less than last year. She updated them on the numbers for the 2010 budget and asked them to consider cuts proposed by the Fire Chief. There will be another budget work session on Wednesday, August 12, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT * * * *

Goins said the City employees were very busy today because of the flooding in several areas. He thanked the employees, Pizza King, the Sheriff's Department, and several volunteers for their hard work.

Goins said at the branch at North Veterans Park they had to remove a grate to alleviate the flooding. They were also opening up man holes to help with the plugged sewer lines. Goins praised the Street Department and the Park Department for the tremendous effort they put forward.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * * *

None.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * * *

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * * *

Utility Rate Increase – John Skompk, from Crowe Horwarth, said the last increase was in 2002. This increase is for capital improvements that have been let go for too long. Skompk said there will also be a bond issue on the water side. The increase on the water side for a minimum user will be approximately \$2.25 and an average user will be approximately \$4.25.

Regarding the sewer these improvements will be on a pay as you go basis. There will not be a bond issue. The increase for the sewer for a minimum user will be approximately \$2.20 and approximately \$4.25 for an average customer. This would be an increase for both water and sewer for the average user of \$8.50.

Ordinance 2009-3 Establishing a Schedule of Rates and Charges – Buckley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2009-3 on first reading. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2009-2 Golf Cart Ordinance – Goins made a motion to pass the golf ordinance with no time limit. Shelton seconded the motion. Motion died for lack of majority vote. Goins and Shelton voted in favor of the motion. Humphrey and McGowan voted “nay”, Buckley did not vote.

Buckley then made a motion to approve the golf ordinance with the time limit from sunrise to sunset. Humphrey seconded the motion. Motion carried with Goins and Shelton voting “nay”.

NEW BUSINESS * * * *

Resolution 2009-10 Adding Monies Back to Appropriations – Shelton made a motion to approve the Resolution to add monies back to appropriations. Humphrey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims – McGowan made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Buckley seconded the motion. Motion carried with Buckley abstaining from voting on the claims regarding his salary.

Handbook – Bostic asked Council to look at the Section of Employee Discipline under the Group II Rules. He said it states that the employee can be suspended **with** pay and he thought it should say that they can be suspended **without** pay. He thought it might be an error. Copley will check into the typing error. He asked Council to think about the change if it was not an error.

There was no further business to come before Council; Buckley made a motion to adjourn. Shelton seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

MERVYN R. BOSTIC, MAYOR

ALLEN W. SHELTON, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

MICHAEL BUCKLEY, MEMBER

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WILLIAM R. GOINS, MEMBER

CINDRA K. HUMPHREY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER