

**RUSHVILLE CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012  
5:30 P.M.**

The Rushville City Board of Public Works and Safety met in regular session on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with Gary Cameron, Darrin McGowan, Angie Barton, and Marvin Hedrick answering roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, and Mike Selke, WIFE Radio.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the February 21, 2012 meeting were presented for approval. McGowan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Pavey handed out reports from Downey Insurance in regard to the Fire Department and the Animal Shelter.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT**

None.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Fire** – Pavey thanked the Fire Department for their assistance with the fire over the weekend in Milroy.

**Police** – Tucker handed out a statistic report for the month of February.

He also stated that they are continuing to work on their policy and procedure manual.

Tucker said the rifles arrived today.

**Street** – Miller stated that Tom Paul Owens has successfully passed his test for his CDL license. He asked the Board to consider moving him up from sanitation laborer to sanitation driver. This would increase his pay from \$12.89 to \$13.09. Hedrick made a motion to approve the increase in pay for Owens affective next pay period. Barton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Social Media Policy** – Newhouse is still working on the policy. Hedrick said he has contacted other communities to see if they have a similar policy. He is waiting on responses.

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**Animal Shelter Volunteer Waiver** – Newhouse has made a few changes on the waiver for volunteers. They need to provide some information for the insurance company as to what the volunteers will actually be doing.

In regard to the program with Purdue, the insurance company wants a hold harmless agreement from Purdue regarding the animals in case they hurt the animals during the procedure. Newhouse will ask Purdue for a hold harmless agreement.

**Personnel Policy Changes** – Hedrick said he would like to see the language added for the policy to have some leeway on the suspension stating that the employee may be suspended **with or without pay**. McGowan made a motion to give a favorable recommendation to the Council to approve the changes to the handbook policy along with the additional request from Hedrick. Hedrick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Promotion of Police Officer** – Tucker said he did not wish to make the promotion at this time.

Chief Tucker did ask the Board to consider hiring Jessica Schuck as a full time communication officer to replace Buckley. He said that Schuck is currently working as a part-time communication officer. She is from Fayette County. Hedrick asked if this position was advertised. Tucker said it was not because they were in need of a replacement as soon as possible and Schuck was already working part-time and was available for the position.

Pavey said in the future we plan to advertise. He also said in the future we would like to make it a policy to hire locally if there is a qualified candidate. Cameron made a motion to hire Schuck as a full time communication officer pending a drug screening test. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Workman's Comp Policy** – Mayor Pavey presented to the Board an offer of additional coverage on the workman's comp policy for police reserves. The current policy coverage is for medical coverage only. They are now offering disability coverage with an accident and sickness policy. The cost is \$130.00 per officer with a minimum premium of \$500.00. They currently have 8 reserve officers. Cameron said he would abstain from any vote due to being a reserve. Hedrick made a motion to table the matter. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Brackney Claim** – Pavey said there has been a law suit which relates back to the annexation South of Town. Pavey has been notified by Brackney's attorney, David

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Vornehm, that Brackney is willing to accept a payment of \$13,928.49, which is the amount being held in escrow. Cameron made a motion to accept the agreement from Brackney's attorney in the amount of \$13,928.49 pending approval by other agencies. Hedrick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**16<sup>th</sup> Street** – Pavey informed the Board that he is expecting paperwork in the next few days with an agreement for Bungee on the last piece of property for the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of 16<sup>th</sup> Street.

There was no further business to come before the Board of Works; Barton made a motion to adjourn. Cameron seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

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MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MAYOR

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GARY M. CAMERON, MEMBER

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DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

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ANGELA L. BARTON, MEMBER

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MARVIN L. HEDRICK, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER