

RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 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, Darrin McGowan, Brian Sheehan, John Byrne, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Paul Barada, Jr., Jan Voiles, *Rushville Republican*, and Scott Murray, WKWH.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the June 5, 2001 meeting were presented for approval. Byrne made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * *

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- Reported on the long range planning meeting with Mike Harmless. He said discussion was centered on growth and annexation. There was also discussion of the need for city zoning and expansion of city sewer and water south of the City limits. It was agreed that a cost of services study would need to be done.
- The Mayor, Steve Sickbert, Paul David Smith, and Mike Pavey met with Mike Cox concerning management ideas for the Community Center. Cox will meet with the grant/finance committee on June 21 at 5:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn.
- The County Commissioners voted to expand the position of EMA Director to include E911 director. This will be for a period of 6 months and will be revisited at that time. The E911 Director will have no authority over the Police or Sheriff Department personnel, but will report directly to the Rush County Commissioners.
- Will attend the annual Mayor's Conference hosted by the City of Columbus.
- Received a thank-you from the Heart of Rushville for the City's recent membership.
- Congratulated Officer Tracy Dice on receiving a silver medal in the Police and Fire Olympics. Officer Dice thanked everyone for their support and a special thank you to her husband, and her trainer, Darrin McGowan.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * *

Clerk-Treasurer Copley informed Council that she had a request for a temporary business license through October. The City Ordinance states that the cost is \$100.00 for a 14 day period. The person requesting the license asked if there was any exception for the length of time he was wanting the license. After discussion it was the consensus of Council that the Clerk-Treasurer stick to what the Ordinance says and charge the \$100.00 per 14 day period.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Police – Police Chief Fudge showed Council a new bicycle that the department will be using for the new bike patrol program he is implementing. The bicycles and equipment have all been purchased through grant funds. Fudge said this will be strictly voluntary the first year. There will be 9 officers participating and 2 reserve officers will also participate. They will be trained by a Greenfield City Police officer for a 4 hour period.

Street - Street Commissioner Bennett said that the sewer repair had begun on West 3rd Street. He said there would be a change order since they ran into more problems than they had anticipated. The pipe was very very old and because of the condition of the pipe and the size it would cost more to repair. He believed the change order would be anywhere from \$1200.00 to \$1400.00.

Bennett said that the old packer went down and he was going to send it in for a diagnostic test. He said the cost of the repair could be \$4,000.00 or up to \$12,000.00. If the cost is very high he believed it may be wise to look into the purchase of a new packer. He said the last payment on the new packer will be in January.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS * * *

Discussion of Loitering – Bridges said there had been several complaints of loitering on Main Street. Bridges stated that he and Councilman Pavey walked Main Street on Friday night to observe the situation. Barada said that there was no law against loitering, there must be criminal activity, which would not include foul language. The problem areas seem to be from the 400 block of Main Street to the 900 block of Main. Village Pantry, the Pawn Shop, the Chinese Restaurant, and Speedway all say it is beginning to become an issue. The

property owners or an agent of the property must be the ones to tell the loiterers to leave the premises. Mark Mathews said that the police department are trying to saturate the areas more, hoping this will deter those loitering.

Bridges also commended Officer Hatfield on a situation that he handled that evening involving some kids. He said that Officer Hatfield did a very good job in the type of situation he had to deal with.

OLD BUSINESS * * *

Purchasing Policy – Bridges handed out the Purchasing Policy Ordinance. Councilman Byrne stated that he would like to have some information in their packet when a department head wishes to bring a purchase before Council in order to give them more time to make a wise decision on the purchase. And also have time to get with the department head to ask questions. Byrne said he believed this would be much better than making snap decisions during a meeting.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Aetna Financial Services, Deferred Comp – Kim South and Noel Phillips were present from Aetna Financial Services to propose the Indiana Deferred Comp Plan to the City of Rushville. The company has been doing business since 1972. They are the deferred comp administrators for the State of Indiana. South said that if this plan is accepted by the City that is the only plan that the City is allowed to participate in. She handed out information and told Council to let her know if they would like further information or to have a presentation given to the employees.

Resolution 2001-14 – A resolution authorizing submission of a CFF application to the Indiana Department of Commerce and addressing related matters. Byrne made a motion to approve Resolution 2001-14. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution 2001-15 – Resolution authorizing the submittal of the Community Development Block Grant Application to the Indiana Housing Finance Authority and addressing related matters. Pavey made a motion to pass Resolution 2001-15. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2001-5 Smiley Avenue One Way South from First Street to Vansickle – Byrne made a motion to pass Ordinance 2001-5 on first reading. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sheehan made a motion to pass Ordinance 2001-5 on second reading. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2001-6 Amending the City Trash Ordinance 1993-3 – McGowan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2001-6 on first reading. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

McGowan made a motion to pass Ordinance 2001-6 on second reading. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims – McGowan made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before Council, Byrne made a motion to adjourn. McGowan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 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