

MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 6, 2003

Invocation was given by Rev. Brent Hazlett of the St. John's Episcopal Church.

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

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

Absent: Airport Manager Ken Wood, Waste Water Treatment Manager Rob Windes.

MAYOR COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

COMMISSIONER JACK EMMONS - FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

Commissioner Emmons gave the following report.

Cash Investment balance as of 1/6/02:	\$314,365.00
Receipts:	25,945.00
Expenses:	82,105.00
Cash Investment Balance:	258,205.00
 Recreation Fund:	27,806.00
Receipts:	0.00
Expenditures:	503.00
Balance:	27,203.00
Accounts Payable:	38.85
 Garbage Fund Account beginning Balance:	\$30,692.00
Receipts:	8,951.00
Expenses:	9,183.00
Balance:	30,460.00
Accounts Payable:	17,632.00
 Airport Fund:	(16,149.00)
Receipts:	413.00
Expenditures:	2,060.00
Balance:	(17,796.00)
Accounts Receivable:	2,185.00
Accounts Payable:	1,417.00
 Water Fund Account beginning Balance:	\$17,174.00
Receipts:	33,051.00
Expenses:	28,508.00
Balance:	21,716.00
Accounts Payable:	16,420.00
 Sewer Fund Account:	\$12,100.00
Receipts:	18,953.00
Expenses:	19,813.00
Balance:	11,240.00
Accounts Payable:	6,783.00
 Golf Course Fund:	(\$103,791.00)
Receipts:	561.00
Expenses:	7,333.00

Balance:	(110,563.00)
Accounts Payable:	2,715.00

COMMISSIONER PFEISTER - STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

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

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

For the year 2002, the fire department answered 11 structure fires, 14 cooking fires, 9 vehicle fires, and 22 trash, grass or dumpster fires. There were 22 false alarms, 9 EMS assistance calls, and 6 electrical and miscellaneous runs. 127 fires were responded to in the city, 17 in the county and 9 mutual aid runs. The number of fires in the county dropped 12 percent below the previous year's totals. This will be the 100th year for the Mt. Carmel Fire Department and they would like to find a way to celebrate the occasion. The Fire Department is looking for suggestions and would be interested in borrowing any old photographs of equipment or the department from city residents.

COMMISSIONER FEARHEILEY - WATER AND SEWER

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

ADDITIONAL REPORTS

Merle Weems gave the following report.

The building of the new ditch at 9th and Walnut is finished and there has not been any problems of water there as of yet and hopefully there never will be. The City received about \$9000 in FEMA funds this week. They are expecting another \$4000 in State funds as well.

Mr. Weems announced guest, Kevin Williams of American Auto Centers, who wished to appeal to the City Council asking to rent land situated between Route 15 and the former JTA building at Southgate Industrial Park. Williams plans to relocate his Walnut street car dealership to a spot that's more visible. Williams also mentioned including an option in the lease contract to buy the land, a chance to match another potential buyer's price, and the terms for termination of the agreement.

After a brief discussion and all Commissioner's questions were answered a motion was made by Commissioner Fearheiley and seconded by Commissioner Pfeister to approve a 2 year lease for the lot between the JTA building and Route 15 to Kevin Williams of American Auto Centers at \$150 per month plus a \$25 a month hike each year he rents the land.

Tom Price had no report.

City Inspector Don Price gave the following report.

There were 68 permits issued in 2002, compared to 62 in 2001 and 75 in 2000. Fifteen of those permits were for construction of single family dwellings, plus 2 commercial buildings, 12 garages and 7 utility buildings. The total value of new construction for 2002 was \$2,703,604. There have been more housing starts in a year's time since 1997. Regarding permits for additions and alterations there were 10 permits for residences and 4 for commercial buildings, for a total of \$193,450 in updates. There were also 4 water/sewer permits and 13 demolitions. The total estimated construction cost for 2002 was \$2,897,054.

Police Chief Jim Seaton gave the following report.

In the year end report, the Police Department made 1,377 arrests in 2002, some of which included: 56 Suspended /Revoked Driver's Licenses, 23 No Driver's License, 111 Uninsured Motor Vehicle, 127 Speeding, 354 Other Moving Violations, 68 DUI, 13 Intoxicated Pedestrian, 33 Illegal Transportation, and 84 Unlawful Consumption. There were 1,204 verbal warnings issued along with

260 written warnings. A total of 353 accidents were handled by the Police Department. The total number of complaints for 2002 was 6,525.

Fire Chief Partee had no report.

Street Superintendent Dave Easter gave the following report.

The street department has cut a total of 91 trees and ground down 81 stumps in 2002. Six graves were opened at Rose Hill. A total of 2,665 cubic yards of leaves were collected which is equivalent to 67 of 40 yard dumpsters.

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.

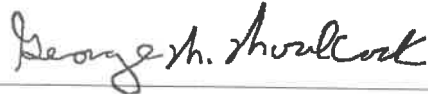
The city received \$15,714 in grant money which was requested to perform environmental studies on the old McCuiston Distribution building. A grant request has also been made to receive an additional \$5-6,000 to perform remediation. Once we hear from the EPA, the property will basically be clean.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Shoaff seconded by Commissioner Fearheiley to approve the minutes from the last City Council Meeting dated December 23, 2002. All present vote Aye.

Meeting was adjourned.



Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk