

MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 20, 2003

Invocation was given by Rev. Randy Mullinax of First Baptist Church.

Present on Roll Call: Commissioners Jack Emmons, Jim Pfeister, John Fearheiley, Dick Shoaff.

Also Present: City Attorney Tom Price, City Inspector Don Price, Street Superintendent David Easter, Fire Chief Steve Partee, Water Plant Superintendent Mark Weirich, Waste Water Treatment Manager Rob Windes, Economic Development Manager Bill Maples, and City Engineer Mike Neikirk.

Absent: Mayor George Woodcock, City Administrator Merle Weems, Police Chief Jim Seaton, and Airport Manager Ken Wood.

MAYOR COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Emmons announced guest, John E. Cady, who has applied for a Special Use Permit to place a mobile home on lot #32 located at 111 West 2nd St. City Inspector, Don Price, noted that there were no objectors present at the Zoning Board Hearing and that it was thought to be a vast improvement to the board to have a mobile home on this lot rather than having another vacant lot in town.

A motion was made by James Pfeister and seconded by John Fearheiley to approve the Special Use Permit, #02-SU-6, for John E. Cady. All present voted Aye.

Commissioner Emmons also announced another guest, James Ray, who is the government relations manager for Charter Communications. Ray appeared before the council to hear any concerns that individuals may have concerning their cable system. Ray, who has been in the cable industry for 21 years, told the Council that Charter is trying to improve the system and the infrastructure as much as possible on a continuous basis. City resident, Jim Goings, explained to Ray the problems that he has been having with his digital cable system. He specifically had problems with channels 35-60, where frames would freeze, the screen goes blank, and tiling occurs. According to Goings, his neighbors are having the same problems. Ray explained that these problems are results of bad fittings or a bad piece of line, which lead to poor reception. Cable technicians are continuing to check those connections with meters. Commissioner Pfeister commented that his own cable problems were solved after a Charter technician went over the lines in his home and replaced several connections. Ray took down several addresses in order to have technicians visit various problem areas around town. The Council asked Ray to return to a future council meeting to give commissioners an update on progress.

Commissioner Emmons also acknowledged the death of Lonette Eastman, a long time city employee who worked at the front window in City Hall. Lonette was a valuable employee who many people enjoyed coming to City Hall to visit with. She was always very friendly and will be missed.

COMMISSIONER JACK EMMONS - FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

Commissioner Emmons gave the following report.

Cash Investment balance as of 1/20/03:	\$258,205.00
Receipts:	84,776.00
Expenses:	94,111.00
Cash Investment Balance:	248,860.00
 Recreation Fund:	27,303.00
Receipts:	0.00
Expenditures:	38.00
Balance:	27,264.00
Accounts Payable:	690.00
 Garbage Fund Account beginning Balance:	\$30,460.00

Receipts:	10,656.00
Expenses:	19,213.00
Balance:	21,903.00
Accounts Payable:	3,093.00

Airport Fund:	(17,796.00)
Receipts:	925.00
Expenditures:	2,970.00
Balance:	(19,841.00)
Accounts Receivable:	2,185.00
Accounts Payable:	118.00

Water Fund Account beginning Balance:	\$21,760.00
Receipts:	29,919.00
Expenses:	32,420.00
Balance:	19,216.00
Accounts Payable:	15,772.00

Sewer Fund Account:	\$11,240.00
Receipts:	20,061.00
Expenses:	17,732.00
Balance:	13,659.00
Accounts Payable:	8,149.00

Golf Course Fund:	(\$110,000.00)
Receipts:	310.00
Expenses:	5,126.00
Balance:	(115,379.00)
Accounts Payable:	471.00

COMMISSIONER PFEISTER - STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Pfeister gave the following report. (See attached copy)

Visitor Philip Beal addressed the council, asking if someone would contact the Illinois Department of Transportation about putting up a state highway sign, which has been lying on the ground at 9th and Walnut streets since before Veterans Day. Commissioner Pfeister said a call would be made.

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

The fire department has made 3 runs since the last Council Meeting. Two of those fires resulted in no damage, but the third fire was very severe. The fire department did a fantastic job. We have good equipment and good trained men. Commissioner Shoaff offered thanks to the Allendale and Bellmont fire departments for their help.

COMMISSIONER FEARHEILEY - WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Fearheiley also gave the following report. (See attached copy)

ADDITIONAL REPORTS

Merle Weems had no report.

Tom Price had no report.

City Inspector Don Price had no report.

Police Chief Jim Seaton had no report.

Fire Chief Partee had no report.

Street Superintendent Dave Easter had no report.

Water Plant Superintendent Mark Weirich had no report.

Waste Water Treatment Manager Rob Windes had no report.

Economic Development Director Bill Maples gave the following report.

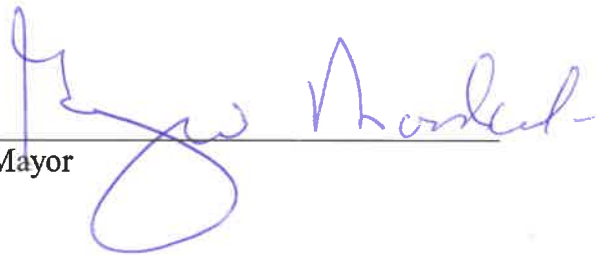
The city is filing an application with the Department of Transportation asking for 50 percent of the cost to extend Empire Street on the west side of town. More information about the project would be released in the future.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

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


A motion was made by Commissioner Fearheiley seconded by Commissioner Pfeister to approve the minutes from the last City Council Meeting dated January 6, 2003. All present vote Aye.

Meeting was adjourned.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk