

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 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 6:30 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 September 2, 2008 meeting were presented for approval. Humphrey made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Shelton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT \* \* \* \***

Mayor Bostic reported the following:

- Asked for Council's approval to appoint Bill Emerson to the Historic Board. Goins made a motion to approve the appointment. Shelton seconded the motion. McGowan asked Emerson where he lived and he said Fort Wayne Road. McGowan said the Ordinance says he must live within the City and also own property in the City. Bostic said the matter would be tabled.
- Met with Wayne Goodman from the State Historic Board. Goodman is willing to meet with our Historic Board and go over the wording in our ordinance and hopefully make things a little more clear.
- State Road 44 West should be open by October 10.
- State Road 44 East from Main to Julian will be closed around September 22. They are hoping to have the entire project complete by Thanksgiving.
- Attended Area 9 picnic the main topic was new tax structure.

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

None.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT \* \* \* \***

Goins thanked all the departments for their work on Sunday during the heavy wind damage.

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

**Police** – Cameron introduced Jay Griffith. Griffith was hired by the Board of Works as a patrolman contingent upon approval by PERF.

Chief Cameron said they looked at the concern at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Hannah Streets and did not recommend putting in a 4 way stop.

Cameron said he had been approached by the State concerning the intersection at 2<sup>nd</sup> & Jackson Streets. He said there have been numerous accidents and the State is recommending making this area a 5 way stop. Goins made a motion to send a letter supporting the 5 way stop. Buckley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Received a request from a citizen regarding the intersection in front of the library. He said they suggested removing the cement barrier and squaring up the intersection and removing the yield lane. Buckley asked who would pay for this. Council wanted input from the Library Board.

**Park** – Mathews said the pool manager was requesting an increase in pay from \$10.50 per hour to \$12.00 per hour. After discussion Buckley made a motion to increase the managers pay to \$11.00 per hour and the assistant managers to \$8.75 per hour. This will not include the .25 increase for each returning year. This is the maximum. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried with McGowan opposing the motion.

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

Darrin McGowan said he had a phone call from Bob Miller asking how the Council feels about the library project. He thought the Council might send a letter of support. It was the consensus that the Council members might wish to do this on their own as a citizen, but did not think this was something they should do as a Council.

Cindy Humphrey said she was approached by a resident in the newly annexed area regarding the safety of children riding their bikes. She said since there are no sidewalks the bikes are ridden in the street. She asked if there could be a speed limit sign posted or "slow". Bostic said he would have his department heads take a look at it.

Mark Short asked Council to reconsider the ordinance regarding outdoor wood burning furnaces. He said he would have a 30 foot cemented chimney and it would be anchored to the house. McGowan said one of the concerns with the extremely tall chimneys was the safety factor. Goins suggested getting an opinion from the Fire Chief. Bostic said they would take it under advisement, but at this time the ordinance prohibits outdoor wood burning furnaces.

Melissa Conrad said the City's website was not up to date.

Paul Hazelwood asked for clarification in writing regarding the City's domain "cityofrushville.com". Hazelwood said the expiration date is September 30 and it will go up for auction on September 22. Wilson told Hazelwood he was notified of the City's wishes. Hazelwood said he needed something in writing.

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

**2009 Budget** – Goins made a motion to approve the 2009 budget for the City of Rushville. Buckley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

**Senior Citizen Update** – Wanda Henderson gave Council an update on what is going on at the Senior Citizen Center. She said this year will be 33 years in Rushville. The only federal money they receive is through grants, which they have to match. She said they do not receive any money from the State. She said this year they have served 20,928 lunches. They have sent or delivered 18,000 newsletters. They have provided transportation for 6576. Public transportation is being provided all over the County. The average age at the center is 82 years. Henderson thanked the Council for their support and asked for that to continue.

**ECDC Update** – Brad Buening gave an update from the ECDC. He said this summer they have put \$53,185.00 into the North Industrial Park. The TIF area has been expanded.

Buening thanked Council for their support and asked Council to reconsider putting the \$10,000.00 that was cut back in the budget for 2009.

**Salary Ordinance 2008-7** – Buckley made a motion to pass the 2009 salary ordinance on first reading with the amendment to the pool manager's and assistant pool manager's salaries. Shelton seconded the motion. Motion carried with McGowan opposing the motion. Buckley made a motion to suspend the rules. Shelton seconded the motion. Motion carried. Shelton made a motion to pass the 2009 salary ordinance on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Buckley seconded the motion. Motion carried with McGowan opposing the motion.

**Elected Officials Salary Ordinance 2008-8** – Goins made a motion to pass the elected officials salary ordinance on first reading. Shelton seconded the motion. Motion carried. McGowan made a motion to suspend the rules. Goins

seconded the motion. Motion carried. Shelton moved to pass salary ordinance 2008-8 on second reading. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Claims** – Humphrey made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Shelton seconded the motion. Buckley abstained from voting on the claims regarding his salary. Motion carried.

Bostic asked everyone to keep the families of the air vac tragedy in their prayers, along with Tom Barnes.

There was no further business to come before Council, Goins made a motion to adjourn. Shelton seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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MERVYN R. BOSTIC, MAYOR

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ALLEN W. SHELTON, MEMBER

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DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

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MICHAEL BUCKLEY, MEMBER

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WILLIAM R. GOINS, MEMBER

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CINDRA K. HUMPHREY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER