

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 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 6:00 p.m. with Bill Goins, Brian Sheehan, John Byrne, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Councilman McGowan was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Paul Barada, Jr., Jan Voiles, *Rushville Republican*, and Scott Murray, WKWH.

**MINUTES \* \* \***

Minutes of the April 3, 2001 meeting were presented for approval. Byrne made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- Attended a retreat with Ara. The purpose of the retreat was to reorganize Ara and to allow the Board of Directors to guide them in their future endeavors. Ara will come to each City for a presentation and discuss future plans;
- DTN system – Council had authorized the purchase of a computer. The Commissioners have drawn up an interlocal agreement. Jarman made a motion to allow Bob to enter into the interlocal agreement with the County. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried;
- RFP's have been sent out for the community center for an architectural firm. They are due in by May 5.
- Bridges and Councilman Goins attended a meeting with the Friends of Education. They want to sponsor a reception for area industrial community to assess each others needs.
- Received the written resignation of Walker from the Police Department. Todd Click has been hired upon approval by PERF.
- Hired Chris Philpot to work for the Parks Department for a period of 25 weeks to begin April 23 at \$6.00 per hour.

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

**Fire** – Fire Chief Clark asked permission to apply for a federal grant through FEMA for training and equipment, with a 90/10 match. Goins made a motion to

allow Clark to apply for the grant. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Street** – Bennett said he had verbal confirmation that he will be receiving a letter of approval from IDEM for the collection container system. He asked Council to initiate the start up of the program. Bennett stated we should probably start with the fee schedule. He will also need to build a small structure for the employee, along with a new fence and gate. He said the summer clean up will probably be the last week in May for about 10 days. He would like to start this program about 2 weeks later.

Bridges suggested the investigation of getting a larger container for home recycling.

Goins made a motion to give Bennett permission to begin the collection container system. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Department of Law** – Barada received a letter from Jim Shanahan from ICE, MILLER, DONADIO & RYAN. He has been asked to work with the City on the Community Center Project and the school is also involved in the project at this time. Shanahan was concerned about a possible conflict of interest. Pavey made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign a conflict of interest prepared by Shanahan. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

None.

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

**Voluntary Remediation Agreement Ameitech** – Byrne made a motion to allow the Mayor to enter into the Voluntary Remediation Agreement on the Ameitech project. This will allow IDEM to become involved in the project. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Parking on Sidewalks** – Bridges stated he would issue a statement to the press concerning the problem with vehicles parking on the sidewalks.

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

**Julie Hogsett ECDC Presentation** – Julie gave the following information to Council:

- Passed out a summary from the ECDC retreat;
- Determined that housing is the #1 issue and we need housing in order to get industry;
- Possibility of developing an investment group to implement housing;
- Applied through the USDA for a Rural Business Enterprise Grant for expansion or improvements to small businesses;
- Attempting to initiate an industrial round table. The goal is to evaluate the workforce needs and what we can do to retain industry;
- Would like to create a new web site. This would be all encompassing and would include utilities, industrial park, available buildings, agricultural, education, hospital and would be in conjunction with the Chamber;
- Working with Milroy Economic Development;
- Working with someone interested in purchasing 2 acres in the City;
- Working with FEMA on flood plain issue. Maps should be available next month;
- Chamber annual dinner will be May 16;
- Gave 2 students \$500.00 scholarships for volunteerism;
- Small Business Development Center is still coming to Rushville to give their assistance to small businesses;
- September 15 will be the date for the Wilkie Festival (only one day this year)
- July 11 is the annual golf outing;

Goins said he would like to see a ten year plan put together. Hogsett stated she would like to do a strategic plan.

**Claims** – Goins made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before Council, Byrne made a motion to adjourn. Goins seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 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