

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 20, 2012

Invocation was given Commissioner Norman Brunson.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Bill Hudson Commissioners – Dick Shoaff, Rod Rodriguez, and Joe Judge, Norm Brunson

Also Present: Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman, City Attorney Tom Price and City Inspector Mike Gidcumb.

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Bill Hudson brought the city council meeting to order.

Mayor Hudson stated today was President’s Day and many people were taking advantage of the day and the nice weather. Mayor Hudson praised the continuing efforts of the community in cleaning up the outsides of their homes, businesses and buildings. Keep up the good work!

Mayor Hudson stated “Mission Mt. Carmel” will be proclaimed for April 2 – April 5. City Inspector Mike Gidcumb reported Greg Baker from Parkview Christian Church will be heading this volunteer clean-up group. Mr. Baker will be coming in later this week with forms regarding the clean-up. This project is in conjunction with First Christian Church, Church of Christ and Church of God. Updates can be viewed at Mr. Baker’s website: myparkviewchurch.com. More information will be provided at the next schedule city council meeting.

Mayor Hudson stated today was the opening of a new store called Hens and Chicks. The store is located by the courthouse and is operated by Mrs. Deckard and her daughters.

Mayor Hudson said the golf cart shed is 99.44% complete and should be ready for golf shortly.

Mayor Hudson stated two to three other stores uptown should be opening soon. Lastly, hopefully by the end of this month, we will hear the good news that the burned out buildings will be coming down and cleaned up.

Boy Scout Lucas Whitten proposed his Eagle Scout Project of painting the Shelter house at the City Park. Mr. Whitten will oversee the project and must solicit for materials used. His project proposal was approved by City Council.

Mr. Ken Wood asked to address the city council regarding a project he would like to do at the airport. Mr. Wood stated this project has been in the works for some time and there is a federal grant for 95% of this and the State of Illinois will also pay 2 ½%, so the City will only be liable for 2 ½% of the cost. It is an electrical lighting project and is anticipated to start in July or August. Mr. Wood hopes these grants continue for future projects.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER DICK SHOAFF – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

Cash Investment Balance as of 02/07/12	\$515,586.27
Receipts:	\$425,691.78
Expenditures:	\$314,781.15
Cash Investment Balance 02/20/12:	\$626,496.90
Recreation Fund:	\$ 6,862.89
Receipts:	\$ -0-
Expenditures:	\$ 236.07
Balance:	\$ 6,626.82
Account Payable:	\$ 442.17
Garbage Fund Account Beginning Balance:	\$188,557.58
Receipts:	\$ 19,056.50
Expenditures:	\$ 24,845.87
Balance:	\$182,768.21

Accounts Payable:	\$ 243.19
Airport Fund:	\$ (31,757.22)
Receipts:	\$ 6,510.19
Expenditures:	\$ 2,477.45
Balance:	\$ (27,724.48)
Accounts Payable:	\$ 561.13
Water Fund Account Beginning Balance:	\$ 240,737.07
Receipts:	\$ 47,698.78
Expenditures:	\$ 32,785.86
Balance:	\$ 255,649.99
Accounts Payable:	\$ 14,245.37
Sewer Fund Account:	\$ 12,495.06
Receipts:	\$ 29,606.81
Expenditures:	\$ 20,697.32
Balance:	\$ 21,404.55
Accounts Payable:	\$ 13,299.84
Golf Course Fund:	\$ (355,748.79)
Receipts:	\$ 9,949.65
Expenditures:	\$ 6,458.59
Balance:	(352,257.73)
Accounts Payable:	\$ 7,495.14

Commissioner Shoaff reported the County Senior Citizens Center has new tables thanks to a grant and some donations. Commissioner Shoaff wanted to remind people that the center is available to rent for birthday parties or other events for the low price of \$75.00

COMMISSIONER JOE JUDGE – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Judge reported the street department’s regular activities over the last two weeks include working on salt spreader boxes, rebuilding and painting picnic tables for the park, patching some potholes, servicing sweeper and backhoe, and repairs to dump truck.

Commissioner Judge said a Distracted Driving Awareness Night Program has been scheduled for February 28 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at the Parkview Christian Church. This program is presented by Wabash School District 348 Prevention Coordinator Meagan Steckler. This program is free and will highlight upon the dangers of using cells phones and texting while driving. The program is open to both new and experienced drivers. Door prizes will be given out.

COMMISSIONER ROD RODRIGUEZ – FIRE, HEALTH & SAFETY, GARBAGE, CITY HALL AND CIVIL DEFENSE

Commissioner Rodriguez reported that the Fire Department had thirteen runs in the last two weeks.

Commissioner Rodriguez reported there are twelve Firefighters still taking online Advanced Firefighter Courses.

Commissioner Rodriguez urged the community to support the upcoming Belmont Fire Department’s chili supper on February 25 and stated this is the only fundraiser they have. The same day will be St. Mary’s 5K/10K run/walk event with food available later on in the evening.

Commissioner Rodriguez announced Little League registration will be held on March 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at North School, March 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at South School, March 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Middle School, and March 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the high school. Starting date of the season is Cinco de Mayo, or Saturday May 5.

Commissioner Rodriguez also stated there will be a cookout March 3 at Buehler’s Buy Low from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All proceeds will go to Wabash Ribberfest. There will also be a concession stand on March 11 at the Middle School serving hot dogs, candy, drinks, bbq, and nachos.

COMMISSIONER NORMAN BRUNSON – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Brunson reported the Sewer Department and Water Treatment Facility have been operating very well.

Commissioner Brunson said when he was on his way to church last Sunday he saw Bill Reed and the water maintenance crew working in the mud and water to fix a broken water main. Although this is their job, Commissioner Brunson wanted to express his appreciation for a job well done.

Commissioner Brunson wished to thank the police and fire departments, fellow commissioners, the mayor, department heads, and all others who supported him during his recent loss.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RUDY WITSMAN

City Administrator Rudy Witsman commented he has received several resumes for the recently advertised position at city hall and is in hopes that the interviews will be conducted this week with someone on board in the very near future.

City Administrator Rudy Witsman stated our insurance carrier, The Illinois Municipal League, provided our employees with safety training this month. They were trained in personal protective equipment, trenching and shoring, public liability, and hearing conservation. There were thirteen employees that participated and will be receiving certificates for their participation.

City Administrator Rudy Witsman said the city is still receiving bids for the city owned property at 415 Hackberry. Bids will be opened at the next city council meeting to be held on March 5.

CITY ATTORNEY – TOM PRICE

City Attorney Tom Price stated there were no reports.

CITY INSPECTOR – MIKE GIDCUMB

City Inspector Mike Gidcumb reported there were no reports.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Brunson seconded to accept the Minutes from last regular meeting of City Council (2/6/12). All present voted Aye.

Commissioner Shoaff motioned and Commissioner Brunson seconded to approve to pay all bills bearing the proper signatures. All present voted Aye.

Commissioner Shoaff motioned and Commissioner Judge seconded to go to Executive Session to discuss legal issues regarding the former City Treasurer. All present voted Aye. Time 5:20 p.m.

Commissioner Shoaff motioned and Commissioner Judge seconded to end the Executive Session at 5:47 p.m.

After returning from Executive Session the regular meeting was adjourned.

Mayor
ATTEST:

City Clerk