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, Julie Newhouse and Jan Voiles, Rushville Republican.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the June 17, 2003 meeting were presented for approval. Goins made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR’S REPORT * * *

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- Attended the Mayor’s Conference on June 20th and 21st in Jeffersonville. The main topic of discussion was Economic Development.
- The Rush County ECDC is holding a groundbreaking ceremony for the new strip mall on North Main Street on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.
- At the last Comprehensive Plan meeting it was recommended and passed by unanimous vote to put a moratorium on four specific planning issues until the completion of the comprehensive plan. Bridges recommended enacting a resolution, putting a hold on the issuance of permits to these four areas until January 1, 2004.
- Reminder of 4th of July car show, parade, and fireworks.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Public Hearing on Rural Development on Funding for Water & Sewer Project - The Public Hearing was scheduled for 6:00 p.m., therefore, it was moved up on the agenda. Bridges declared the meeting open for a public hearing. Present at the meeting to answer questions were John Chaille, loan officer, from Rural Development, and Jeff Peters from M.D. Wessler. Peters said the project includes 30,000 linear feet of sewer lines and manholes, with an estimated cost of 2.7 million and non-construction cost of one half million. On the water side there is an estimated 33 linear feet of water main with an estimated cost of 1.3 million and non-construction cost of $300,000.00.

Newhouse said we are requesting 67% in grant monies.
There being no comments from the public, Sheehan made a motion to close the public hearing. Pavey seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed at this time.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT**

Copley informed Council that the budget workshop with the Department of Local Government Finance is scheduled for August 12 at 9:30. Therefore, budgets need to be completed very soon.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Fire** - Clark informed Council that the ladder truck’s water pump went out and he is getting it fixed.

**Street** - Bennett said he would e-mail Council regarding delivering stone for City residents.

**CITIZEN’S CONCERNS**

Mark Mathews gave an update on the neighborhood watch program. He said the first step would be to institute a neighborhood association. Mathews will be taking a training course and will be setting up meetings throughout the City. Goins said we need to make sure the program doesn’t get too picky. He also suggested to Mathews that more than one person be trained for the program.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Ordinance Codification** - Bridges said our 60 days to make corrections on the codification has not yet begun. Council agreed to have a workshop after the next council meeting to discuss the changes to be made. **The next meeting will be Thursday, July 17, at 6:00 p.m.**

**Alley and Parking Problem 200 Block Julian Street** - Newhouse said she has ordered the title search, but it is not back yet. Bridges said it is going to be very close since there is not much room. He also thought a fence would have to come down.
NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED * * *

Moratorium - The following issues were discussed as to enforcing a moratorium:

1. Construction of offsite signs/billboards;
2. Cellular and communication towers;
3. Construction/placement of all modular homes (with off-frame construction and a permanent foundation of brick and/or masonry block), single wide manufactured homes, double wide manufactured homes, and house trailers-in any location within the existing city limits that is not specifically zoned for.
4. The subdivision of residences into multiple unit dwellings.

Claims - McGowan made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Goins 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 7:10 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. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER