

**RUSHVILLE CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2011
5:30 P.M.**

The Rushville City Board of Public Works and Safety met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bostic called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., with Merlin Herbert and John Mull answering role call. Also present were City Attorney, Ron Wilson, Melissa Conrad, *Rushville Republican*, and Mike Selke, WIFE Radio.

MINUTES * * * *

Minutes of the December 14, 2010 meeting were presented for approval. Herbert made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * * *

Bostic reported that O'Mara was the low bid on the 16th Street project.

Bostic also said that he has met with the owner of Aaron's and the owner of the shopping center, they are all in agreement that there will not be a stop light at 16th Street and there will not be a median put in place.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * * *

None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * * *

Police – Cameron presented 2 changes in the department's Standard Operating Procedures and asked the Board to review them for approval at the next meeting. The SOP's were regarding operation of a motor vehicle and voice mail, e-mail and internet use.

Cameron asked permission to move Stephen Hershberger from part-time dispatcher to full time. Mull made a motion to hire Hershberger as a full time dispatcher. Herbert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cameron said that he is having a difficult time getting qualified part-time dispatchers and asked the Board to consider raising the part-time salary from \$9.50 per hour to \$14.00 per hour. Bill Goins said the position should be opened back up for new applicants. It was also questioned if the salary could be raised. Mull made a motion to table the matter of the increase in pay but to proceed with the search for part-time dispatchers. Herbert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Copley said she had received the bill for the physical on Alex Shafer and even though he has not been hired at this time, she asked Cameron if he had checked with the VA to see if they might help with his training. She said she knew the VA had programs that would help with schooling or training to place recently discharged servicemen in new jobs. Cameron said he did not think of that, but would check with the VA.

Fire – Jenkins passed out his annual report. He also said that the Fire Department received a grant from Trane for the training center in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Park – Bostic reported for Danny Mathews that the Valentine dance will be February 11. Mathews is in need of chaperones.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * * *

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * * *

None.

NEW BUSINESS * * * *

Update from Larry Conover on Park Restaurant – Conover was not present. Bostic said there has been correspondence with Conover asking him to board up the property to protect it from vandalism. He said it was very clear that Conover was not going to do this; therefore, he asked permission of the Board to have the City board up the partially constructed Park Restaurant. Mull asked if by doing this it would infringe on the current lease. Wilson said it would not that they just wanted to protect what has been constructed. Herbert made a motion to have the Street Department board up the structure for safety reasons. Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

City Attorney Contract – Mull made a motion to approve the City Attorney Contract. Herbert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approve Land Specs and Authorization for Lease of Land – Jenkins presented land specs for the property that was recently bequeathed to the Fire Department. Mull made a motion to approve the land specs and the request to advertise for proposals to cash rent the property. Mull made a motion to

approve the land specs and the request to advertise for proposals. Herbert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no further business to come before the Board of Works; Mull made a motion to adjourn. Herbert seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

MERVYN R. BOSTIC, MAYOR

JOHN W. MULL, MEMBER

MERLIN HERBERT, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER