

MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 14, 2008

Invocation was given by Pastor Jackie Summers

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Tom Meeks, Commissioners - Jack Emmons, Norman Brunson,
C. Michael Witters, and William C. Hudson

Also Present: City Clerk Merle Weems, City Attorney Tom Price, City Inspector Don Price, Economic
Development Director Brandi Stennett

Absent:

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Tom Meeks brought the city council meeting to order. Mayor Meeks commented on the Hope Pregnancy Center and their services they have for the community. Mayor Meeks also signed a proclamation stating that January 22nd has been proclaimed National Human Life Day.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

Concerned citizens attended the council meeting in regards to a structure parked on a lot in their neighborhood. City officials indicated there had been some confusion on the lot owner's part, a mobile home had previously been placed there, by special use permit, but it had been removed and the permit expired and placement of the second mobile home on the lot was not covered by the permit. Administrative Assistant Merle Weems and City Inspector Don Price assured the residents that the trailer would be moved from that area soon.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hudson and seconded by Commissioner Brunson to approve the Zoning Board of Appeals Application # 07-SU-04, a special use permit to convert one apartment into a beauty salon, petitioner Jarrod D. Banks, West 50' of Lots 14, 15, & 16 of Block 212, commonly known as 231 West 12th Street. All present voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Emmons and seconded by Mayor Meeks to approve the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals to issue Richard Smith, 420 E 9th Street a building permit. All present voted Aye.

Motion was made by Mayor Meeks and seconded by Commissioner Witters for Allan Kidd to become Fire Chief and Frances Speth to become Assistant Fire Chief. All present voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Emmons and seconded by Commissioner Witters for final approval of Ordinance No. 907 Bond Issue. The closing is at First National Bank of Allendale on January 24th. All present voted Aye.

Mayor Meeks commented that \$260.00 was contributed to the Charlie Boss Memorial Fund for the City Park Playground.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brunson and seconded by Commissioner Witters for approval of contract with local fire fighters and fire fighters AFL-CIO, CLC Union #4301. All present voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Emmons and seconded by Mayor Meeks to approve \$35,000 loan to B & G Machine Shop, Brady Cox and Greg Odom to be used to purchase equipment for their machine shop. All present voted Aye.

Commissioner Brunson brought up the issue of the city drive through recently being blocked for several minutes. Mayor Meeks stated that the council would think about the recurring parking problem and the best solution for the city residents.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER JACK EMMONS – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS 12/26/07 – 01/14/08

Cash Investment Balance as of 01/14/08:	749,560.62
Receipts:	80,378.04
Expenditures:	178,866.27
Cash Investment Balance 12/26/07:	848,048.85

COMMISSIONER MIKE WITTERS – STREETS, CEMETERIES, AND PARKS

Commissioner Witters reported that this spring the Street Department will have about 100 tree stumps in the right of way to grind.

COMMISSIONER NORMAN BRUNSON – FIRE, HEALTH & SAFETY, GARBAGE, CITY HALL, AND CIVIL DEFENSE

Commissioner Brunson reported that the Mt. Carmel Fire Department Year End Report, responded to 251 runs with very few injuries. First year fireman, Josh Howard was named fireman of the year for being at 237 of the 251 runs. There was 18 mutual aid runs. Commissioner Brunson also reported that in the last two weeks the Mt. Carmel Fire Department responded to 13 runs.

COMMISSIONER BILL HUDSON – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Hudson reported that the reservoir valve motor control has been removed for repair, which will take a few weeks. Plant personnel are monitoring and operating the levee pumps as necessary due to the high river levels. Commissioner Hudson stated that the swimming pool filter pump has been inspected for repair. The repair cost is \$5,127 plus installation and alignment. The cost of a new pump is \$7,013. Commissioner Hudson reported that the standpipe on Well #3 froze last week, due to the cold weather. A drain back line had debris which was keeping the standpipe from draining back into the well. This line was cleaned and will continue to monitor the pump to ensure it is draining back as designed.

City Attorney Tom Price

No report given

Administrative Assistant Merle Weems

Administrative Assistant Merle Weems stated that the final Ordinance No. 907 Bond Issue for \$150,000 is in and needs to be passed. Administrative Assistant Weems also stated that approval was needed for contract with local fire fighters union #4301.

City Inspector Don Price

City Inspector Don Price brought before the city council two applications for special use permits; one permit to convert an apartment into a beauty salon, petitioner, Jarrod Banks, 231 W. 12th Street, and the second a building permit, petitioner, Richard Smith, 420 E. 9th Street.

City Economic Development Director Brandi Stennett

Mrs. Stennett reported that the Revolving Loan Fund committee approved the \$35,000 loan amount for B & G Machine Shop, Brady Cox and Greg Odom to be used to purchase equipment for their machine shop. The RLF loan would be made for a term of 7 years @ 4% interest. Mrs. Stennett stated that the company plans to combine the City's loan with another one to purchase equipment.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

A motion was made by Commissioner Witters and seconded by Commissioner Hudson to pay the bills. All present voted Aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Witters and seconded by Commissioner Hudson to accept the Minutes from the last regular meeting of the City Council December 26, 2007. All present voted Aye.

Meeting was adjourned.

Mayor
ATTEST:

City Clerk