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, Julie Newhouse, Jan Voiles, Rushville Republican, and Scott Murray, WKWH.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the May 21, 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:

- Received notice from the Department of Commerce that the Northeast Revitalization has been funded. The award ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 12, at 1:00 p.m. in the Capitol rotunda;
- Received notice that the Governor has signed the “covenant not to sue” on the Ameitech property. This completes the final stage of the cleanup and hopefully now the building can be sold and be put back on the tax roles.
- Bridges met with the Drainage Board on the problem at Wilson Estates. Wilson agreed to take steps toward the repair of the drains on the west boundary of his property line, and to install a vent on the north end by Joe Keith’s residence. He is hoping this will alleviate pressure causing the 8 inch tile to blow out. Wilson will report back to the drainage board on July 1 with the results of the repairs;
- Urged the Council to attend an IACT Budget Workshop on July 9th at the Airport Holiday Inn, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.;
- Tracy Newhouse had requested quotes from 3 companies for codification of the City’s ordinances. Out of the 3 he only received 1 quote. It was from American Legal for $8,400.00. Pavey made a motion to table further discussion on the matter until the next meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to look for funding for the codification. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
CLERK-TREASURER’S REPORT * * *

None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Police – Fudge said that he and Officer Click, along with members of the Fire Department and Sheriff’s Department attended a swift water rescue school at South Bend. The tuition was paid by the Rotary.

Fudge said that Officer Samply has completed his training and is now working on his own and doing very well.

Fire – Clark announced that the Board of Works hired Doug Sherwood as the new fireman, and promoted Chuck Jenkins to the position of Lieutenant, which was vacated by Mike Wolf.

Park – Mathews said the final phase of the repair to the pool has been completed. He is hoping to fill the pool on Friday. There will be a Gospel Sing in the Park on Sunday from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Mathews presented a proposal for the purchase of a skid loader. He would like to have an additional appropriation from the Non-Reverting Fund in the amount of $5,000.00. Goins made a motion to allow Mathews to purchase the skid loader as requested. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CITIZEN’S CONCERNS * * *

Councilman Byrne expressed congratulations to Assistant Fire Chief Shelton and the Fire Department on a job well done on a recent fire and entrapment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

Statement of Benefits Intat – Byrne made a motion to approve the Statement of Benefits for Intat. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sale of Copier – One bid was received on the sale of the copier. The bid was from Rathz Planning and Design in the amount of $150.00. 10% of the price
was included with the bid. Sheehan made a motion to accept the bid on the copier. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Request for Funds for Fiber Optic Board for 2003 Budget – Dave Sheets gave a proposal to include funds in the City’s 2003 budget for the Fiber Optic Board. Byrne suggested checking with Ara for a possible grant. Sheets said he is hopeful to have some figures by the first of July to give to Council.

Domestic Violence Presentation – Paul Barada asked permission to use the basement of City Hall for office space for the domestic violence program. Goins stated he did not believe that would be a very good place since the basement was not handicapped accessible. He also wished to use the old Council chambers for meetings. Julie Newhouse suggested that he check with Ann Curtis. She said the new facility has available meeting rooms.

Barada also asked to use the FOP for out of school suspension. Sheehan made a motion to allow Barada to use the old Council chambers at City Hall for meetings for Domestic Violence and to use the FOP for out of school suspension. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mayor Bridges will check with the insurance company to make sure our insurance would cover holding the out of school suspension at the FOP. Byrne suggested that the insurance give us something in writing if there is an additional charge for the coverage at the FOP.

2003 Budget – Bridges said he had talked to Mary Ann Beard and did not think we should be in any hurry with the budget since the assessed values are not in.

Claims Approval – Byrne made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Goins seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.
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DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER
BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

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

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER