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 6:00 p.m., with Bill Goins, Darrin McGowan, Brian Sheehan, John Byrne and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, Jan Voiles, Rushville Republican, and Scott Murray, WKWH. Cub Scout, Jeremiah Catron, led the pledge to the flag. He is a member of Troop #27.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the September 17, 2002 meeting were presented for approval. Goins made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR’S REPORT * * *

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- Presented a resolution in memory of former Mayor Joe Delon. It will be presented at the next meeting for passage;
- Reported that Rushville has two new citizens as of 12:30 p.m. today. Tony and Kate Fudge are the proud parents of twin boys, Jonathan Michael, who weighed 4lbs 10 oz. and Shaun Allen weighing 5 lb 9 oz. Mom and boys are doing fine;
- October 5 has been proclaimed United Fund Day in Rush County. Pam Leisure is the new appointed United Fund director;
- The Board of Works approved to pay $100 filing fee to Atlas Collections and Atlas will release a claim for $29,000.00 on the Yorn property.

CLERK-TREASURER’S REPORT * * *

Copley passed out copies of the 2003 budget.

Informed Council that she had been urged by the State Board of Accounts to check on any penalty to close out the GNMA investment account. This investment was made several years ago and does not mature for several more years. According to the State Board of Accounts an investment may not be any longer than a period of 2 years. Each year this is in place the City will receive a written reprimand. There was no penalty for withdrawing the funds. Copley will take the money received from the GNMA along with the GNMA
account at Wells Fargo and reinvest in a CD according to statute. Councilman Sheehan questioned Copley if this was a good move. Since the GNMA would be receiving a higher rate of interest. He said if we were not penalized by the State then he thought it would be better to keep the higher rate of interest. Copley said that there was not a fine assessed by the State, but that is was illegal per State Board of Accounts.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Police – The Board of Works approved general order 21 regarding a Chaplain program.

Officers Jessup and Hatfield are training to assist the probation department in working with citizens on probation.

Fire – Clark is waiting on a quote on a generator.

He received the report on VanNatta’s physical and will be sending the paperwork to PERF for their approval.

CITIZEN’S CONCERNS * * *

Councilman McGowan received an anonymous complaint about mosquitoes. Bridges said that the Street Department is continuing to spray for mosquitoes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

Approval of Fiber Optics Contract – Pavey made a motion to approve the fiber optics contract contingent upon the changes being made from today’s meeting. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims Approval – Sheehan made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.
There being no further business to come before Council, Goins made a motion to adjourn. Byrne seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

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WILLIAM R. GOINS, MEMBER

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DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

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BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

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JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

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MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN L. COPLEYS, CLERK-TREASURER