

MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 9, 2009

Invocation was given by Commissioner Norman Brunson

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

Also Present: City Clerk Rudy Witsman, City Attorney Tom Price, City Inspector Mike Gidcumb and
Community Development Director Courtney Cooper

Absent: None

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Tom Meeks brought the city council meeting to order. Mayor Meeks gave a big "Thank you" to the Wabash Valley College Student Nurses Association for the volunteer clean-up work at the city park and at the ball parks.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

Fire Chief Alan Kidd on behalf of the Mt. Carmel Fire Department presented Charles Kingsbury with a plaque for the act of heroism he performed the night of January 29, 2009, when he pulled Tim Hutton, whose air pack had emptied, out of a burning building, C & C Kids Stop in Mt. Carmel.

A motion was made by Commissioner Emmons and seconded by Commissioner Witters to seek bids for demolition of 528 and 530 Market Street (Walter's Building). All present voted Aye.

A motion was made by Mayor Meeks and seconded by Commissioner Brunson to approve Resolution No. 559 – a resolution designating \$300,000 for the financing of Empire Street. All present voted Aye.

A motion was made by Mayor Meeks and seconded by Commissioner Hudson to approve Ordinance No. 931 – an ordinance designating certain zoning districts, changing from R-2 to R-4 zoning for Wabash Valley College Foundation. 4 voted Aye and 1 abstained (C. Michael Witters).

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER JACK EMMONS – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS 02/23/09 – 03/09/09

Cash Investment Balance as of 03/09/09:	\$258,852.61
Receipts:	50,024.00
Expenditures:	94,729.49
Cash Investment Balance 02/23/09:	303,558.10
Recreation Fund:	26,910.54
Receipts:	0.00
Expenditures:	271.98
Balance:	26,638.56
Accounts Payable:	
Garbage Fund Account Beginning Balance:	167,895.11
Receipts:	24,356.43
Expenditures:	1,833.75
Balance:	190,417.79
Accounts Payable:	27,767.22
Airport Fund:	(47,032.81)
Receipts:	5,454.87
Expenditures:	1,866.36
Balance:	(43,444.30)
Accounts Receivable:	1,685.44
Accounts Payable:	1,914.76
Water Fund Account Beginning Balance:	(44,518.04)
Receipts:	53,742.65
Expenditures:	30,084.81
Balance:	(20,860.20)
Accounts Payable:	17,664.95

Sewer Fund Account:	(15,433.50)
Receipts:	32,746.01
Expenditures:	18,022.22
Balance:	(709.71)
Accounts Payable:	13,330.43

Golf Course Fund:	(369,533.83)
Receipts:	14,997.00
Expenditures:	7,878.90
Balance:	(362,415.73)
Accounts Payable:	5,729.60

COMMISSIONER MIKE WITTERS – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Witters reported that the Street Department will be pouring more sidewalks this summer. City residents who wish to have a sidewalk poured and also agree to pay for the concrete can be put on a list for this summer's project. Commissioner Witters told city council that as regards to the "Kaid Litigation" IMRF has asked for oral argument by the Attorney's for the City of Mt. Carmel and the County of Wabash on May 28, 2009 at Oakbrook, Illinois.

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

Commissioner Brunson informed city council that the City wide clean up week will be April 20th thru April 24th. Commissioner Brunson reported that the Mt. Carmel Fire Department responded to 7 runs in the past two weeks.

COMMISSIONER BILL HUDSON – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Hudson reported that the water quality from the plant continues to be excellent and the Sewer plant is operating well and producing good effluent.

Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman

City Clerk Rudy Witsman brought before city councilmen on whether or not to seek bids for demolition of the Walter's building. There has been some interest in the property once the building is demolished. City Clerk Rudy Witsman also informed city council that the State requires a Resolution on their paperwork, as Resolution No. 559 – a designation of \$300,000 for the financing of Empire Street.

City Attorney Tom Price

No report given

City Inspector Mike Gidcumb

City Inspector Mike Gidcumb told city council that Bernie Wyatt has reported to him twice and is getting a dumpster this week and is disposing of contaminated materials and he is also filling out a demolition permit for the property (old Berry School). City Inspector Mike Gidcumb brought before city council Ordinance No. 932 – an ordinance regulating recreational vehicles and after discussion with city councilmen the ordinance will be modified for next city council meeting.

Community Development Director Courtney Cooper

Ms. Cooper told city council that the City received notification from the Illinois Department of Transportation that the application had been selected from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for Mt. Carmel to receive federal stimulus funds in the amount of \$241,438.00 to help pay for re-paving of Market Street and Third Street. The City has received confirmation about the other projects including Empire Street, a new water tower and improvements to Fifth Street as they are still in the running for the ARRA fund. Ms. Cooper also told city council that the last grant she submitted was through the Justice Assistant Grant Program for a purchase of a police a car and should receive conformation in about six weeks on the funding for that.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Emmons and seconded by Commissioner Brunson to accept the Minutes from the last regular meeting of the City Council February 23, 2009. All present voted Aye.

Meeting was adjourned.

Mayor
ATTEST:

City Clerk

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