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 6:05 p.m. with Bill Goins, Brian Sheehan, John Byrne, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Darrin McGowan and the City Attorney were not present. Also present were Jan Voiles, Rushville Republican, and Scott Murray, WKWH.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the June 18, 2002 meeting were presented for approval. Goins made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- The Rush County Drainage Board met on Monday. There was testimony from Fred Wilson and the residents of Wilson Estates. The modifications were temporarily accepted until they can be tested after a heavy rain. Then final approval will be considered;
- EMC presented a check to the City of Rushville for the Skateboard Park in the amount of $12,500.00. A grant was also received from the Rush County Community Foundation, along with other donations. This money should provide a nice place for the skateboarders;
- The dedication of the Veteran’s Memorial Bridge went very well and Bridges said this was something the community should be very proud of;
- Named Denny Corn to the Park’s Board to replace George Coons;
- The annual 4th of July car show will be Thursday. There will be a parade at 11:00, and a fireworks display in the evening.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Fire** – Clark said that Doug Sherwood started on Monday. The ladder truck passed the pump test.

**Street** – Bennett reported that the resurfacing contract ran over what was originally quoted. The reason for the additional cost was that there was not as much asphalt as anticipated and had to use more materials. Bennett recommended to pay the remainder out of Local Roads and Streets and to wait
to pay until the warranty work is done. The additional cost is approximately $8,500.00.

**Animal** – Hill said he has been having problems with the pump. It is basically an oversized sump pump. They need to put another pump in and the pit will need to be pumped once a month. The cost of the pump is approximately $900.00.

**CITIZEN’S CONCERNS** * * *

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** * * *

**Habitat for Humanity Easement** – John McCane, President of Habitat for Humanity, presented a survey to vacate a portion of property on Water Street. The property was not surveyed before it was built. This will square up the properties. Habitat will incur the costs. Byrne made a motion to vacate the wedge as described in the legal description and plat. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Ameitech Property** – The property was sold Friday to Dave Jordan. He has begun renovating the building.

**Dental Insurance** – Chris Fields presented 2 plans from Met Life on the dental insurance. He said that both plans would have cost savings to the City. Bridges questioned what would happen to dental work someone had already begun. Kevin Mandrell stated that there would be no loss and no gain. There would be no gaps in the coverage.

Councilman Goins said he thought before Council made a decision the employees should have a chance to voice their opinions on what they wanted.

After lengthy discussion Councilman Sheehan stated that the employees would gain benefits and save money. Sheehan made a motion to accept the plan from Met Life with the comprehensive plan, $50.00 deductible and the 90th percentile Usual and Customary percent. Pavey seconded the motion. Goins and Byrne opposed the motion. Byrne wished to further investigate the last minute
handout from Central Reserve Life. Mayor Bridges stated that he would break the tie and voted for the dental plan with Met Life. Motion carried.

Mandrell stated the insurance would be effective August 1, 2002.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Request to Widen 600 Block of E 9th Street – Goins made a motion to table the matter and asked the Police Department to report on the activity in the area before making a decision. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims – Sheehan made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Byrne made a motion to adjourn. Goins seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 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