

## MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2001

Invocation was given by Rev. Dan Masters.

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

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

Absent: Steve Partee, Don Price, Ken Wood, Bruce Bottom and Louise Taylor.

### MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Woodcock introduced Council visitors as being Wabash Valley College professors Mr. Wayne Morris and Mr. Dave Wilderman and Mt. Carmel Attorney Mike Witters. At this time, Mayor Woodcock called upon City Attorney Tom Price to take over and introduce any other parties. Mr. Price stated that this discussion was being held for informational purposes between the City of Mt. Carmel and Mr. Joey S. Gans, II representing Gans Multimedia, LLC concerning the proposed franchise agreement for cable television service for the City. Janie Birdman, Regional Manager for Falcon Cable introduced herself and Joe Gans, President and CEO of Gans, Larry Shewak, Vice President of Engineering and Terry Herin who is Executive Vice President. Mr. Gans stated that Gans Multimedia has been in business since 1951 and he looks forward to providing the best possible cable television service to Mt. Carmel. Mayor Woodcock asked that any questions be addressed to the representatives from Gans Multimedia, LLC and Falcon Cable at this time.

Mr. Wayne Morris inquired about 500 K high speed internet access and advised the council to set time limitations of 24 months upon set up for the high speed internet access which would run concurrent with the time expectations for the plant rebuild. Mr. Morris also expressed concerns over expansion within the city.

Mr. Dave Wilderman main concern was the time it would involve switching over to a new system and providing the best possible service.

Mr. Mike Witters expressed the same concerns as Mr. Morris and Mr. Wilderman along with questions relating to any additional problems for homeowners hooking up to the improved service.

Commissioner Pfeister inquired into the digital service which would offer better reception that would be available and if any additional equipment hook-up inside your home would be necessary. Commissioner Pfeister also inquired if our two local channels would benefit from this service.

Commissioner Fearheiley inquired to channel availability. Mr. Gans stated that he could send product availability and pricing as soon as possible.

Mayor Woodcock expressed concerns over pricing. Mr. Gans stated he would do everything possible to ensure that Mt. Carmel got the best service available for the price and in addition to this, there would be no rate increase for 24 months.

Mr. Witters stated that the schedule of improvements would need to be agreed upon by all parties.

At this time, Mayor Woodcock presented Gans Multimedia, LLC with a copy of the proposed City of Mt. Carmel franchise agreement.

Mayor Woodcock called upon Commissioner Emmons for the financial report at this time.

## COMMISSIONER REPORTS

### COMMISSIONER JACK EMMONS - FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

Commissioner Emmons gave the following report.

Commissioner Emmons gave a written report on the General Fund:

Cash Investment balance as of 12/26/00	\$	122,025.00
Receipts:		65,344.00
Expenses:		103,988.00
Cash Investment Balance:		83,381.00
Garbage Fund Account beginning Balance:	\$	7,073.00
Receipts:		11,926.00
Expenses:		6,847.00
Balance:		12,151.00
Water Fund Account beginning Balance:	\$	25,228.00
Receipts:		31,572.00
Expenses:		30,686.00
Balance:		26,113.00
Unpaid:		18,223.00
Sewer Fund Account:	\$	12,121.00
Receipts:		19,430.00
Expenses:		4,845.00
Balance:		26,706.00
Unpaid:		1,823.00
Golf Course Fund:	\$	(114,842.00)
Receipts:		122.00
Expenses:		8,491.00
Balance:		(123,212.00)

### 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 that there were no fatalities to report for the year 2000. There were a total of 131 fire runs for the year 2000 with 13 of those being structure fires and 9 of them being mutual aid runs to out of town deparmtents. The Mt. Carmel Fire Department held a total of 44 meetings, two live burns and several training sessions. Fire Department personnel were pleased to announce that the lights on the wreath stayed blue throughout the holiday season which means there were no holiday related fires. Commissioner Shoaff took a moment to express his gratitude to the garbage crew for their excellent service throughout the year and espicially during the holiday season.

## COMMISSIONER FEARHEILEY - WATER AND SEWER

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

### ADDITIONAL REPORTS

Administrative Assistant Merle Weems stated that City Inspector Don Price has submitted, for Council review, the annual report covering all building permit activity. ( See attached report. ) Secondly, Mr. Weems stated that all has been settled with EMC smoothly. Lastly Mr. Weems stated that he will be attending a meeting on January 17, 2001 with Economic Development Manager Bill Maples, City Engineer Dave Dallas and Illinois Department of Transportation representatives Tim Hammond and Jerry Cunningham. The pre-meeting will be concerning the bike patch project along Oak Street from College Drive to Ninth Street.

Chief of Police Jim Seaton stated that all is running smoothly with the Police Department. The 911 group will be traveling to Springfield for a 2:00 p.m. hearing before the ICC tomorrow. This is one of the last large hurdles for 911. As a result of the hearing before ICC, notification of the "soft-cut date", which is the date the system will be turned on, should be received in the near future. The activation date for 911 is in the very near future.

Water Superintendent Mark Weirich stated the water line in front of the Mt. Carmel High School has been completed. Four notable water line breaks occurred during the low temperatures but all were dealt with smoothly.

Wastewater Plant Superintendent Rob Windes gave the following report. ( See attached copy. )

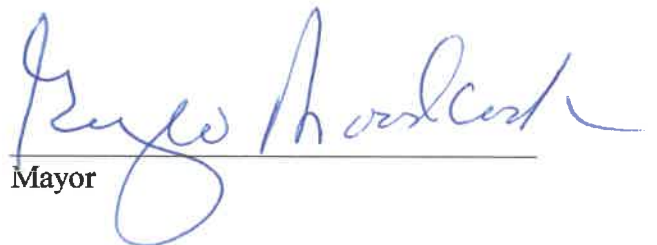
Economic Development Bill Maples stated that the City should be receiving the largest draw-down today or tomorrow to cover expenses related to the building of the new water tower. Super 8 is moving forward and all is functioning as planned.

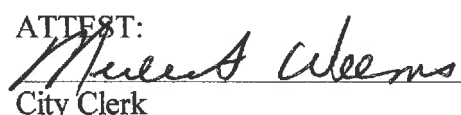
### BUSINESS MOTIONS

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Shoaff and seconded by Commissioner Pfeister to approve the minutes from the last City Council meeting dated December 26, 2000.  
All present vote Aye. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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City Clerk

called  
1-5-01  
9:40am

5. Visitors to Address Council.
6. A representative from Gans Multimedia, LLC will appear before Council to discuss the City of Mt. Carmel Cable Television Franchise Agreement.
7. Motion to pay all bills bearing the proper signatures.
8. Motion to accept the Minutes from the last Meeting of the City Council.
9. Adjourned.

## ***Mt. Carmel Wastewater Treatment Facility Update***

January 8, 2001

This is the first report since the City of Mt. Carmel resumed operation of the treatment facility.

### **Facility Performance**

The Wastewater Treatment Facility performance has been good with TSS and BOD removal efficiencies of 85-95%. Before the recent warmer weather the aerobic digester aerators could not be operated due to the water in the digester freezing around the aerators. Recently, the warmer weather has helped improve our process and allowed us to operate the facility in a more normal fashion. As was true two weeks ago, the colder weather has caused more frequent use of the heat exchanger at the anaerobic digester. A corresponding increase in gas use and cost has been seen and can be expected as long as the weather remains this cold.

Samples of our 4<sup>th</sup> quarter biosolids are being sent off for analysis. This is required each quarter of the year and is necessary for later land application.

### **Facility/ Lift Station Maintenance**

Regular Maintenance duties were performed over the last two weeks. Including grounds maintenance (shoveling snow, picking up trash), lift station inspections, greasing of motors and bearings, painting, grit removal, etc. In addition the following repair work was completed:

- Due to the cold weather several pieces of equipment had frozen and could not be operated. During the warm weather we have had this and last week, we have worked to get all aerators, scum boxes, back in operating condition.
- Due to cold weather and some faulty heat tape, the Waste line froze and a gear in the valve broke. We have repaired the gear so that the valve works properly and have put new heat tape on the line and insulated it.
- The greaser motor for the screw lift pumps has returned from being repaired (under warranty) and has been put back into service.
- This week we will be installing a high level alarm on the primary effluent pit. This will notify operators of high-level conditions due to a power outage or due to rain inflow and infiltration. (Other than a new sensaphone this equipment was purchased by EMC)

### **Personnel/Safety**

The transition to employment for the City has gone smoothly. Mary Duckett began working at the facility on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January. She will be performing laboratory testing, as well as taking readings, and assisting with our safety program. Last week she spent at the Wastewater treatment Facility becoming familiar with the facility and her laboratory duties. This week she started at the Water plant and is being trained by Mark Weirich. After this week she will spend approximately half a day first at the Wastewater treatment facility then at the Water plant.

Rob Windes

**Wastewater Plant Superintendent**

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Building Permit Activity  
Annual Report  
January 1st thru December 31st, 2000

Total Permits Issued	75
Total Estimated Construction Costs	\$2,369,345
Total Amount in Fees	\$12,277

<u>New Construction</u>	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Est. Const. Costs</u>	
Dwellings	13	\$1,567,000	
Multi-Family			
Commercial Bldg.s	1	\$ 40,000	
Educational Bldgs.	1	\$ 87,952	
Garages/Carports	15	\$ 136,385	
			<u>\$1,870.137</u>

Additions/Alterations

Residential	15	\$ 146,458	
Commercial	7	\$ 352,750	
			<u>\$ 499,208</u>

All Other Permits

Water/Sewer	7
Demolitions	12



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Monday, January 08, 2001

To: Commissioner Fearheiley  
Mt. Carmel City Council

RE: City Council Report

The following activities took place in our departments in the last two weeks:

**Waste Water Collection**

The wastewater Treatment personnel are planning an extensive investigation into Inflow and infiltration using the new camera truck. Plant personnel will undergo training in the use of the camera truck in the near future and will start video taping shortly thereafter.

Mary Duckett has started her training at the Mt. Carmel Water Treatment Facility as part of the new cross training program with the Water and Wastewater Treatment facilities. She will complete a weeklong training program with the Water Department and will start a regular 4-hour shift at the plant next week.

**Water Distribution**

The Water Maintenance Crew has successfully completed a water main relocation project at the high school. A large diameter water main has been lowered and all new services have been ran as part of the new construction project. Coincidentally, during the recent cold weather, a leak had developed on this water main and had to be repaired as well.

The Maintenance crew is currently repairing the street on West Ninth after a water main break over the Christmas holidays.

**Water Treatment**

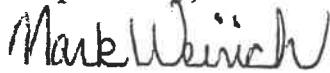
The Water Tower project is moving along on schedule. The "mid sections" of the tower have been fabricated and placed. They are currently welding them into place.

Roofing materials for the new booster station have arrived and will be installed in the near future. Construction on the booster station is nearly complete. EFI is currently working on the new programming for the pump operation.

New starter relays for the air compressors were installed at the wells recently. This will allow for dependable operation of our air compressors at each well.

The 2000 year end production report will be available at the next regular meeting.

Respectfully,



Mark Weirich



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**Report #149 January 8, 2001**  
**City of Mt. Carmel, IL**  
**Jim Pfeister, Commissioner**  
**Streets, Parks, Cemeteries, & Levees**

Our street department personnel are continuing to remove the snow and ice from our city streets. The daytime temperatures above freezing in recent days has helped defrost many streets. Many of the regular activities of the street department have been curtailed due to the cold weather. The brush crew is running on schedule. They are picking up discarded Christmas trees as quickly as they find them. The compost collection site on Golden Aces Way is open on it regular winter schedule.

As soon as we get some warmer temperatures, our personnel will start taking down the holiday decorations on Market Street and at City Hall.

The big job these last two weeks has been the cleaning and painting of the inside walls of the street department shop. Our men have also sanded, primed, and painted our 1988 3/4 ton utility pickup truck (formerly brown now white) and our 430 John Deere mower in original colors.

Here are some other department activities these last two weeks: replacing the bearings of the conveyer roller system on our Elgin street sweeper, installing the winter doors at the City Pool, and lastly opening and closing one grave at Rose Hill Cemetery.

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BUILDING PERMIT HISTORY										
	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990
Total Permits	70	83	82	63	55	71	74	66	60	71
Est. Const. Cost	\$10,523,524	\$2,433,738	\$2,319,606	\$3,196,127	\$1,514,525	\$1,256,344	\$1,688,188	\$ 693,188	\$ 733,96	\$2,337,070
Dwellings:										
Single Family	6	12	15	7	9	8	5	3	4	7
Multiple Family	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Addns/Alter.s	16 <sup>c</sup>	30	23	12	16	28	22	23	16	25
Garages/Carports	19	18	17	24	10	22	21	21	14	15
Commercial Bldg.s	7	2	1	7	2	1	1	3	3	4 <sup>a</sup>
Church/Educational	1 <sup>b</sup>	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Utility Bldg.s	5	10	11	4	8	6	6	5	7	11
Demolitions (dwellings)	7-(7)	11-(9)	14-(13)	9-(7)	7-(4)	6-(2)	5-(4)	8-(7)	13-(8)	4-(2)

<sup>a</sup> New Fire Station under construction.  
<sup>b</sup> New Middle School under construction  
<sup>c</sup> Hospital Renovations