The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bostic called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with Allen Shelton, Darrin McGowan, Mike Buckley, Bill Goins, and Cindy Humphrey answering roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Ron Wilson, Mike Selke, WIFE Radio, and Melissa Conrad, Rushville Republican.

MINUTES

Minutes of the January 5, 2010 meeting were presented for approval. Goins made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Shelton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Bostic reported the following:

- He and Animal Warden Nickel met with the area Veterinaries recently. The veterinaries are pleased with the changes that have been made to the shelter and have offered their full support. They have been helping out since November and have not charged the City. They are now offering to stop by every 3 months and help out if needed. There would be a charge of $75.00 per hour. Bostic asked what Council thought of this. Goins said he thought it was a good idea. He also thanked Nickel for the report he handed out and for the improvements he has made to the shelter. He encouraged everyone to take a look at the shelter. Humphrey asked if there was a line item for the charge of $75.00 per hour. Bostic suggested taking it out of donations.

- The street light at 7th and Main will be taken out on Thursday. He said they will be putting a light at Harcourt Way. Also hopefully during the 16th Street project they will put one in at McDonalds. He said eventually the light at Marsh will probably be coming out. He is working on getting a light installed at Wal-Mart.

- He said there was a meeting with the BZA regarding the Park Restaurant. Todd issued a tear down order. They will need to ask for a variance to build the restaurant back in the same place.

CLERK-TREASURER’S REPORT

Copley reported that the loan to the electric liquidation for the annexation project has now been paid in full.
Copley said she has been looking for ways to cut expenses. She suggested not mailing hard copies of the agendas and minutes since they are also being sent by e-mail. Council agreed that was okay. She said she has turned down the heat at City Hall, turned out unnecessary lights; they are purchasing cheaper copy paper, and will be printing some of her own stationary instead of having it done by a printer. Copley challenged the Department Heads and the Mayor to find ways to cut costs.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT * * * *

Goins said he attended a meeting for the Mayor while he was out of town with ARa. He said ARa will be purchasing a larger building.

Goins said he attended a Park Board meeting and spoke to the Board asking for their cooperation on the improvements on the softball diamond. He said they are asking for volunteers and will be having fundraisers to complete the project. They are hoping to have the project completed by the end of March.

PUBLIC HEARING AMENDING THE ZONING MAPS

Bostic opened the meeting for a public hearing to act on the request from Emerson Climate to rezone real estate from M-1 to M-2. Bostic asked for comments or questions from the public. There were none. Shelton made a motion to close the public hearing. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried. Goins made a motion to approve the request of Emerson Climate and rezone the real estate from M-1 (light manufacturing) to M-2 (heavy manufacturing). Shelton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * * *

Fire – Assistant Chief Wayt handed out an annual report.

Animal – Animal Warden Nickel handed out a monthly report.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * * *

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * * *

None.
NEW BUSINESS * * * *

ECDC Report – ECDC Director, Brad Buening thanked Council for their continued support. Buening said they are working on the North Industrial Park and are preparing to advertise for bids for infrastructure. He stated that they are working on an extension of Cherry Street. They are hoping to get a grant for the project. He said the Winston/Terrell Group has been very helpful.

Claims – Buckley made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Humphrey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no further business to come before Council; Goins made a motion to adjourn. McGowan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER     MICHAEL BUCKLEY, MEMBER

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WILLIAM R. GOINS, MEMBER      CINDRA K. HUMPHREY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER