

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2001**  
**6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. with Darrin McGowan, Brian Sheehan, John Byrne, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Councilman Goins was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Paul Barada, Jr., Jan Voiles, *Rushville Republican*, and Scott Murray, WKWH.

**MINUTES \* \* \***

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT \* \* \***

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- Board of Works accepted the verbal resignation of Jason Walker from the Police Department upon Fudge receiving the resignation in written form.
- Board of Works gave permission to Danny Bennett to hire Gary Spilman for part time summer help.
- Received word from Ara concerning a revitalization project on the Northeast side of town. We will be able to use program income monies that we currently have.
- Ara will also be working on a possible housing project for the City. Ball State students will conduct a housing study.
- Bridges and Councilman Pavey attended the meeting of the Rush County School Board. The School Board voted unanimously to work in conjunction with the Community Task Force on the new community center.
- Was contacted by Chet Walker of the Boys and Girls Club concerning their annual awards dinner. The dinner will be April 12 at 6:30. Reservations should be made.
- The annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner will be May 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the Root Building.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT \* \* \***

None.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS \* \* \***

**Police** – Chief Fudge said that he had spoken with Nancy Custer, head of EMA, she said that GTE is interested in conducting an audit for purposes of locating all of the 911 lines.

Fudge also said that the Commissioners were requesting a new weather system to be put in place at the police station. The only cost to the City will be the purchase of a computer. The Commissioners will pay the yearly subscription for the new DTN system. The present system we have is at a cost to the City of about \$400.00 per year. The Board of Works recommended to Council to go with the new DTN system. McGowan made a motion to purchase the computer for the new DTN system. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Street** – Bennett discussed the possible revitalization project that Ara is investigating. The project will consist of new curbing and sidewalks. Bennett stated that this would also greatly improve the drainage problems in the area.

Bennett presented a possible new Heavy Trash Collection program that he would like to implement for the City. This will be strictly for City residents and there will be someone to supervise the area. There will not be a need to hire any new employee for this position. It will actually free three men since they won't be driving around on a regular basis to pick up the trash themselves. No commercial trash will be allowed to be dumped at the area. Bennett asked Council to review the program he has suggested and to let him know if anyone has any other ideas. Bennett said that IDEM will inspect the area on occasion. Bennett said they will still have heavy trash pickup approximately twice a year. Sheehan made a motion to have the standing committee review the program and make a recommendation to Council. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CITIZEN'S CONCERNS \* \* \***

None.

**OLD BUSINESS \* \* \***

**Gas Bids** – Councilman Sheehan went over the bids for the gasoline. He stated that they were very close, some just bid in a different manner. Sheehan

believed it was basically just a matter of which company they would rather have. He said that after talking to some of the Department Heads he believed Ag One may be the most convenient to go with. Bennett also said they were very pleased with Ag One when the City was with them before. After lengthy discussion Byrne made a motion to accept the bid of Ag One. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Refinancing Water and Sewer Bonds** – Paul Barada, City Attorney, stated that Ice Miller, attorneys of Indianapolis, employed by the City as bond counsel, had prepared a form of bond ordinance for consideration by the Council in the matter of the financing of the advance refunding of the outstanding waterworks revenue bonds of the City.

Barada then stated that it would now be in order for Council to consider said Ordinance.

Councilman Sheehan then moved that the bond ordinance numbered 2001-4, entitled "An Ordinance concerning the advance refunding by the City of Rushville of its Water Works Revenue Bonds of 1991; authorizing the issuance of waterworks refunding revenue bonds for such purpose; providing for the collection, segregation and distribution of the revenues of the waterworks and the safeguarding of the interests of the owners of the waterworks refunding revenue bonds authorized herein; other matters connected therewith; and repealing ordinances inconsistent herewith," and moved that said ordinance be numbered and placed on first reading, and that the same be read by title at this time and be given the offering of amendments.

Said motion was seconded by Councilman Byrne. Motion was approved by a 4-0 vote of Aye.

Ordinance 2001-4 was then read a second time by title and no amendments were offered. Councilman McGowan moved that the Ordinance 2001-4 be approved on second reading. Councilman Byrne seconded the motion. All members voted unanimously for the approval of the ordinance.

The presiding officer stated that the motion for the suspension of the rules and such consideration of Ordinance 2001-4 having been carried by unanimous vote of the members present, final action on said ordinance would now be in order.

Said ordinance having been read a third time by title, Councilman Byrne then moved that the ordinance be adopted as read. This motion was seconded by Councilman McGowan. Motion was approved by a 4-0 vote of Aye.

The presiding officer announced that there being at least two thirds of the members elect of the Council present at the meeting and the motion for adoption having been carried by a two-thirds vote of all such elected members, Ordinance 2001-4 had been duly passed and adopted.

**Resolution 2001-9 – Approving the Purchase and Financing of the Fire Truck** – Pavey made a motion to approve Resolution 2001-9. Said Resolution gives authority to the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to move forward with the purchase and financing of the fire truck. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Traffic Ordinance 2001-1** – Sheehan made a motion to approve Traffic Ordinance 2001-1 on third and final reading. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS \* \* \***

**Red Cross** – Pam Crabtree from the American Red Cross was present to give a report to Council. Crabtree handed out an annual report and gave a short history of the Red Cross.

**Heart of Rushville** – Mary Ann Bridges the Director of the Heart of Rushville, also gave a report to the City Council. Bridges said they are now working on the following three programs:

- Annual Spring Fling, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual mower race on May 5;
- Membership Drive = \$60.00 fee;
- Surveys to downtown merchants and property owners to see what buildings may be available for use in the downtown area.

Byrne made a motion for the City to gain membership in the Heart of Rushville for a \$60.00 fee. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Claims** – Byrne made a motion to pass the manual and Council claims as presented. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before Council, McGowan made a motion to adjourn. Byrne seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

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WILLIAM R. GOINS, MEMBER

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DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

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BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

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JOHN M. BRYNE, MEMBER

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MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER