

MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 14, 2005

Invocation was given by Commissioner Norm Brunson.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Tom Meeks, Commissioners, Jack Emmons, John Fearheiley, Mike Witters, and Norm Brunson.

Also Present: City Administrator Merle Weems and City Attorney Tom Price

MAYOR COMMENTS

The city received only one bid for the removal of a house located at 1203 Market St.

A motion was made by Commissioner Witters and seconded by Commissioner Emmons to approve bid of \$5,900 from Jeff Guisewite Inc. for removal of house located at 1203 Market St. All present voted Aye.

Marsha Robinson resigned from the Library Board. Mayor Meeks appointed Shelly Richardson as her replacement.

Jim Closson of the IL Municipal League spoke to the council about the city's insurance claims experience and gave recommendations on how to keep costs down. The Municipal League coverage includes city property, general liability and workman's compensation, as well as insuring city vehicles, property, and liability.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

COMMISSIONER JACK EMMONS - FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

Cash Investment balance as of 2/14/05:	\$262,924.00
Receipts:	0.00
Expenses:	149,320.00
Cash Investment Balance:	113,603.00
 Recreation Fund:	13,533.00
Receipts:	0.00
Expenditures:	707.00
Balance:	12,825.00
Accounts Payable:	216.00
 Garbage Fund Account beginning Balance:	\$44,777.00
Receipts:	12,830.00
Expenses:	4,633.00
Balance:	52,974.00
Accounts Payable:	16,089.00
 Airport Fund:	(19,328.00)
Receipts:	1,810.00
Expenditures:	7,824.00
Balance:	(146,281.00)
Accounts Receivable:	2,377.00
Accounts Payable:	843.00
 Water Fund Account beginning Balance:	\$19,982.00
Receipts:	38,697.00
Expenses:	28,488.00
Balance:	30,191.00
Accounts Payable:	16,155.00
 Sewer Fund Account:	\$11,112.00
Receipts:	\$24,651.00
Expenses:	19,085.00

Balance:	16,678.00
Accounts Payable	5,951.00
Golf Course Fund:	(\$140,267.00)
Receipts:	1,810.00
Expenses:	7,824.00
Balance:	(146,281.00)
Accounts Payable:	901.00

COMMISSIONER WITTERS - STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

The Street Department is applying for a grant through the Illinois Department of Transportation, to get funding to replace city stoplights with the more energy-efficient LED lighting. The city hopes to find out more about the grant in May. The street department will start making a list of repairs needed in the city. City residents are urged to call Commissioner Witters or Administrative Assistant Merle Weems to report what repairs they need done.

COMMISSIONER BRUNSON - FIRE, HEALTH & SAFETY, GARBAGE, CITY HALL AND CIVIL DEFENSE

The Fire Department went on two fire runs in the past two weeks. Commissioner Brunson recently met with three individuals who completed training in order to be certified to perform mosquito spraying services for the city.

The City Council and Water Plant Superintendent Mark Weirich discussed an issue with the sewer system in the neighborhood of homes in the Daniel Street area, behind South School and near Ficklin Street.

COMMISSIONER FEARHEILEY - WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Fearheiley reported that he, Bill Reed, and Merle Weems investigated a major leak in lines on private property at Cherry Street Estates. Last year the Water Plant processed 384 gallons of water. The largest consumption occurred in May, when 37 million gallons were used.

Police Chief Tony Compton gave the following report.

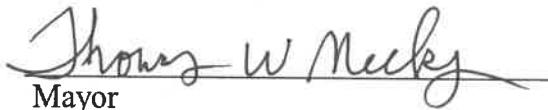
Chief Compton reported that two police officers recently completed meth lab clean-up training. Total drug arrests were up over 37 percent in 2004 compared to 2003.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

A motion was made by Commissioner Brunson and seconded by Commissioner Fearheiley to pay all bills bearing the proper signatures. All present vote Aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brunson and seconded by Commissioner Fearheiley to approve the minutes from the last City Council Meeting dated January 31, 2004 All present voted Aye.

Meeting was adjourned.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk