

MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 1, 2004

Invocation was given by Rev. Jackie Summers of the First Christian Church.

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

Also Present: City Administrator Merle Weems, City Attorney Tom Price, City Inspector Don Price, Police Chief Tony Compton, Street Superintendent Dave Easter, Fire Chief Steve Partee, Water Plant Superintendent Mark Weirich, Waste Water Treatment Manager Rob Windes, City Engineer Dave Dallas, and Economic Development Manager Bill Maples.

Absent: Airport Manager Ken Wood and Library Director Louise Taylor

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Meeks visited the First Church of God today to witness the opening of their Daycare Center.

Resident Pat Mains addressed the council with concerns about the number of cats roaming around the city. Commissioners recommended Mains speak to the Wabash County Board which covers Animal Control. The city does not have any type of ordinance that covers the issue.

A motion was made by Commissioner Emmons and seconded by Commissioner Brunson to adopt the Sept. 2003 Restatement of the City of Mt. Carmel Employee Benefit Plan. All present voted Aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fearheiley and seconded by Commissioner Brunson to contribute \$400 to VFW Post 4276 for Mt. Carmel Veteran's Honor Guard. The money will be used for purchasing clothing. All present voted Aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Emmons and seconded by Commissioner Witters to approve doing a City of Mt. Carmel 2004 Health screening for employees and spouses. All present voted Aye.

Visitor Constance Folsom addressed the council to present the council with aerial photos of the city. The pictures were taken of local churches, schools, and businesses around the city. Administrative Assistant Merle Weems mentioned that a few of the photos could be used on the City's web site. Commissioners agreed to let Administrative Assistant Merle Weems and Economic Development Manager Bill Maples look over the photos before deciding to purchase any of them.

Wabash Ribberfest organizers Chuck Johnson and Collette Grigsby presented the Council with \$1,500 check designated toward the new signs for the City.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

COMMISSIONER JACK EMMONS - FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

Cash Investment balance as of 3/01/04:	\$146,982.00
Receipts:	150,089.00
Expenses:	74,220.00
Cash Investment Balance:	222,850.00
 Recreation Fund:	25,447.00
Receipts:	0.00
Expenditures:	506.00
Balance:	24,941.00
Accounts Payable:	850.00
 Garbage Fund Account beginning Balance:	\$29,528.00
Receipts:	8,070.00
Expenses:	3,137.00
Balance:	34,462.00
Accounts Payable:	106.00

Airport Fund:	(14,601.00)
Receipts:	966.00
Expenditures:	2,366.00
Balance:	(16,001.00)
Accounts Receivable:	2,179.00
Accounts Payable:	760.00
Water Fund Account beginning Balance:	\$15,109.00
Receipts:	31,424.00
Expenses:	28,338.00
Balance:	18,195.00
Accounts Payable:	9,098.00
Sewer Fund Account:	\$13,793.00
Receipts:	\$19,053.00
Expenses:	19,355.00
Balance:	13,491.00
Accounts Payable:	11,465.00
Golf Course Fund:	(\$103,791.00)
Receipts:	11,402.00
Expenses:	4,479.00
Balance:	(96,869.00)
Accounts Payable:	3,157.00

COMMISSIONER WITTERS - STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

The street department has been running the street sweeper quite a bit. Commissioner Witters urged residents to contact himself or Merle Weems if they spot any street damages. City workers are preparing their lists of what needs to be fixed this spring.

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

There were six fire runs since the last meeting. Commissioner Brunson received a letter from the Wabash County Health Department stating that they have received a grant to assist in mosquito and larva spraying. The grant should save the city \$1,500 this year.

COMMISSIONER FEARHEILEY - WATER AND SEWER

The #3 screw pump has been removed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. They hope to have it back in service within the next three to four weeks. They will open bids today on this year's water treatment chemicals for the Water Department. The lowest bid received was from Brenntag Mid-South, Inc. Their bid would mean a savings of approximately \$14,000 from last year's budgeted cost.

The City Council agreed to reserve a piece of property at Southgate Industrial Park rather than sell it to resident Kent Harrison. Mr. Harrison wished to build a storage container business on the site. When asked if the endeavor would bring jobs to the area, Harrison indicated that it would not. Commissioners agreed that the business wouldn't be a good fit for Southgate.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS

City Attorney Tom Price gave the following report.

Mr. Price reported that a demolition petition was filed for 222 E 1st Street. All documents have been drafted for the White Subdivision and are ready for review.

City Inspector Don Price gave the following report.

Mr. Price reported that the insurance companies have settled with the owners of the Bluff City Landing and Dr. Timothy Brown's optometry office. Demolition of the buildings is going to be arranged with the owners of the two buildings within the next two weeks.

Fire Chief Steve Partee had no report.

Police Chief Tony Compton had no report.

City Engineer Dave Dallas had no report.

Street Superintendent Dave Easter gave the following report.

Mr. Easter reported that he and City Engineer Dave Dallas will be lining out their annual road maintenance program.

Water Plant Superintendent Mark Weirich gave the following report.

Mr. Weirich attended a meeting with the IL Emergency Management Association at WGH last week.

Waste Water Treatment Manager Rob Windes had no report.

Economic Development Manager Bill Maples gave the following report.

Mr. Maples reported that he attended an IDOT seminar in Springfield.

Merle Weems had no report.

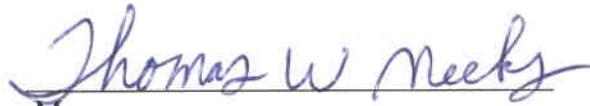
BUSINESS MOTIONS

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Brunson seconded by Commissioner Witters to approve the minutes from the last City Council Meeting dated February 16, 2004. All present vote Aye.

Meeting was adjourned.

Following the regular meeting, Mayor Meeks convened the Liquor Control Commission to approve a Class C Liquor License for Hank Kijonka who recently purchased Stu's Package Store at 117 W 8th Street.


Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk