

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2001
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 Bill Goins, John Byrne and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Councilmen McGowan and Sheehan were not present. Also present were City Attorney, Paul Barada, Jr., and Jan Voiles, *Rushville Republican*, Scott Murray, WKWH.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the November 6, 2001 meeting were presented for approval. Goins made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * *

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- Reminded everyone that the next "Community Concerns" meeting will be November 29, at 5:00 p.m.;
- The annual ARC dinner will be December 4, at 6:30. Bridges asked Council if they wished to move the meetings up by half an hour so they would be over in time to attend the dinner. Council agreed;
- Received notice that the City was not approved for the northeast revitalization project. We will reapply after the first of the year. Bridges is meeting with Dan Lake and Trena Carter next week to see how they can improve the application;
- Rush/Shelby Energy will hold a meeting on November 29, at 1:00 P.M. at the RCS administrative office to discuss the possibility of bringing fiber optics into Rushville and Rush County;
- Attended a final land use meeting. Bridges believes that some headway is being made in the City taking an active role in our own zoning and planning;
- Received notification that our auto insurance has increased \$14,000.00 for next year. Bridges said he thought maybe we should at least consider raising the deductible. Goins suggested sending a letter to find out why the drastic increase;
- The City has been asked to donate to the Veteran's Memorial Park War Monument. This will be discussed again at a later meeting;

- Bridges invited everyone to attend a World Trade Center Benefit on Saturday evening, November 24, at the K of C. The group, "Plain Jane" will be performing.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * *

Copley asked Council to consider Transfer Resolution 2001-26. Byrne made a motion to approve the Transfer Resolution. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Police – Fudge said that they had the coil repaired on the boiler system. A week later another coil busted. He said the approximate amount to repair both coils should be in the neighborhood of \$2,000.00.

Fudge spoke with Renner Ford about the purchase of police cars. He said they piggyback off the State bid, which is \$20,480.00. He said they are also investigating the possibility of a lease program.

Fire – Informed Council that the Board of Works approved a service contract with Pro Air for \$610.00 for one year.

Street – Bennett reported that the streetlights that were not working have been repaired.

He has received verbal confirmation that the City has been approved for the \$3,000.00 grant from IDEM.

The Board of Works approved the resurfacing contract with O'Mara in the sum of \$65,639.25.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS * * *

None.

Unfinished Business * * *

Benefit Committee – Councilman Pavey reported that the committee decided not to go with the State's plan. He said they are investigating some options with private companies on the health insurance. The employees will be asked to fill out a questionnaire. The insurance company will meet with Council and after that there will be a mandatory meeting for all City employees.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Public Hearing Police Federal Grant for Equipment – Mayor Bridges declared the meeting now open for a public hearing regarding the Federal Grant for Police Equipment. There were no comments from the audience. Councilman Goins made a motion to close the public hearing. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion of Gas Prices – Mayor Bridges had been approached by Ag One concerning locking in gas prices for a period of 6 months or 12 months. He stated that the City uses approximately 2,500 gallons of gas a month. It would be necessary to reopen bids if Council wishes to do this. The matter was tabled for further research.

Claims – Byrne made a motion to approve the claims along with an additional claim to Progress Linen for \$43.42. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before Council, Goins made a motion to adjourn. Byrne seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

WILLIAM R. GOINS, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

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JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER