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 6:10 p.m., with Chris Fields, Darrin McGowan, John Byrne, Brian Sheehan, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Also present were Scott Murray, WKWH, and Starr Shuppert, Rushville Republican. The City Attorney was not present.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the January 4, 2005 meeting were presented for approval. Pavey made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR’S REPORT * * *

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- Commended all the departments and department heads for their excellent service during the recent heavy rainfall. There will be a news release on Thursday. The rainfall figures will show the levee did work and how fortunate we were to have it in place.
- Ed Wolfe’s retirement party will be January 27 at 6:00 p.m. The cost of the dinner is $10.00. Reservations need to be in as quickly as possible so we can get an accurate head count.
- Attended the annual Martin Luther King ceremony last Sunday in Connersville.
- The first of the monthly department head meetings was held last Friday. Each department head was given the task of developing a brochure for their individual department to be distributed to the newly annexed area. Each department liaison should meet with their department head to make sure the services we will be providing and the timelines we set to provide are agreeable with all parties. The deadline for a rough draft of these brochures is January 28.

CLERK-TREASURER’S REPORT * * *

None.
DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Police - Assistant Police Chief Williams handed out annual reports from Rush County Victims Assistance and the Rushville Police Reserves.

Street - Bennett informed Council of an area of the storm water system that needed to be replaced. He is working to coordinate this project with the repairs to SR 44. He is hopeful Julian Street can be widened at this time along with adding curbs and gutters.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * *

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

Fiber Optics Letter of Understanding - Bridges said he was comfortable with signing the letter. After lengthy discussion Pavey made a motion to approve the Letter of Understanding. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Comcast Extension - Mike Delph with Comcast contacted the Mayor with a request for an extension of time for the Cable TV Franchise until March 31, 2005. Sheehan made a motion to approve the extension, Ordinance 2005-1, with the comment that a request be made to give Council an update as soon as possible. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Transfer Resolution 2005-2 - Sheehan made a motion to approve Resolution 2005-2 transferring $37,803.00 from the general fund to the rainy day fund. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims - Fields made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Wage Study - Councilman Sheehan asked everyone to try to get his or her job descriptions for the wage study in to him as soon as possible.
There being no further business to come before the Council, McGowan made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR
CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER
JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER
MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER