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. Also present were City Attorney, Ron Wilson, Elizabeth Gist, Rushville Republican, and Sean Craig, WIFE Radio.

**MINUTES * * * * **

Minutes of the December 20, 2008 meeting were presented for approval. McGowan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Humphrey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR’S REPORT * * * * **

Mayor Bostic reported the following:

- He will be attended the IACT Boot Camp next week. He also urged Council to attend if possible.
- Reported the following promotions in the Street/Sanitation Departments:
  1. Jemmy Miller - working foreman MVH $14.59 per hour Effective January 1, 2008
  3. Jake Hadix - skilled/maintenance $14.64 per hour Effective January 1, 2008

McGowan questioned if we would really see a savings with the mechanic. Bostic said yes, there would be a significant savings by the City doing this work for all departments. McGowan said he would also like to see the job descriptions for the mechanic and the maintenance. Humphrey asked if we had the equipment to do the work, such as a lift. Street Commissioner Hoover said that they have ordered a lift with the money in the budget for a new chipper. Hoover said he did not think it was necessary to replace the chipper at this time and the money could be better used elsewhere.
• Bostic also reported that the Board of Works approved the promotion of Patrolman Dean Fish to Sergeant.

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Copley said there was a police officer who had resigned as of January 4, 2008, but had turned in on his pay sheet to be paid for 18 unused vacation days for 2008. Since it was not clearly stated in the handbook how this should be handled she asked Council for their opinion. After discussion Buckley made a motion to pay the officer for the 18 days vacation. Shelton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Copley took some time to explain the monthly reports to the Council.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * * *

Animal – Jarman informed Council that they will be receiving a grant from Wal-Mart for $2,000.00 that will be used for training and upgrades at the shelter.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * * *

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * * *

None.

NEW BUSINESS * * * *

Area Plan Commission Appointment – Buckley nominated Councilman Shelton for the Area Plan Commission Appointment. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

McGowan made a motion that Joe Rathz remain as the proxy for the Area Plan Commission. Buckley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ECDC Appointment – Humphrey nominated Councilman McGowan for the appointment to the ECDC. Buckley seconded the motion. Motion carried.
Solid Waste Board Appointment – Shelton nominated Councilwoman Humphrey for the appointment to the Solid Waste Board. Buckley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Department Liaisons - Bostic appointed the following Council members as department liaisons:

- Police Department - Mike Buckley
- Fire Department - Allen Shelton
- Park & Recreation - Cindy Humphrey
- Street/Sanitation - Darrin McGowan

Meeting Dates and Times – Bostic asked if Council would like to change the meeting dates or times. It was the consensus of Council to leave the meetings for the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. However, there will not be a meeting the 3rd Tuesday of January since that is the week of the IACT Boot Camp. Copley asked for 3 volunteers to approve the claims that week. Those volunteering were Humphrey, Shelton, and Buckley.

Resolution 2008-1 Take Home Vehicle Policy – After discussion on the policy for take home vehicles, McGowan made a motion to table the matter for the next meeting. Buckley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2007 Encumbrances for 2008 Budget – McGowan made a motion to approve the encumbrances for 2008 as presented by the Clerk-Treasurer. Buckley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

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

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MERVYN R. BOSTIC, MAYOR        ALLEN W. SHELTON, MEMBER

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DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER       MICHAEL BUCKLEY, MEMBER

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CINDRA K. HUMPHREY, MEMBER
ATTEST:

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ANN L. COLEY, CLERK-TREASURER