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 with Bill Goins, Darrin McGowan, Brian Sheehan, John Byrne, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, Jan Voiles, Rushville Republican, and Scott Murray, WKWH.

MINUTES *

Minutes of the September 16, 2003 meeting were presented for approval. Pavey made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR’S REPORT *

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- Last week he attended the IACT conference in South Bend. He attended various classes. Some of those included business attraction, retention & expansion, Indiana’s changing economy, unsafe buildings, and community development as an economic development tool.
- Crane Surface Warfare Center Division and Indiana Department of Commerce were in Rush County informing local businesses of possible opportunities to do business with Crane. Crane purchases approximately $820 million dollars yearly from companies. Crane wants to do more business in Indiana. Several Rush County manufacturers took advantage of this opportunity to introduce their products and services to the representative from Crane.

CLERK-TREASURER’S REPORT *

Copley reminded Council of the Audit Exit Conference on Wednesday at 8:00 a.m., if any Council member wished to attend.

Asked Councilman Sheehan to give Council a brief review of the amendment to the Subdivision Control Ordinance that is scheduled for a public hearing at the next regular Council meeting.

Copley also asked Council to act on Resolution 2003-14 for a temporary loan to the general fund. Byrne made a motion to approve Resolution 2003-14. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.
DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

None.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * *

Councilman Sheehan said he had been asked when the paving would be completed on the Northeast Revitalization Project. Bennett said that there was some additional work added to the project and that they would like to do all the paving at one time.

Goins indicated that some people he had talked to were not very happy with the project. Sheehan said he believed that they were pleased now that some things had been completed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

Adoption of Annexation Ordinance 2003-2 - Councilman Byrne asked what would happen now since he understood that the City did not receive the funding this time. Nick Kile indicated that they expect to be okayed for the funding in the next round. If for some reason that does not happen then the City can rescind the Ordinance.

Councilman Goins presented a letter from one of the residents requesting that she not be hooked up to the water. Per the City Ordinance she must be hooked up to City water and sewer.

Ed Pribble asked to have a clarification as to exactly what area is included in the annexation.

Dick Willey voiced his concern as to the tax increase the annexation would cause. He said they would need more police and fire. He was also concerned that the water system could handle 386 more houses.

Kile said the annexation would not be effective until February 28, 2005, and that their taxes would go up at that time because they will be paying City taxes that they are not paying right now.

Pavey made a motion to approve Ordinance 2003-2. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
Ordinance 2003-6 Amendment to Salary Ordinance - Goins made a motion to approve Ordinance 2003-6 amending the salary ordinance to include $2,700.00 for a program director fee in the Park Department, and also to correct the Street Department salary for John Painter making him a skilled laborer instead of semi-skilled. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance Codification - Bridges said that all changes had to be delivered to American Legal by October 15th. Sheehan made a motion to compile the changes, review them, and send the data to American Legal. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Radio Equipment - Fudge said that they have been talking to E911 about purchasing some new radio equipment. He wanted to make sure there would not be any problems since if they purchased the equipment it would be under the ownership of E911. It was agreed that an interlocal agreement would be a good idea in this situation.

Stop Sign Request 7th & Harrison Streets - Councilman Byrne had a request from residents in this area that something be done to slow down the traffic, with the suggestion of a stop sign. Bridges asked the Police Department to do a radar study on the area and to present the matter to the safety committee.

Resolution 2003-12 - Sheehan made a motion to approve Resolution 2003-12 adding monies back to appropriations. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution 2003-13 - Byrne made a motion to approve Transfer Resolution 2003-13. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims - Goins made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before Council, Goins made a motion to adjourn. McGowan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.