

RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2001
5:30 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 5:30 p.m. with Bill Goins, Darrin McGowan, Brian Sheehan, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Councilmen Byrne was not present. Also present were Jan Voiles, *Rushville Republican*, Scott Murray, WKWH. City Attorney, Paul Barada, Jr., was not present.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the November 20, 2001 meeting were presented for approval. McGowan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * *

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- Had spoken with Wade Beatty with Ag One regarding the fixed gas price over the fluctuating scale we now have. Beatty suggested since the gas prices have gone down that we may want to wait to consider the fixed price when our contract runs out in the Spring;
- Received a Certificate of Completion form BCA and IDEM for the former Ameitech site. There are some documents that need to be filed with the Recorder's Office and then we should receive the covenant not to sue;
- Received a letter from Auto Owners concerning the rate increase on the City's auto insurance policy. He also received a quote from Bliss-McKnight, which quote was less than that of Auto Owners, but the same coverage. After lengthy discussion, Sheehan made a motion to go with Bliss-McKnight and to increase the comprehensive deductible to \$100.00, and the collision deductible to \$500.00, and to have Barada check on the limits of liability if the \$500,000.00 was adequate or if we should raise it to \$1,000,000.00. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried;
- Northeast Revitalization Project – we need to do a utility rate study, need to look at a separate storm water management board, and we need more public input at the public hearings. The possibility of going door to door was discussed in order to get the residents more involved. A public hearing will be scheduled for January 17, 2002, at 6:00 p.m., at the Council Chambers;

- Was contacted by Bill Todd from the Area Plan Commission regarding property located at 631 North Sexton Street. Owner, James Lohman, is requesting a special exception. Over 50% of the property was destroyed by fire and that caused him to lose his grandfather clause. Lohman is requesting to have 2 family apartments along with an efficiency apartment. The City's rental ordinance requires a minimum of 150 square feet for an apartment. Sheehan made a motion to follow the law and not allow for the special exception for the efficiency apartment. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * *

Copley stated that she did not have the original Resolution 2001-25 that was passed on October 16, 2001. She passed another for Council's signatures.

Copley also asked the Department Heads to have all of their bills in her office no later than December 19, 2001. Bridges then appointed Councilmen Goins, McGowan, Sheehan, and Pavey to stop by City Hall to approve the final claims of the year.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Police – Fudge said that Burgess has replaced the coil on the boiler and he is waiting on a statement.

Chief Fudge said that because of the K-9's health problems they have been advised to retire Kai. Marion County has offered to give the City a German Shephard that is 5 years old and would normally cost \$5,000.00. Goins made a motion to retire Kai and allow Officer Tracy Dice to keep the dog at her home, also to accept the German Shephard, "Jammer", from Marion County. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mayor Bridges then presented a Certificate of Honorable Service to Kai. Chief Fudge also presented a Letter of Appreciation to Officer Dice for her work with the K-9.

Fire – Clark has had Kerry Hill look at the furnace problems and is waiting on a quote from him. He also said he is expecting the new fire truck will be delivered on December 18, 2001.

Street – Bennett said he received permission from the Board of Works to enter into a contract with Dickson Enterprises in the amount of \$4,000.00 to grind up the City's yard waste into a fine mulch that can be used by the City and/or it's residents.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS * * *

Councilman Sheehan said he has had complaints about traffic congestion at the intersection at Wal-Mart with the addition of GasAmerica. Bridges will have the State check it out.

Unfinished Business * * *

Purchase of Police Cars – Chief Fudge asked Council to consider the purchase of 4 police cars. Three cars would be patrol and one would be the detective car. Since the detectives also patrol, Fudge requested to purchase a police package vehicle also. The cars would be purchased from Renner Ford for approximately \$21,484.00. Goins made a motion to accept the recommendation of Fudge on the purchase of the police cars. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion passed with Councilman Sheehan voting in opposition.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Presentation by Mike Mullis & Lightbound – Mike Mullis, with Rush Shelby Energy, gave a presentation on the possibility of bringing fiber optics to Rushville and Rush County. Mullis said some things the City needs to do is:

1. Measure the interest
2. Investigate funding sources
3. Develop necessary partnership
4. Engage consultants
5. Create a business plan

Sheehan made a motion to prepare a resolution for support of the fiber optics. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2001-11, Sanitation Landfill Non-Reverting Fund – Pavey made a motion to approve the Sanitation Landfill Non-Reverting Fund. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2001-12, Park & Rec Non-Reverting Fund Additional Appropriation – McGowan made a motion to pass the additional appropriation. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Utility Budget 2002 – Mike Mohler passed out the Utility Budget for 2002 along with the Salary Ordinance to be considered by Council. Mohler said if there were any questions to feel free to contact him. Action will be taken at the December 18 meeting.

Claims Approval – Sheehan made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Goins 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 7:00 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