

MEETING MINUTES  
February 5, 2001

Invocation was given by Rev. Gary Underwood.

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, Fire Chief Steve Partee, Water Superintendent Mark Weirich and Waste Water Treatment Manager Rob Windes.

Absent: Dave Dallas, Don Price, Ken Wood, Bruce Bottom and Louise Taylor.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Woodcock stated that Wabash Valley College has been ranked third in our nation and is celebrating their 40th Anniversary this year. Mayor Woodcock invited all of Mt. Carmel to attend the basketball game to be held this Saturday.

Mayor Woodcock invited Mt. Carmel residents to drive through the streets of Mt. Carmel to view all the improvements and new additions in progress.

Mayor Woodcock stated that he had received a request from the Dee White Baseball Park for a donation of \$500.00 from the City of Mt. Carmel in order to install a 3' x 4' plaque in honor of Don Liddle. A motion was made and approved.

Mayor Woodcock stated the Chief of Police Jim Seaton has read and approved Ordinance Number 750 which is necessary and desirable to amend the City Curfew Ordinance. The first reading took place at the last City Council Meeting. A motion was made and approved.

Mayor Woodcock called upon City Attorney Tom Price to elaborate upon Ordinance Number 751 which is an ordinance in connection with rights and responsibilities related to locally imposed and administered taxes of the City of Mt. Carmel, Illinois. Mr. Price stated that this Ordinance is mandated by State Legislature and is called the taxpayers bill of rights. All cities are required to pass this policy. A motion was made and approved.

Mayor Woodcock called upon Chief of Police Jim Seaton to introduce the newest Police Officer for the City of Mt. Carmel. Chief Seaton introduced Jared Price and his wife Leana from Campbell, MO. Jared has been an officer for about four years and will be a welcome addition to the Police Department.

Mayor Woodcock called upon Commissioner Pfeister to elaborate upon Resolution Number 473 which would authorize submission of an application, by the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commissioner, to the U.S. Economic Development Administration for a Basic Planning Grant and the commitment of local matching funds. Commissioner Pfeister gave a brief report and the Resolution was approved.

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

## COMMISSIONER REPORTS

### COMMISSIONER JACK EMMONS - FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

Commissioner Emmons took a moment to thank Tom Kieffer for his volunteer carpentry work on the Senior Citizens Building.

Commissioner Emmons gave the following report.

Commissioner Emmons gave a written report on the General Fund:

Cash Investment balance as of 01/22/01	\$	44,761.00
Receipts:		161,284.00
Expenses:		105,627.00
Cash Investment Balance:		100,418.00

Garbage Fund Account beginning Balance:	\$	4,156.00
Receipts:		7,752.00
Expenses:		3,955.00
Balance:		7,953.00

Water Fund Account beginning Balance:	\$	21,625.00
Receipts:		33,549.00
Expenses:		26,455.00
Balance:		28,719.00
Unpaid:		9,951.00

Sewer Fund Account:	\$	28,331.00
Receipts:		17,518.00
Expenses:		14,143.00
Balance:		31,705.00
Unpaid:		4,731.00

Golf Course Fund:	\$	(126,604.00)
Receipts:		0.00
Expenses:		5,978.00
Balance:		(132,583.00)

### 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 there has been five fire runs since the last City Council meeting. Commissioner Shoaff stated that preparations for the mosquito season have begun.

### COMMISSIONER FEARHEILEY - WATER AND SEWER

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

## ADDITIONAL REPORTS

Chief of Police Jim Seaton stated the Office Kelly Johnson would be leaving the Police Force for a position with the Illinois Department of Corrections effective February 16, 2001. Also, dispatcher Keri Keener has accepted a position as a telecommunicator with the Illinois State Police and will be resigning February 13, 2001. Chief Seaton also stated that all is moving along very well with the 911 implementation.

Water Superintendent Mark Weirich gave a brief report on updating the filters and the Water Plant.

City Administrator Merle Weems stated that Glen Decker has offered the City of Mt. Carmel the concrete dividers from in front of Mt. Carmel High School. Street Department personnel will remove them upon request by the High School.

Economic Development Manager Bill Maples stated that four additional bullet-proof vests are being ordered for the Mt. Carmel Police Department.

## BUSINESS MOTIONS

A motion was made by Commissioner Pfeister and seconded by Commissioner Fearheiley to approve a \$500.00 donation to Dee White Baseball Park for a plaque in honor of Don Liddle.

All present vote Aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shoaff and seconded by Commissioner Emmons to approve Ordinance Number 750.

All present vote Aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pfeister and seconded by Commissioner Emmons to approve Ordinance Number 751.

All present vote Aye. Motion carried.

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

All present vote Aye. Motion carried.

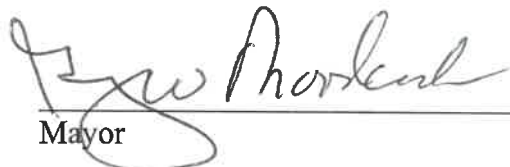
A motion was made by Commissioner Emmons and seconded by Commissioner Pfeister to approve the minutes from the last City Council meeting dated January 22, 2001.

All present vote Aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pfeister and seconded by Commissioner Emmons to approve Resolution Number 471.

All present vote Aye. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned.

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

**CITY OF MT. CARMEL**  
**COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**  
**Monday, February 5, 2001**

1. Invocation - Rev. Gary Underwood of the First General Baptist Church.

2. Roll Call.

3. Mayor's Report.

4. Commissioner Reports:

Jack Emmons.....Finances & Senior Citizens  
James Pfeister.....Streets, Cemetery & Parks  
Dick Shoaff.....Fire, Health Safety, City Hall  
Garbage & Civil Defense  
John Fearheiley.....Water & Sewer

Other Reports:

Tom Price

Jim Seaton

Don Price

David Easter

Steve Partee

Mark Weirich

Dave Dallas

Bill Maples

Louise Taylor

Merle Weems

Rob Windes

Ken Wood

5. Visitors to Address Council.

6. Ordinance No. 750 - Ordinance to Amend the City Curfew Ordinance.

7. Ordinance No. 751 - Ordinance in connection with rights and responsibilities related to locally imposed and administered taxes.

8. Resolution No. 471 - Authorizing submission of an application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration for a Basic Planning Grant and the commitment of local matching funds.

9. Motion to pay all bills bearing the proper signatures.

10. Motion to accept the Minutes from the last Meeting of the City Council.

11. Adjourned.

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Monday, February 05, 2001

Commissioner John Fearheiley  
Mt. Carmel City Council

### Water Department Report

#### Water Distribution

Bill Reed and his crew have been busy with locates for the new west Ninth Street upgrade. We have several water lines that will need relocated along with water services lines. Mt. Carmel Public Utility also has buried gas lines that will need relocated. These lines will have to be located, excavated and moved in order to allow the road construction to begin.

We have also been busy chasing down water leaks due to the ever-changing weather conditions. Whenever the temperature drops to below freezing, there could be water line breaks due to the expansion and contraction of the water mains.

#### Water Treatment

At the water treatment facility, we have had a minor problem with our 75 HSP pump. We received an alarm in reference to the high service pumps. Upon inspection, we found that the 75 horse power pump had shut down before completely filling the water towers. The pump and motor has received an inspection from Evansville Electric and no problems were found. We have contacted KCB Electric to investigate the starting relays to determine if any problems exist.

We have purchased maintenance kits for the CL-17 chlorine monitors. We have also received a corrected bill from EFI for the installation of starter controls for the water treatment facility. We questioned some charges on the bill regarding travel time and hourly rates.

We have purchased new first aid kits for each department and vehicles. Our old first aid kits were outdated and needed replacing.

We have purchased a high pressure rotating brush for cleaning the filter walls and equipment this spring. We are planning a major filter cleaning this spring using phosphoric acid and cleaners. This will allow our filters to remain in tact and can be placed into service in as little as two days. In comparison, to completely remove the old media and replace with new would require a total of 3 days per filter, with a total down time of 5 days per filter.

We have ordered new lab supplies for our daily testing requirements. All other operations continue normally.

#### Waste Water Collection

Rob Windes and his crew at the wastewater Treatment Facility are anticipating training with the camera truck for our collection system. We have an inflow and infiltration problem that needs addressed. During a normal rainfall event, the incoming flows to the wastewater treatment facility can more than triple what the normal flows should be. We are looking forward to spending some time investigating this problem and making corrections as need be.

This concludes this biweekly report.

Respectfully,



Mark Weirich, Sup't.

Mt. Carmel Water Dept.



— Superintendent Rob Hinder —

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

February 2, 2001

This report covers the last two weeks of operation.

### **Facility Performance**

The Wastewater Treatment Facility performance has been excellent with TSS (Total Suspended Solids) and BOD (Biological Oxygen Demand) removal efficiencies within acceptable ranges. Treatment has been good other than during and soon after the recent rains where inflow and infiltration upset the facility. Due to precautions we took, solids loss was kept to a minimum although the rain caused our system to be somewhat upset. The system is now beginning to clear and return to normal operations.

We have been pressing sludge this week. The press continues to perform well.

*Dwight Hill of the Illinois EPA visited our facility on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January for an inspection. The tour went well and Dwight seemed please with the facility. His main concern was that the plant not be allowed to decline now that EMC is not here. I assured him that we were committed to keeping the facility in good condition. Dwight will be sending a report to the City of Mt. Carmel of his findings. He will make suggestions, which will include repair of the storm bypass, screw pump rehabilitation, all things we are already working on.*

### **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:

- The backstop bearing for the #4 Screw pump has been replaced. A second backstop bearing for #2 screw pump is being installed today. When this is accomplished all of the original backstop bearings for the Screw pumps have been replaced.
- A greaser motor and gear drive has been purchased and is being installed in the #1 Screw pump position.
- An alarm system for high level flow will be installed next Monday. This equipment has been purchase previously and only needs installed.
- Routine check of the Chlorine alarm has been completed.
- The packing has been replaced in the Carter #2 pump. The POC basement was also thoroughly cleaned at this time.
- We continue to paint inside the facility on days when weather is bad.

### **Personnel/Safety**

Mike Goebbel of M&S Fire and Safety was at the facility on 24<sup>th</sup> of January. He demonstrated new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus that I am considering purchasing for the facility. Our current SCBA's are 20 years old and are in need of some repair. Repair estimates exceed the cost of purchasing new, so we will buy new, but I am still waiting on the final quote. This was also considered as SCBA training for our employees.

Training was held Wednesday of this week on the proper technique for washing BOD bottles in the laboratory. Mary Duckett gave training to all employees.

Rob Windes  
**Wastewater Plant Superintendent**



**Report #151 February 5, 2001**  
**City of Mt. Carmel, IL**  
**Jim Pfeister, Commissioner**  
**Streets, Parks, Cemeteries, & Levees**

Our street department personnel are continuing to do as many of the regular activities as the cold weather has permitted. The cold weather has given us the time to complete the painting of the inside walls of the street department shop and many smaller inside jobs.

The brush crew is running on schedule. The yard waste collection site on Golden Aces Way is open on its regular winter schedule. When the attendant is on duty, residents can bring any yard waste free of charge bagged or loose.

The big job for this last week was sanding, priming, and painting a water department pickup truck. Our personnel also replaced a fender, tailgate, and door on this same truck. This was the second water department truck our men have painted this winter.

Here are some other department activities these last two weeks: cutting six trees, repairing tables for the parks, reconditioning our mowers for the parks, cleaning storm sewer intakes, running the street sweeper, repairing street signs, repairing an alley on East 9th St. with rotomill, hauling off snow piles from uptown, fixing the flag at City Hall, getting four trucks ready to go through the safety lane and then taking them to be inspected for a safety sticker, performing regular maintenance work on our equipment, cleaning the boat ramps, spreading rock at the end of West 6th St., cleaning up the yard waste collection site, and lastly, opening and closing one grave at Rose Hill Cemetery.