Rushville City Common Council
Tuesday, December 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 6:00 p.m., with Darrin McGowan, Brian Sheehan, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Councilman Byrne entered the meeting after the roll was called. Councilman Fields was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, and Scott Murray, WKWH.

Minutes * * *

Minutes of the December 7, 2004 meeting were presented for approval. Pavey made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor’s Report * * *

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- Bridges received a letter from County Attorney, Leigh Morning, stating that the County would be withdrawing from the Three Rivers Solid Waste District. A City Council member will need to be named to the new Board. Sheehan made a motion that Byrne serve for a period of one year. Pavey seconded. Byrne said he had no problem as long as the meetings were not during the day because he would be unable to take off work. Motion carried.
- Seven residential grinder pumps, (mini lift stations), will need to be installed in the new area that is to be annexed. There is a question as to who will install the pumps and who will maintain them. The City Utilities do not want the responsibility.

Clerk-Treasurer Report * * *

Copley reminded the Department Heads to have their final bills in by the 27th and that the final docket will be approved on the 29th.

Council was asked to consider Transfer Resolution 2004-28. Sheehan made a motion to approve the Transfer Resolution. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Copley presented the following line items be encumbered for the year 2005:

- $12,600.00 from 101-011-123 for a storm sewer extension.
- $30,000.00 from 101-011-123 for 16th Street project.
- $30,000.00 from 101-011-123 for planning & annexation.
$18,620.12 from 402-402-440 for police car.
- $27,000.00 from 101-009-422 for Levee Band Shell
- $10,000.00 from 406-406-320 for fiber optics

Sheehan made a motion to approve the encumbrances. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORTS * * *

Pavey updated Council on the Fiber Board Contract and told Council if they had any ideas or corrections to contact Julie and Tracy.

The work on the planning and zoning is continuing.

Council needs to take a serious look at the personnel policy handbook. Pavey told Council they needed to decide if they wanted to make additions and corrections to the present policy or to prepare a whole new policy.

He also said the 90 day period was up on the wage study. Sheehan gave a brief run down as to what he had received on his survey. He will continue working on the material and report back to Council.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Park - Mathews had a list of line items he wished to carry forward in order to do repairs on the Park Department Office in the amount of $6,901.12. He also presented a quote on the work he wanted done. There was discussion as to whether or not that much money should be put into the building or if they should consider a new building. Pavey made a motion to encumber the line items Mathews requested. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Animal – Hill wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * *

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

Mark Chmeliwskj, from Butler Fairman, updated Council on the Long Term Control Plan for the CSO. This stems from a requirement of IDEM. There are 3 methods to consider. Sheehan made a motion to approve the certification and submittal to IDEM. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
NEW BUSINESS * * *

Economic Development Update - Greg Griffin gave Council a detailed update on the Economic Development. Bridges commended Griffin the good job he has done.

Circleville Annexation - Jeff Peters from M.D. Wessler informed Council that they are moving forward with the design on the water and waste water project. Sheehan made a motion to approve Plan A presented by Peters. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fujitsu Ten Bond Bank Change - McGowan made a motion to approve the change of banks for the Fujitsu Ten Bonds. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Booker T Non Reverting Fund - Byrne made a motion to approve Ordinance 2004-28 to establish a non-reverting fund for Booker T. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Utility Salary and Wages - Les Day gave an update on the 2004 budget. He stated there was a decrease for 2005 in the EMC contract. Councilman Byrne said he was very pleased with the reduction and challenged them to decrease the amount again the following year. Byrne made a motion to approve the 2005 salaries with a 3% raise. Sheehan seconded the motion.

Ordinance 2005-29 - Sheehan made a motion to approve the Utility 2005 budget. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Storm Drainage Policy - Sheehan made a motion to table the storm drainage policy. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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 the Council, Byrne made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.