

**MEETING MINUTES**  
Monday, February 25, 2008

Invocation was given by Pastor Jim Summers

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Tom Meeks, Commissioners - Jack Emmons, Norman Brunson,  
C. Michael Witters, and William C. Hudson

Also Present: City Clerk Merle Weems, City Attorney Tom Price, and City Inspector Don Price

Absent: Economic Development Director Brandi Stennett

**MAYORS COMMENTS**

Mayor Tom Meeks brought the city council meeting to order.

**IN OTHER BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Witters and seconded by Commissioner Brunson to approve bids of \$7,500 from Rick and Donna Marshall for 122 North Market Street and \$5,000 from Rodney and Elizabeth Deisher for 416 N Plum Street. All present voted Aye.

A total of five bids from contractors willing to complete demolition of the city owned property, formerly Cargill Grain Elevator property at 630 Division Street, adjacent to the Snap-on Tool site were opened by Mayor Meeks, which included: Chapman Excavating with bid amount of \$93,500, Jeff Guisewite Inc. with bid amount of \$48,000, Premier Demolition with bid amount of \$106,500, Big Muddy Services with bid amount of \$167,600, and Nationwide Demolition with a bid amount of free demolition and City of Mt. Carmel will receive 25% of all proceeds from sale of material and salvage of said property, the company estimates approximately \$200,000 worth of salvage material.

A motion was made by Commissioner Emmons and seconded by Mayor Meeks to approve Ordinance No. 908 Authorizing Purchase of Real Estate from David Haase for Empire Street. All present voted Aye, except Commissioner Witters abstained.

A motion was made by Commissioner Emmons and seconded by Mayor Meeks to authorize Administrative Assistant Merle Weems to advertise 5.008 acres behind Eagles Club, West of Poplar Street, for sale. All present voted Aye, except Commissioner Witters abstained.

A motion was made by Commissioner Emmons and seconded by Mayor Meeks to allow Nationwide Demolition a contract for demolition of Cargill Grain Elevator. All present voted Aye.

A motion was made by Mayor Meeks and seconded by Commissioner Witters to approve Resolution No. 548 authorizing for bids on engineering services for Empire Street extension. All present voted Aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Witters and seconded by Mayor Meeks to direct the City Attorney Tom Price to initiate legal proceedings against Robert Walters to have his two buildings on Market Street demolished. All present voted Aye.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

**COMMISSIONER JACK EMMONS – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS 02/11/08 – 02/25/08**

Cash Investment Balance as of 02/25/08:	765,602.00
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Receipts:	308,120.20
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Expenditures:	280,787.44
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Cash Investment Balance 02/11/08:	738,269.24
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Recreation Fund:	7,238.43
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Receipts:	395.00
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Expenditures:	623.66
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Balance:	7,009.77
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Accounts Payable:	397.39
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Garbage Fund Account Beginning Balance:	146,105.44
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Receipts:	15,357.37
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Expenditures:	29,033.32
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Balance:	132,429.49
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Accounts Payable:	105.50
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Airport Fund:	(54,751.27)
Receipts:	400.00
Expenditures:	4,416.87
Balance:	(58,768.14)
Accounts Receivable:	2,965.71
Accounts Payable:	88.69
Water Fund Account Beginning Balance:	31,078.55
Receipts:	34,655.55
Expenditures:	32,095.18
Balance:	33,638.92
Accounts Payable:	24,460.96
Sewer Fund Account:	30,286.10
Receipts:	19,002.69
Expenditures:	19,857.70
Balance:	29,431.09
Accounts Payable:	16,024.31
Golf Course Fund:	(345,286.06)
Receipts:	2,409.00
Expenditures:	8,040.52
Balance:	(350,917.58)
Accounts Payable:	2,770.73

#### **COMMISSIONER MIKE WITTERS – STREETS, CEMETERIES, AND PARKS**

Commissioner Witters reported that the Street Department has been busy removing snow and ice for the past three weeks. Commissioner Witters stated that there have been several calls from residents about pot holes needing to be filled. Commissioner Witters commented that the pot holes can only be filled when they are dry and will be taken care of as soon as weather permitting.

#### **COMMISSIONER NORMAN BRUNSON – FIRE, HEALTH & SAFETY, GARBAGE, CITY HALL, AND CIVIL DEFENSE**

Commissioner Brunson reported that the Mt. Carmel Fire Department responded to 15 runs in the past two weeks and all other departments are running smoothly.

#### **COMMISSIONER BILL HUDSON – WATER AND SEWER**

Commissioner Hudson reported that Water Department has been using levee pumps on a daily basis. Plant and Maintenance personnel have taken all necessary precautions to protect the City from the flood waters. Commissioner Hudson reported that the swimming pool filter pump has been inspected for repair and a new pump has been ordered and will be in about 10 weeks. Commissioner Hudson commended that the Sewer Plant is operating well and they have been running the belt filter press and in the past two weeks regular duties as well as preventative maintenance orders have been performed.

#### **City Attorney Tom Price**

No report given.

#### **Administrative Assistant Merle Weems**

Administrative Assistant Merle Weems described to the City Council the city owned property 5.5 acre lot located behind the Eagles Club on Poplar Street. City Council noted that the City will want to retain an easement to give a tractor access in order to mow a drainage ditch near the lot. Minimum bid offer will be \$5,000 per acre with the top two bidders the opportunity to change their offers in competitive bidding situation.

#### **City Inspector Don Price**

No report given

#### **City Economic Development Director Brandi Stennett**

No report given.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Commissioner Brunson and seconded by Commissioner Hudson to go into Executive Session, regular meeting to be closed at 5:35 pm and extends until after Executive Session. All present voted Aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Emmons and seconded by Commissioner Brunson to have Executive Session for discussion with Verizon on tower details. All present voted Aye.

**BUSINESS MOTIONS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Emmons and seconded by Mayor Meeks to pay the bills. All present voted Aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hudson and seconded by Commissioner Brunson to accept the Minutes from the last regular meeting of the City Council February 11, 2008. All present voted Aye.

Meeting was adjourned.

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**Mayor**  
ATTEST:

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**City Clerk**

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