

## MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 4, 2002

Invocation was given by Pastor Arnie Delamater of the Free Methodist Church.

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

Also Present: Administrative Assistant Merle Weems, City Attorney Tom Price, Economic Development Manager Bill Maples, Detective Jeff Besing, Waste Water Treatment Manager Rob Windes, Street Superintendent David Easter, Fire Chief Steve Partee, Airport Manager Ken Wood, City Inspector Don Price and Water Superintendent Mark Weirich.

Absent: Dave Dallas, Bruce Bottom and Louise Taylor.

### MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Woodcock introduced Mr. Monty King, a representative from Charter Cable TV in Vincennes, Indiana. Mr. King stated that mapping is currently being done to get all information up to date. A design should be available around the end of April. Mr. King stated that Charter has developed a new digital system called Small System Digital. This new system offers 100 digital channels instead of the additional 24 channels initially discussed at the renewal of the contract. Mr. King made a channel line-up available to the Council. The Small System Digital should be in operation by June 2002. The original upgrade of 25 analog channels would be available by June 2003. Mr. King did state that he would submit a rate sheet to Mr. Weems within two weeks and also stated that he would like for the Council to submit a recommendation stating their requests for cable service.

Mayor Woodcock introduced Mr. James Litherland from the Airport Commission. Mr. Litherland, representing the Mt. Carmel Airport Commission, stated that the Mt. Carmel Airport would like to overlay Runway 1331. Mr. Litherland submitted a handout which outlined the project description. A total cost of \$730,000.00 was shown with 90% of the funds being budgeted through federal government, 5% of the funds provided by the State Department of Aeronautics and the remaining 5% of funding to come from City shares. The total cost for the City of Mt. Carmel would be \$37,000.00 at a 4.5% interest rate on a four to five year loan. Mr. Litherland submitted a recommendation that the City of Mt. Carmel approve the funding of the project. After a brief discussion a motion was made and seconded to take this issue under advisement and to allow ample time in order to thoroughly discuss all available options.

Mayor Woodcock stated that the death of City of Mt. Carmel retiree Glenn Trout was indeed a saddening situation. His many years of service were indeed a valuable contribution and will be missed by many friends as well as family members.

## COMMISSIONER REPORTS

### COMMISSIONER JACK EMMONS - FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

Commissioner Emmons gave the following report.

Cash Investment balance as of 2/19/02	210,315.69
Receipts:	33,043.23
Expenses:	85,033.37
Cash Investment Balance:	147,325.82

Garbage Fund Account beginning Balance:	20,495.71
Receipts:	7,736.90
Expenses:	1,574.46
Balance:	26,658.15

Water Fund Account beginning Balance: \$	24,736.51
Receipts:	33,611.57
Expenses:	31,376.70
Balance:	26,971.38
Unpaid:	12,338.59

Sewer Fund Account: \$	12,038.76
Receipts:	17,369.11
Expenses:	24,518.64
Balance:	4,889.23
Unpaid:	6,460.59

Golf Course Fund:	(118,187.27)
Receipts:	9,855.00
Expenses:	5,893.97
Balance:	(114,226.24)

### COMMISSIONER PFEISTER - STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

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

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

Commissioner Shoaff took a moment to commend the incredible contributions of Glen Troutt throughout the years.

### COMMISSIONER FEARHEILEY - WATER AND SEWER

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

## ADDITIONAL REPORTS

City Administrator Merle Weems stated that City Engineer Dave Dallas and himself attended a Construction Hearing in Effingham concerning the Bike Path from Ninth Street to College Drive. The project should begin approximately April 1, 2002 and be completed by June 25, 2002.

Detective Jeff Besing took a moment to thank the surrounding ESDA members for their aid in the search for Glen Troutt.

City Inspector Don Price stated that two (2) additional properties were being investigated as demolition projects.

Economic Development Manager Bill Maples stated that an application had been submitted to the Illinois EPA for a grant on behalf of Federal Assembly for a clean-up project of the McCuiston Distribution Building on West Ninth Street.

## 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 Emmons and seconded by Commissioner Pfeister to approve the minutes from the last City Council meeting dated February 19, 2002. All present vote aye.

Meeting was adjourned.

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk