

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Invocation was given by Commission Brunson.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Bill Hudson Commissioners – Joe Judge, Norman Brunson,
Dick Shoaff, Rod Rodriguez

Also Present: City Clerk Rudy Witsman and City Attorney Tom Price

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Bill Hudson brought the city council meeting to order. Mayor Hudson thanked everyone that has cleaned their properties thus far.

Mayor Hudson stated that the next phase of beautification will be Market Street. The City will be revamping the uptown theater lot with a 24 x 12 stage, another smaller stage will be built also, this will be used for recitals, plays, musicals, etc.

Mayor Hudson stated that another program is being headed up by Mr. Josh Farley that will be coordinating a list of properties of homes that need painting and repairs. Mr. Farley and Mr. Gibcumb, City Inspector will be working on this project.

Mayor Hudson stated that a Reception will be held on June 3, 2011 from 1-4 p.m. at the Daily Republican Register for Bob Livingston which has been employed at the DRR for 29 years.

Mayor Hudson stated also that the Relay for Life will be held on June 3 starting at 7 p.m. and lasting till 7 am at the High School stadium.

Mayor Hudson stated that the City Pool will open on June 1, 1-4 p.m. with a free swim. The fees this year will be \$2.00 per visit, \$20.00 punch card for 14 visits, \$50.00 for a single pass and \$150.00 for a family pass.

Mayor Hudson stated that the July 4th Fireworks contributions letters have been sent, and donations are already being received. The cost of the Fireworks Display is \$11,500.00 The rain date of July 5 was set.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

John White, chairman of the Golf Course Advisory Committee reported that their goal is to have the Golf Course self-sufficient. A wet and cold spring plus the weak local economy has held the number of golfers down, so several new programs are being offered. A Twilight Course League will be offered starting at 5:30 p.m. till dark for \$12.00 and they can use a golf cart, also reducing the youth prices is another incentive they are offering. A Youth Program ages 6 to 17 will be taught by John White and Karen Kelsey, last year approximately 80 youth attended and are looking for more youth this season. John White will also be teaching an immediate golf class. Mr. White encouraged our public to use this beautiful facility the City offers.

Mr. Ken Wood Manager of the Mt. Carmel Airport reported that Saturday, June 4 from 7:30 a.m. on will be the Mt. Carmel Airport Appreciation Day. The day will start with a breakfast, and several aircraft will be on display, also plane rides will be available. Mr. Wood also reported that this fall they will be working on a federally approved grant worth \$300,000 that will cost the City 2.5 % approx. \$7,500.00 in improvements

Camelia Kessel and Ron Howard from Republic Trash approached the Commissioners with the proposal of automation trash collection. This would be a 96 gallon trash cart on wheels at each residence that the trash truck would be able to pick up with their truck automatically. This approach keeps the drivers in the trucks, thus saving time and helping on safety issues for the drivers. The City will be receiving bids in July for Trash Service.

Collette Griggs representing the Wabash Ribberfest stated they would like to hold this event on September 9 and 10th. Ms. Griggs commended Dave Easter and his crew for this help last year and asked for their help again this year. The streets between 3rd and 5th will be closed and 4th Street to the alley closed for crafters. There will be a quilt show, motorcycle show and local wineries

Present. This event has been well attended will usually 25 or so participating vendors

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER DICK SHOAFF – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

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| Cash Investment Balance as of 05/17/11 | \$636,683.09 |
| Receipts: | \$116,504.79 |
| Expenditures: | \$107,355.39 |
| Cash Investment Balance 05/31/11: | \$645,832.49 |
| Recreation Fund: | 9,602.69 |
| Receipts: | 25,000.00 |
| Expenditures | \$ 17,294.04 |
| Balance | \$ 17,308.65 |
| Accounts Payable: | \$ 1,514.79 |
| Garbage Fund Account Beginning Balance: | \$179,818.57 |
| Receipts: | \$ 15,514.25 |
| Expenditures: | \$ 29,118.20 |
| Balance: | \$166,214.62 |
| Accounts Payable: | \$ 1,797.89 |
| Airport Fund: | \$(14,032.43) |
| Receipts: | \$ -0- |
| Expenditures: | \$ 2,784.79 |
| Balance: | \$(16,817.22) |
| Accounts Receivable: | |
| Accounts Payable: | \$ 39,256.00 |
| Water Fund Account Beginning Balance: | \$168,891.89 |
| Receipts: | -0- |
| Expenditures: | -0- |
| Balance: | \$183,286.66 |
| Accounts Payable: | \$ 4,670.49 |
| Sewer Fund Account: | \$ 45,083.04 |
| Receipts: | \$ 21,183.46 |
| Expenditures: | \$ 14,197.92 |
| Balance: | \$ 52,068.58 |
| Accounts Payable: | \$ 10,896.70 |
| Golf Course Fund: | \$(314,517.68) |
| Receipts: | \$ 30,571.88 |
| Expenditures: | \$ 21,654.49 |
| Balance: | \$(305,600.27) |
| Accounts Payable: | \$ 10,117.98 |

Commissioner Shoaff reported that he recommends purchasing a new police car for \$23,500.00 for a 2011 model.

COMMISSIONER JOE JUDGE – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Judge wanted again to thank everyone for all their help during recent storms, and reported the Dave Easter and his crews have worked very hard and are still cleaning up.

The Girl Scout Troop 8482 will finish painting the tank at the City Park, it looks very nice.

The pothole repairs are being made, if anyone has others please call City Hall.

COMMISSIONER ROD RODRIGUEZ – FIRE, HEALTH & SAFETY, GARBAGE, CITY HALL AND CIVIL DEFENSE

Commissioner Rodriguez stated that the Fire Department made 11 runs. Basic Fire Training continues that the state requires.

COMMISSIONER NORM BRUNSON – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Brunson reported that the Water Quality continues to be excellent. A Pump was replaced at the Cherry Street lift station. Commissioner Brunson asked Mr. Witsman to investigate if there were any stipulations, regarding the rent payments, in the minutes or motions regarding the approval of the placement of the Verizon cell tower on the golf course.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RUDY WITSMAN

Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman reported that the property at 319 Hinde that the Council had previously approved the purchase of had title problems and Mr. Witsman asked that the purchase be rescinded.

The Mt. Carmel Library will be having their annual 5K Walk/Run on June 11 at 8 a.m. They have asked that several intersections be blocked for approximately 1 hour. Chief Besing said this would be possible.

Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman stated that the 3 year agreement with Citco will expire on July 1, 2011; they have Broadcast Antennas on 4 various towers in town, 1 at the Police Department, 2 on the Water Towers and 1 on the Water Plant tower. They Pay \$500.00 a month for these locations. Bids will be solicited.

CITY ATTORNEY – TOM PRICE

No report.

CITY INSPECTOR – MIKE GIBCUMB

City Inspector, Mike Gircumb reported that 75 citation letters that were sent, most have been abated. Mr. Price will be setting court dates for a couple properties for junk and debris still remaining, and for 1 unsafe structure. One unsafe structure at 415 Hackberry was torn down on May 31, 2011. Four properties will be abated by Dave Easter and crew for high weeds and grass when time permits. 37 permits were issued during the last 1.5 months.

NEW BUSINESS:

BUSINESS MOTIONS

A motion was made by Commissioner Judge to rescind the purchase of the property located at 319 Hinde Street that was approved at the last regular meeting held on May 16, 2011. Commissioner Schoaff seconded. All present voted Aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schoaff and seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to purchase a new police car. All present voted Aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brunson and seconded by Commissioner Judge to accept Minutes from last regular meeting of the City Council for 5-16-2011. All present voted Aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schoaff and seconded by Commissioner Brunson to approve to pay all bills bearing the proper signatures. All present voted Aye.

Meeting was adjourned.

Mayor
ATTEST:

City Clerk