The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Darrin McGowan, John Byrne, Brian Sheehan, and Mike Pavey answered roll call. Councilman Fields was not present. Also present was City Attorney, Julie Newhouse.

MINUTES * * * *

Minutes of the December 4, 2007 meeting were presented for approval. Byrne made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR’S REPORT * * * *

Bridges asked Council if they wished to set up a time for a public hearing on items from Bill Todd or wait until after the first of the year. It was the consensus of Council that this should be done by the new administration, therefore, waiting until after the first of the year.

CLERK-TREASURER’S REPORT * * * *

Copley asked those who have not turned in an inventory to do so before the end of the year.

She also asked the Department Heads to be sure to let her know of any items that need to be carried forward.

Bills need to be in to the Clerk-Treasurer’s Office by noon on the 27th of December and asked for three volunteers to approve the final docket on the afternoon of the 28th. The volunteers were Councilmen Byrne, McGowan, and Sheehan.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * * *

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * * *

2008 Utility Budget – Pavey made a motion to approve the 2008 Utility Budget as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
Pavey made a motion to approve Ordinance 2007-19 approving the 2008 salaries for the City Utilities. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2007-18 Amending Retiree’s Ordinance on Insurance – Kevin Mandrell asked Council to take a look at the old ordinance the City had in place for the retirees. He said it was not real clear and thought it should be updated. Pavey made a motion to approve Ordinance 2007-18. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2007-15 Elected Officials’ Salary Ordinance 2008 – Pavey made a motion to approve the elected official’s salary ordinance on 3rd reading. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2007-16 Barfield Annexation 15.58 acres – Sheehan moved to approve the ordinance annexing 15.58 acres. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2007-17 Forgey Annexation 79 acres – Pavey made a motion to approve the ordinance annexing 79 acres. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Renewal Insurance – Kevin Mandrell asked Council to consider the renewal of the health insurance. He said there was an increase of 3.3%. Byrne and Sheehan both said they thought since there was still some time that it should be presented to the new Council for their approval.

NEW BUSINESS * * * *

Transfer Resolution 2007-25 – Byrne made a motion to approve the transfer resolution for the Park Department. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims – Pavey made a motion to approve the claims as presented along with a miscellaneous claim for the Rushville Police Reserves in the amount of $720.00 for patrolling the concerts at the amphitheater. Pavey suggested this be paid from the line item in the Council’s budget for the City election since there was extra money in this line item. Sheehan seconded the motion. Councilman McGowan abstained from voting on the miscellaneous claim. Motion carried.

Mayor Bridges thanked all the department heads for their cooperation and hard work for the past 8 years. Bridges also presented plaques of appreciation to
those Councilmen that would not be returning next year. Bridges then commended each Councilman and the Clerk-Treasurer individually and thanked them for their cooperation and hard work for the past 8 years. Bridges wished good luck to the new administration.

Everyone enjoyed Councilman Sheehan’s brief summary of trivia of elected officials. Each Councilman gave their thank you to those they have served with and wished the new administration good luck.

A reception will be held at the Flatrock Grill on the 27th at 6:30 for Mayor Bob Bridges, Councilmen Pavey, Fields, and Sheehan.

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

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DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER        MICHAEL BUCKLEY, MEMBER

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MICHAEL GROCOX, MEMBER           CINDRA K. HUMPHREY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER