The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier and Brian Sheehan answering roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, Mike Selke, WIFE Radio, and Melissa Conrad, Rushville Republican.

MINUTES
Minutes of the December 20, 2011 meeting were presented for approval. Bridges made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR’S REPORT
Mayor Pavey said Council and the ECDC Director were ambassadors of our community and presented them each with portfolio binders.

Pavey said pursuant to comments from the State Board of Accounts at the City’s last audit there were concerns as to how the Riverside Park Committee was structured. It will be placed under the Heart of Rushville and the Heart of Rushville will come before the City and negotiate a lease.

Pavey passed out a report of various appointments to several Boards which are a work in progress.

Julie Newhouse explained the Library Board has selected an architect for their design. They will be pursuing a grant in the amount of $28,500.00. Odle McGuire & Shook have been selected for the design. They actually built the library. The library will also apply for a commerce grant, which is strictly for libraries.

CLERK-TREASURER’S REPORT
Copley passed out fund and appropriation reports and briefly explained them.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS
None.

CITIZEN CONCERNS
Bill Todd congratulated the new administration and said he was looking forward to working with them.

He said that a citizen brought in a tube with some very old documents and he is going to try to get them copied.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
None.
NEW BUSINESS

Council President Appointment – Berkemeier made a motion to nominate Bob Bridges to represent the Council as president. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Redevelopment Appointment – Pavey said the current Council appointments are John Pavey and Ron Lienemann. Bridges made a motion to retain Pavey and Lienemann as their appointments to the Redevelopment Commission. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Area Plan Commission Appointment – Sheehan made a motion to appoint Berkemeier as the appointment to the Area Plan Commission. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ECDC Appointment – Berkemeier nominated Bridges as the ECDC appointment. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Solid Waste Appointment – Bridges nominated Conner as the appointment to the Solid Waste Board. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Learning Center Appointment – Sheehan nominated Mayor Pavey as their appointment to the Learning Center Board. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Department Liaisons – Pavey appointed the following as department liaisons:
Police – Brian Sheehan
Fire – Brian Conner
Street – Craig Smith
Park – Brad Berkemeier
Animal – Bob Bridges

Standing Committees – Pavey announced the following standing committees:
Budget Committee – Brian Sheehan, Brad Berkemeier, Craig Smith
Economic Development – Craig Smith, Bob Bridges
Park Restaurant Committee – Brad Berkemeier, Craig Smith

Meeting Dates and Times – The meeting dates and times will remain the same. They will be the first and third Tuesday of the month. Board of Works will be at 5:30 p.m., and Council will be at 6:00 p.m.

Personnel Policy Handbook – It was the consensus of Council to review the handbook for suggested updates.
Drainage Board – Pavey said the Drainage Board is looking into some issues and he will keep Council informed.

Ordinance 2012-1 Rules of Procedure – Berkemeier made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-1 Rules of Procedure. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Items Not Known in Advance – Bridges shared a copy of a letter regarding a visit to the animal shelter by one of the County Veterinarians. They were very pleased with their visit.

Sheehan said he would like to thank Mark Nickel for the great job he did while he was the Animal Control Warden.

There was no further business to come before Council; Bridges made a motion to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.