

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 19, 2002

Invocation was given by Rev Gary Underwood of the First General Baptist Church.

Present on Roll Call: Jack Emmons, James Pfeister, John Fearheiley and Dick Shoaff.

Also Present: Administrative Assistant Merle Weems, City Attorney Tom Price, Economic Development Manager Bill Maples, Police Chief Jim Seaton, Waste Water Treatment Manager Rob Windes, Street Superintendent David Easter, Fire Chief Steve Partee and City Engineer Dave Dallas.

Absent: Mayor George Woodcock, Don Price, Mark Weirich, Ken Wood, Bruce Bottom and Louise Taylor.

MAYOR COMMENTS

In Mayor Woodcocks absence, Commissioner Jack Emmons called upon Commissioner Fearheiley to introduced the Republican candidate for State Representative for the 108th district. Commissioner Fearheiley introduced Mr. David Reiss to the Council members and took a moment to thank him for his time and welcomed him to Mt. Carmel. Mr. Reiss, who resides in Jasper County with his wife and two children, explained a few of the key topics his campaign would address. After a brief discussion between Mr. Reiss and the Council members, Mr. Reiss thanked the Council members for allowing him the opportunity to speak this evening.

Commissioner Emmons called upon City Engineer Dave Dallas to discuss the bid opening for Empire Street which is East of the new CST plant off of Highway 15 West. Only one bid was submitted at the bid letting. Kieffer Brothers Construction Company of Mt. Carmel submitted a bid in the amount of \$135, 019.35. After a brief discussion a motion was made and seconded to approve the bid.

Commissioner Emmons called upon City Attorney Tom Price to discuss releasing claim to an easement. Mr. Price stated that he recommends that the Council approve a Resolution that would release the City of Mt. Carmel's claim to the easement property subject to Mt. Carmel Public Utility releasing their claim to the property as well. After a brief discussion, a motion was made and seconded.

Commissioner Emmons called upon City Engineer Dave Dallas to elaborate upon Subdivision Application 02-SDA-01. Mr. Dallas, representing Mr. Ed McPherson, wishes to be granted preliminary approval to subdivide a tract of land into seven lots. Mr. Dallas also requested that the need for sidewalks and a park area be waived. After a brief discussion, a motion was made and seconded.

Commissioner Emmons called upon City Attorney Tom Price to discuss Ordinance No. 773. This Ordinance will make it necessary to establish a prohibition against intrusion or obstruction of any utility easement within the City of Mt. Carmel. After a brief discussion, a motion was made and seconded.

Commissioner Emmons called upon City Attorney Tom Price to discuss the Release Of Grant Of Easement running along the west side of State Route 15 beside the Southern Railway tracks. After a brief discussion, a motion was made and seconded.

Commissioner Emmons welcomed visitors Scout Master Jeff Deisher and Boy Scout Devin Deisher. Devin Deisher was working on a merit badge and thanked the council for their time.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

COMMISSIONER JACK EMMONS - FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

Commissioner Emmons gave the following report.

Cash Investment balance as of 2/4/02	240,169.97
Receipts:	32,961.64
Expenses:	62,815.65
Cash Investment Balance:	210,315.96

Garbage Fund Account beginning Balance:	26,008.12
Receipts:	12,209.57
Expenses:	17,721.98
Balance:	20,495.71

Water Fund Account beginning Balance: \$	18,888.54
Receipts:	32,618.06
Expenses:	26,770.09
Balance:	24,736.51
Unpaid:	11,499.01

Sewer Fund Account: \$	12,462.51
Receipts:	20,194.85
Expenses:	20,618.60
Balance:	12,038.76
Unpaid:	17,970.46

Golf Course Fund:	(114,438.93)
Receipts:	3,231.00
Expenses:	6,979.34
Balance:	(118,187.27)

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 stated the Fire Department answered eight (8) fire alarms since the last City Council meeting. Two were serious house fires. Commissioner Shoaff took a moment to recommend that residents video tape the contents of their entire household, including voice descriptions, for insurance coverage purposes.

COMMISSIONER FEARHEILEY - WATER AND SEWER

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

ADDITIONAL REPORTS

Fire Chief Steve Partee stated that he felt that the Mt. Carmel Firemen have done an outstanding job in their duties.

Waster Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Rob Windes gave the following report.
(See attached copy.)

Chief of Police Jim Seaton stated that all is going well with the Mt. Carmel Police Department. Chief Seaton also stated that the end of Phase One for the Ordinance Violation program is approaching. A high percentage of the inoperable vehicles are still being resolved by the land owners. The second phase will begin around the first of April.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

A motion was made by Commissioner Pfeister and seconded by Commissioner Fearheiley to approve the bid for Empire Street in the amount of \$135,019.35 from Kieffer Brothers Construction Company of Mt. Carmel. All present vote aye. Mayor Woodcock absent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shoaff and seconded by Commissioner Fearheiley to approve the motion that the City of Mt. Carmel approve the Mt. Carmel Public Utility releasing its easement "utility" lying between lots 8 & 9 Block A of Oak Park subdivision of Mt. Carmel, IL. All present vote aye. Mayor Woodcock absent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fearheiley and seconded by Commissioner Shoaff to approve the subdivision application 02-SDA-01. All present vote aye. Mayor Woodcock absent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shoaff and seconded by Commissioner Pfeister to approve Ordinance No. 733. All present vote aye. Mayor Woodcock absent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fearheiley and seconded by Commissioner Pfeister to approve the Release of Grant Easement. All present vote aye. Mayor Woodcock absent.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Fearheiley and seconded by Commissioner Pfeister to approve the minutes from the last City Council meeting dated February 4, 2002. All present vote aye. Mayor Woodcock absent.

Meeting was adjourned.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk