

MEETING MINUTES
Monday January 30, 2006

Invocation was given by Rev. Tony Hodgson, Heartland Worship Center

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

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Meeks announced the Mt. Carmel Police Department has a new cruiser. The new squad car replaced the one that was tail-ended in September.

OTHER BUSINESS

Pastor Tony Hodgson of Heartland Worship Center thanked the city council for use of the Girl Scout cabin. The Bridges of Hope Ministry provides food and clothing to families in need, and have estimated some 60 families have benefited from the ministry so far. The ministry is also being used for bible study. The Hope Pregnancy Center also plans to begin courses there next week. The building is being put to good use some 10 to 20 hours per week. Pastor Hodgson invited city officials and the public to a special prayer service at Heartland Worship Center on Sunday, Feb. 19, at 2:00 p.m. This is being organized by Commissioner Norm Brunson.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER JACK EMMONS - FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS – 01/16/06 - 01/30/06

Cash Investment balance as of 01/16/06:	211,190.13
Receipts:	73,018.21
Expenditures:	67,987.78
Cash Investment Balance 01/30/06:	216,220.56
 Recreation Fund:	9,276.72
Receipts:	00.00
Expenditures:	120.12
Balance:	9,156.60
Accounts Payable:	383.71
 Garbage Fund Account beginning Balance:	65,508.19
Receipts:	9,148.37
Expenditures:	21,955.12
Balance:	52,701.44
Accounts Payable:	00.00
 Airport Fund:	(36,748.56)
Receipts:	2,410.31
Expenditures:	2,459.66
Balance:	(36,797.91)
Accounts Receivable:	1,473.44
Accounts Payable:	128.82
 Water Fund Account beginning Balance:	27,856.64
Receipts:	36,475.78
Expenditures:	37,928.49
Balance:	26,403.93
Accounts Payable:	18,606.61
 Sewer Fund Account:	16,490.42
Receipts:	18,705.07
Expenditures:	22,284.67
Balance:	12,910.82
Accounts Payable:	10,971.71

Golf Course Fund:	(187,844.82)
Receipts:	4,317.20
Expenditures:	5,596.48
Balance:	(189,124.10)
Accounts Payable:	2,727.83

COMMISSIONER WITTERS - STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Witters said the playground equipment at the city park is currently being installed and should be completed by the middle of next week. The city has made a deal with an area resident, resulting in the city being able to dispose of leaves collected by city crews at no cost. Terry Stout is putting in a commercial compost site north of the city, and will take all the leaves we can give him.

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

Commissioner Brunson reported the three individuals who performed mosquito spraying for the city last year have renewed their licenses for the upcoming year. The Mt. Carmel Fire Department made four runs in the past two weeks. The Mt. Carmel Merchants Assoc. held a fundraiser basketball game Police Dept. vs. Fire Dept. and was proud to announce the Fire Dept. won, YEAH!

COMMISSIONER FEARHEILEY - WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Fearheiley reported everything at the Waste Water Plant is running smoothly. The Water Department is finishing its part of laying line for water line improvements along 3rd Street. Kieffer Brothers should have the boring done in the next two or three weeks to complete their part of this project. We can then come in with the service lines and disinfecting of the lines and hopefully by the end of March or first part of April residents out at Oressa Heights/Lambert Drive will finally have a new water line. Everything else seems to be running smoothly.

City Attorney Tom Price

Prepared and read necessary documents.

Commissioners unanimously approved two ordinances. Ordinance No. 859, clarifies the sale of package liquor by a holder of Class (A) License. They cannot sell more than one-liter of liquor or more than a six-pack of beer to a buyer. Ordinance No. 860, assesses a \$100 fee to those submitting a plan for subdividing to the Board of Appeals (this being the construction of any public street or thoroughfare, or the extension of any public water or sewer system). If no improvements are needed, the plan for subdividing is submitted to the city inspector for council approval, and a fee of \$75 is assessed.

Administrative Assistant Merle Weems

Administrative Assistant Merle Weems reported that we are ready to move forward on the Mid America Biodiesel, LLC bid. Mr. Weems said the area had been surveyed and the city kept 120' in the center, the area where the old office bldg. use to be. Mayor Meeks read the bid proposal and a motion was made to accept the bid. City Commissioners renewed three notes, the Mt. Carmel Airport, the Municipal Swimming Pool, and the Mt. Carmel Golf Course's new golf cars. Mr. Weems reported the Airport note was originally \$120,000 and now has a balance of about \$54,198 (approximately 5 years left on the note); the Pool has a balance of almost \$17,852 (with semi-annual payments of \$9,500, this should be the last year on that note); and the golf cars, a balance of nearly \$74,842 (a 7 year note). Mr. Weems and Mayor Meeks wanted to thank Brandi Stennett for doing a great job as Development Director. Mr. Weems commented that Brandi has lightened his load drastically and is doing an excellent job.

City Inspector Don Price

City Inspector Don Price said CVS Pharmacy has been issued a permit to construct a new building in Mt. Carmel. Cedarwood Development had contacted the city about obtaining the building permit so I think they're committed to the project.

After a complaint about bricks falling off the Robert Walters Furniture building, Inspector Don Price learned the owner of the building is removing the upper floor and putting on a gable roof. Mayor Meeks requested Mr. Price obtain a time-line for this project.

City Economic Development Director Brandi Stennett

Brandi reported one of her priorities is to update the city's online information to include the latest details on Mt. Carmel's commercial and industrial amenities. Brandi had the opportunity to speak with local organizations where she emphasized the need to have a positive outlook toward economic development.

Chief of Police Tony Compton

Announced there have been two department promotions to the Mt. Carmel Police Department. Detective Porter Sinter was promoted to Detective Sergeant, and Sgt. Ken Burkitt was named the department's new Assistant Chief. Chief of Police Tony Compton said these promotions were "very well deserved".

BUSINESS MOTIONS

A motion was made by Commissioner Emmons and seconded by Commissioner Brunson to approve Ordinance No. 859, amending (Class A) liquor license. All present voted Aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Witters and seconded by Commissioner Fearheiley to approve Ordinance No. 860, amend zoning /subdivision/regulations fees. All present voted Aye.

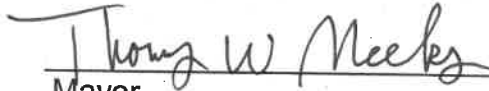
A motion was made by Commissioner Fearheiley and seconded by Commissioner Witters to approve renewal of Resolution No.'s 517-518-519 (swimming pool, airport, & golf carts) renewal of Bank Notes. All present voted Aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Emmons and seconded by Commissioner Fearheiley to approve Bid by Mid America Biodiesel, LLC, for Cargill Grain Elevator. All present voted Aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Emmons 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 accept the Minutes from the last City Council Meeting. All present voted Aye.

Meeting was adjourned.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk