

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 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 6:10 p.m., with Chris Fields, John Byrne, Brian Sheehan, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Councilman McGowan was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, Starr Shuppert, *Rushville Republican*, and Scott Murray, WKWH.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the September 7 and 14, 2004, were presented for approval. Byrne made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * *

- It has been discovered that in 1996 an ordinance was enacted assessing a fee of \$50.00 for the placement of a construction dumpster on a city street or alleyway. This permit is good for a ten (10) day period. We have notified all suppliers of waste dumpsters and asked them to notify those leasing construction dumpsters to be sure to go to the Clerk-Treasurer's office to obtain a permit and pay the fee. Sheehan made a motion to place the funds received from the dumpster permits in the Sanitation Non-Reverting Fund. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- On Wednesday, September 8, 2004 an information meeting was held by INDOT at the RCS cafeteria. The meeting was very informative and dispelled several rumors. Business owners had one of the biggest concerns about if they would be able to keep their business open during construction. INDOT explained that the contractors would work in one to two block areas and the contractors must be given deadlines and the deadlines must be adhered to prior to and during the project.
- Copies of the International Property Maintenance Code have been delivered to each of you for review. Bridges would like to have council consider adopting this Code.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * *

- Informed Council that the public hearing on the budget with the State will be October 13, at 10:00 at the Courthouse.
- Asked Council to sign Resolution 2004-4 that was unanimously passed on February 3, 2004, but somehow did not get signed.
- Passed out an update on investments and told Council to contact her if they had any questions.
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COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT * * *

- Pavey reported to Council that there would be a Planning and Zoning Advisory Board meeting at City Hall on Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- Asked the Mayor to get an update from the Fiber Board as to the progress of events.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Andy Taff Request for Vacation of Alley – Mayor Bridges opened the public hearing and asked Taff if he would like to speak. Taff said he thought his request was self-explanatory. He then asked for any questions or comments from the audience. There were none. Councilman Fields made a motion to close the public hearing. Byrne seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

Fields made a motion to approve Ordinance 2004-19 to vacate the alley as requested by Taff. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Police – Fudge informed Council that the Board of Works approved the release of the police dog along with any liability to the City to Officer Tracy Dice.

He also received word that the Police Department has been approved for a block grant in the amount of \$6,200.00.

Regarding the "Safe Neighborhood Program", Fudge said he would like ideas concerning citing owners a fee for the removal of abandon vehicles.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * *

Bridges received a phone call regarding the advertisements on the bus shelters that are located on City property. After lengthy discussion, Bridges said he would check into the matter and possibly turn it over to the Park Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

Ordinance 2004-12 – 2005 Salary Ordinance – Pavey said that some of the department heads are not the highest paid in their department and questioned if this was fair since they are in charge. He said once again he thought it was important to have a wage study conducted. Bridges said that could cost anywhere between \$15,000.00 to \$16,000.00. Sheehan said he did not think it was feasible to make any changes this year, but also agreed a

study needed to be conducted. Bridges said he did not think we have the ability to do it ourselves. Fields said he has done them in his job as an administrator and volunteered to do the study if given 90 days. Pavey made a motion for Fields to move forward with the wage study. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried. Pavey made a motion to approve the 3^d reading of the salary ordinance with the addition of **"Part-time dispatcher @ a rate up to \$9.50 per hour subject to experience of applicant."** Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2004-13 – 2005 Elected Officials Salary Ordinance – Byrne made a motion to approve the Elected Officials Salary Ordinance on third and final reading. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Request to Vacate Alley/Rankin – Kim Rankin came before Council to request the vacation of an alley at 514 West 1st Street. She said right now travel through the alley was not physically possible. After discussion with Rankin, Sheehan made a motion to advertise for a public hearing regarding the vacation of the alley. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE * * *

Bridges said he was approached with the following concerns:

- A gentleman is interested in starting a car lot at the corner of 2nd & Julian Streets. The owner was told by Bill Todd to check with the City to see if they intend to leave the area commercial. Council indicated they did not foresee a change.
- Bill Todd has received a request to begin an auto repair and salvage yard on East SR 44. Bridges said the City would not have jurisdiction since it was outside the City, but that he was opposed to having a salvage yard at an entrance to the City. Council stated that if this matter were properly brought to them they would give their suggestion.
- At the last meeting Council gave authorization to McCreary to construct a home in Wilson Estates. He is now requesting a 20' setback instead of a 30' setback. Fields made a motion to table the matter. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution 2004-21 – Sheehan made a motion to approve Resolution 2004-21 Approving an Agreement between Fayette Memorial Hospital Association, Inc., and the City of Rushville for Sewer Services in the City of Rushville. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

There being no further action to come before Council, Sheehan made a motion to adjourn. Pavey seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 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