RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2002
6:00 P.M.

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 6:15 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.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the December 3, 2002 meeting were presented for approval. Pavey made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR’S REPORT * * *

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

• Encouraged everyone to mark their calendars for January 9, 2003 at 6:00 p.m., for a dinner with Ivy Tech and a possibility of creating a learning center in Rushville;
• The Leadership Academy Committee will be having a dinner meeting on January 28, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.;
• Asked everyone to get their “wish list” turned in to Jan by Friday;

CLERK-TREASURER’S REPORT * * *

Copley asked the Department Heads to have all their bills in to her office by December 23. She asked for 3 Council members to approve the final claims on December 27. Byrne, McGowan, and Goins volunteered to approve the final claim docket.

Asked for approval of Resolution 2002-23 adding monies back to an appropriation. Sheehan made a motion to approve Resolution 2002-223. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Asked Council to approve Transfer Resolution 2002-24. Goins made a motion to approve the resolution. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.
DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Police – Fudge reported to Council about the new Chaplain’s program and the 7 people participating. He thanked the Board of Works and Council for their support of the program.

Fire – Clark said that engine II was out of service once again. There is oil in the fuel, but it is under warranty and should be back in service by the end of the week.

Council heard from Rosfeld Electric regarding the purchase of a new generator. Clark recommended he 12K air-cooled with automatic transfer.

CITIZEN’S CONCERNS * * *

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

Comprehensive Plan – The following bids were received on the Comprehensive Plan:

1. Gove Associates - $35,000.00
2. Plexis Group - $25,000.00
3. Bonar & Associates - $70,000.00
4. Ratio Architects - $72,500.00

Byrne made a motion to table the matter for further review. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Modification on Northeast Revitalization Project – Trena Carter from Ara was present to propose a modification to the Northeast Revitalization Project, which would include a small area down Perkins Street. After lengthy discussion Goins made a motion to approve the recommendation of Ara and M. D. Wessler & Associates on the modification. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Goins made a motion to approve Resolution 2002-26 regarding the modification. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
TIF District Financing Presentation – Jason Similar from H.J. Umbaugh gave a presentation on the TIF District Financing. After the presentation and discussion Pavey made a motion to rescind the automatic state imposed levy. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

2002 Utility Budget – Sheehan made a motion to approve the Resolution 2002-27 for the Utility Salaries. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Goins made a motion to approve Resolution 2002-28, which was the Utility budget for 2003. Sheehan seconded the motion. All voted in favor except Councilman Byrne voted nay because of the large amount of money being paid to EMC. Motion carried.

Utility Board Member, John McCane, apologized to Council for not getting the budget to them earlier for review. He promised them that they would receive the budget earlier next year so they would have more time to review it.

Discuss Purchase of Generator for Fire Department – Councilman Sheehan made a motion to approve proposal #2 for the air-cooled 12K generator for $6,800.00. After a short discussion, Sheehan withdrew his motion. Goins made a motion to give Clark permission to purchase a generator with a cap of $11,400.00. Goins suggested he try to get a temporary unit in order to get the better unit that would have to be built and would take several weeks. If a temporary unit was not available then Goins suggested going back to proposal #2. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Smokehouse for Fire Department – Byrne questioned how much insurance would run on the smokehouse. Clark said he would have to have it insured, but was not sure on what the cost would be.

Permission to Carry Money Forward for Copier – Fudge asked permission to carry money forward for purchase of a new copier. The money would come from the line item entitled computer software. Sheehan made a motion to approve to carry forward $5,500.00 from computer software for purchase of a new copier. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried. Copley reminded Fudge that he would need a P.O. to carry the money forward.
M.D. Wessler Bill on Annexation – Bridges stated that we needed to carry forward $38,140.00 on the annexation. Pavey made a motion that we carry the money forward, but wanted to be sure that it did not include anything that had already been paid. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims Approval – Goins 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. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR          WILLIAM R. GOINS, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER          BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER              MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COLEY, CLERK-TREASURER