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, and Cindy Humphrey answering roll call. Councilman Goins was not present. Also present was City Attorney, Ron Wilson, Mike Selke, WIFE Radio, and Melissa Conrad, *Rushville Republican*.

**MINUTES** * * *

Minutes of the January 5, 2009 meeting were presented for approval. Shelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Buckley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR’S REPORT** * * *

Mayor Bostic said he, along with Shelton, Goins, Copley, Brad Buening, and Bill Todd attended a meeting with INDOT at Greenfield regarding funding for 16th Street. He said he thought the meeting went well.

**CLERK-TREASURER’S REPORT** * * *

Copley reminded Department Heads that even though pay day is now on Friday, she would still like to have the time sheets in her office by 10:00 a.m. on Monday.

She also reminded any of the Department Heads that had not signed their claims to come in Wednesday and do so.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT** * * *

None.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS** * * *

**Park** – Mathews invited everyone to the Valentine dance on Friday, February 6th, at the Benjamin Rush Middle School.

**Fire** - Jenkins handed out his annual report.
Jenkins reported that they have a high school student working under the School to Work Program. The student is working through this semester from 12:30-3:30 at minimum wage.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * * *

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * * *

Kevin Mandrell – New Insurance Rates – Kevin Mandrell presented Council with the new insurance rates for 2009. He said the Core plan would increase approximately 3.5% and the buy up plan would increase approximately 3.45%. Dental would increase by 5% and the increase for vision was just under 6%. There was no change in the life insurance. Buckley said he would like to take the rates under advisement for further review.

Mandrell said the ECDC had approached the City regarding getting on the City’s insurance plan. He said this is something that could be worked out if Council was interested in pursuing the matter.

Emerson Tax Abatement – Tom Zofkie presented new tax abatement to the City for their consideration. Humphrey asked if there would be any new employees. Zofkie said no, but they would retain those that they presently have. Shelton made a motion to approve the tax abatement. Humphrey seconded the motion. Motion carried. Zofkie said there will be a ground breaking on January 30th at 10:30 a.m.

Resolution 2009-1 Transferring Monies to the Rainy Day Fund – Buckley made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-1. Shelton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution 2009-2 Declaring Monies in the CDBG Fund Dormant – Shelton made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-2. Humphrey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims – Humphrey made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Shelton seconded the motion. Motion carried. Buckley abstained from voting on the claims regarding his salary.
There was no further business to come before Council, Shelton made a motion to adjourn. Buckley seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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MERVYN R. BOSTIC, MAYOR

ALLEN W. SHELTON, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

MICHAEL BUCKLEY, MEMBER

WILLIAM R. GOINS, MEMBER

CINDRA K. HUMPHREY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN L. COLEY, CLERK-TREASURER