

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 9, 2012

Invocation was given Commissioner Norman Brunson.

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

Also Present: Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman, City Attorney Tom Price and City Inspector Mike Gidcumb.

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Bill Hudson brought the city council meeting to order.

Mayor Hudson wanted to compliment and congratulate Reverend Hazlett and Larry Letson for organizing and raising \$7,500.00 for the Salvation Army, and Mayor Hudson thanked all the volunteers that also rang the bell.

Mayor Hudson reported that by spring there will be a new look on Market Street and several projects are underway.

Mayor Hudson reported that the old CST building is getting closer to being cleaned up, and also thanked all the people who have been cleaning on their properties during this nice January weather.

Mayor Hudson reported that the Golf shed is coming along well, and that several golfers have been taking advantage of the nice weather.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER DICK SHOAFF – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

Cash Investment Balance as of 12/28/11	\$549,154.82
Receipts:	\$394,352.61
Expenditures:	\$311,358.80
Cash Investment Balance 01/09/12:	\$632,148.63
Recreation Fund:	\$ (8,246.46)
Receipts:	\$ -0-
Expenditures:	\$ 435.31
Balance:	\$ 7,811.15
Account Payable:	\$ 452.16
Garbage Fund Account Beginning Balance:	\$194,598.88
Receipts:	\$ 21,360.98
Expenditures:	\$ 24,926.24
Balance:	\$191,033.62
Accounts Payable:	\$ 22,769.86
Airport Fund:	\$ (26,076.33)
Receipts:	\$ 2,853.64
Expenditures:	\$ 1,968.68
Balance:	\$ (25,191.37)
Accounts Payable:	\$ 1,341.10
Water Fund Account Beginning Balance:	\$ 240,681.64
Receipts:	\$ 42,141.11
Expenditures:	\$ 51,467.78
Balance:	\$ 231,354.97
Accounts Payable:	\$ 9,815.31
Sewer Fund Account:	\$ 7,397.42
Receipts:	\$ 27,618.57

Expenditures:	\$ 27,113.26
Balance:	\$ 7,902.73
Accounts Payable:	\$ 6,844.28
Golf Course Fund:	\$(309,364.00)
Receipts:	\$ 4,880.28
Expenditures:	\$ 7,646.43
Balance:	(312,130.15)
Accounts Payable:	\$ 46,367.18

Commissioner Shoaff reported the Senior Citizens building can be rented in the evenings or weekends for activities such as birthday parties, etc. for \$75.00. Commissioner Shoaff also wanted to remind seniors that during bad weather they will deliver meals or will arrange transportation for them to the Center. These services are our way of showing appreciation to the seniors for the contributions they have made in their lives.

COMMISSIONER JOE JUDGE – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Judge reported that his department has been busy repairing potholes, taking down Christmas decorations, broadcasting sand , making a storm sewer repair on Chestnut Street, running the street sweeper and painting salt spreader boxes.

Commissioner Judge reported that more than 10 ago, Dallas Consulting engineered a large-scale improvement project that would upgrade 5th St, from 5th and Pear to 5th and Golden Aces Way. Officials found out the project which included storm sewer, water and sanitary sewer work, curbs and new pavement was simply too expensive to pursue at the time. Commissioner Judge reported that he, Dave Dallas of Dallas Consulting, City Administrator Rudy Witsman and Street Superintendent Dave Easter are working with the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission to apply for a CDPA Public Facilities Construction Grant to do the needed storm sewer install on East 5th Street. Because the entire project is so sizable (estimated cost of \$465,000-plus) the city is seeking money only for the storm sewer portion of the project this year. Commissioner Judge stated the effort, if successful, would be followed next year by reapplication for the sanitary sewer part. The storm sewer work is expected to cost \$405,388 and the sanitary sewer part is estimated at \$42,720.00. Once this is completed the city would be able to resurface the street, with ending results would be new curb storm drain system, water and sanitary sewer along the side of the road and a new asphalt surface. Officials expect to learn more in May about the City's chance of winning the funding. This particular grant requires meeting certain income levels to qualify. Commissioner Judge said city representatives will be conducting an income survey by going door to door to gather information within the area of the project.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez reported that the Fire Department had 6 runs in the last two weeks.

Commissioner Rodriguez reported that during 2011 the Fire Department had 257 runs and did 850 man hours of training, mostly volunteer. For 2010 and 2011 the Fire Department welcomed home 31 servicemen and ladies. The Fire Departments Smoke House was used at South School and St. Mary's this year for student education and helped with 348 fire drills at local schools. Commissioner Rodriguez stated that he is very proud of his department and all their hard work.

Fire Chief Alan Kidd reported that Frontier College is offering a new 2 year degree for Fire Science. Starting this semester 6 Firemen will be studying Fire Investigating and Fire Inspection. Chief Kidd is very excited about this new opportunity, and he also will be participating.

COMMISSIONER NORMAN BRUNSON – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Brunson reported both his departments are running smoothly. Commissioner Brunson reported that several residents have contacted him about mail they have received about water line insurance. This is not required by the City of Mt. Carmel, and Commissioner Brunson stressed that the City has no affiliation with this mailing.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RUDY WITSMAN

No Report.

CITY ATTORNEY – TOM PRICE

City Attorney Price reported that John Evans, owner of B & D Independence, has purchased the building from Bill Mabry. City Attorney Price explained that it was necessary to vote to reassign to the building’s new owner the various TIF district benefits B & D Independence receives – including building tax abatements that are awarded as long as the company meets certain criteria, like employing a minimum number of workers. The City Council voted unanimously to reassign existing TIF benefits.

CITY INSPECTOR – MIKE GIDCUMB

City Inspector Mike Gidcumb presented Ordinance 973 which amends Article XV Special Uses. This change will allow mobile homes in areas Zoned R-4.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

Commissioner Brunson motioned and Commissioner Judge seconded to approve Resolution No. 593 – TIF Assignment – B 7 D Manufacturing. All present voted Aye.

Commissioner Brunson motioned and Commissioner Schoaff seconded to approve minutes from last regular meeting of December 27, 2011. All presented voted Aye.

Commissioner Schoaff motioned and Commissioner Rodriguez seconded to approve to pay all bills bearing the proper signatures. All present voted Aye.

Meeting was adjourned.

Mayor
ATTEST:

City Clerk