

RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 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 6:10 p.m. with Bill Goins, Darrin McGowan, Brian Sheehan, John Byrne and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Paul Barada, Jr., and Jan Voiles, *Rushville Republican*, Scott Murray, WKWH.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the October 16, 2001 meeting were presented for approval. Goins made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * *

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- Attended a meeting on October 30, concerning the Rivercrest annexation. Ryan Cassidy and Dr. Ellis reported their findings on the e-coli testing. Nick Kile, from Barnes & Thornburg said that annexation would be much cheaper than a conservancy. It is now up to the Rush County Health Department and the residents to make the next move;
- Bridges and several other persons attended an industrial roundtable at Visteon in Connersville. He thanked Councilman Goins for hosting the group. They were updated on several local issues that could enhance our marketability for economic development in the future;
- Met with the benefit's committee regarding the City's health insurance. They do not believe the State plan is the best option. They are looking at a few others that have given quotes. If the City opts to go with the State the paperwork must be in their hands by November 14;
- Asked for authorization for the Police Department to apply for a federal grant for equipment in the approximate sum of \$13,000.00. The City would also have a 10% match. Sheehan made a motion to give authorization to apply for the grant. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried;
- Asked Council to consider paying Carla Sharpe for time she spent on the Park's Department parade and haunted house. The minutes specify that she be paid from the Park Department for taking

minutes. He asked that she be paid for the 8 hours she spent helping with the program. Byrne said we need to be careful with this and should have the wage and benefit committee look into such matters. Sheehan made a motion to pay Sharpe for the 8 hours worked out of the money allocated for the Park Board Secretary per the Mayor's request, and to have the committee look into the matter for any further action. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Byrne thanked everyone for all the expressions of kindness during the recent loss of his mother-in-law.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * *

Copley reported that she received the order back from the State Board of Tax Commissioners approving the additional appropriation.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Police – Assistant Police Chief Mathews said they had a break in the coil in the boiler system. It has been repaired, but they have not received the bill yet. They were told if it breaks again they will have to replace it.

Chief Fudge will be away at an anti terrorist school for a few days.

Bridges commended the Police Department on the job they did with the recent Wal-Mart break-in.

Fire – Clark said they need to replace the freeze plugs in the jeep. This job consists of taking out the transmission. The repair will probably be a minimum of \$500.00. He has spoken with the Street Department and they may be able to do the work.

Street - Bennett said that they have completed a study of inoperative streetlights. They found 31 lights not working. He has notified Cinergy to make the repairs.

Bennett also received permission from the Board of Works to reinstate Johnny Wood as a skilled laborer. He will begin work November 19.

Resurfacing bids were received and opened. He will review them and the Board of Works will make a decision at the next meeting.

Goins asked Bennett if the problem at the Rush Park Apartments had been taken care of. Bennett said that they are trying to handle the trash problem internally.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS * * *

None.

OLD BUSINESS * * *

Rushville Manufacturing Mall CF1 – Dave Jordan answered questions regarding their tax abatement. Byrne made a motion to approve the CF1. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Community Center Update – Councilman Pavey reported that they are considering a new site for the community center. Which would not be a cost to the City and is approximately 6 acres. The Committee is waiting on the proper paperwork to be completed for the property. They are formulating a letter in which the schools will give a lump sum for the pool and also a lease fee. They are waiting to complete the letter until they have a definite location.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Fujitsu Ten Statement of Benefits – Representatives gave a short report on what has been going on at Fujitsu Ten. Byrne made a motion to approve the Statement of Benefits for the years 2000 and 2001. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Request From Humane Society – Sheila Berry from the Humane Society asked Council to consider raising the price of adopting a pet from the Animal Shelter. She wants to raise the amount from \$10.00 to \$35.00. With \$25.00 being held by the City for spaying or neutering. It was their belief that if the price was higher those adopting the pets would be more responsible. Councilman McGowan said he was afraid that if they raised the price that people would be less likely to adopt the pets. McGowan suggested a committee of himself, Hill and Berry to come up with some sort of solution. Goins made a

motion to appoint the committee and ask them to report back to Council after the first of the year. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mike Mohler thanked those who showed up at the annexation meeting. Councilman Sheehan thanked Mohler for his part in representing the City.

Sheehan asked Council to help him put together a few questions to ask those coming before them for tax abatement.

Jack Hill commented on how nice the Shelter House looks in Memorial Park.

Claim Approval – McGowan made a motion to approve the claims. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before Council, Goins made a motion to adjourn. McGowan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

WILLIAM R. GOINS, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER