

MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 3, 2006

Invocation was given by Rev. Brant Hazlett, St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Tom Meeks, Commissioners, Jack Emmons, John Fearheiley, Mike Witters and Norm Brunson.

Also Present: City Administrator Merle Weems and City Attorney Tom Price

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor's comments-None.

OTHER BUSINESS

The City of Mt. Carmel gave the order to switch Market Street's traffic signals at the 5th and 6th street intersections to four-way red flashing. Market Street is now stop 'n go from 3rd street through 6th street, hopefully this create smoother traffic flow. City Administrator Merle Weems said that one of the problems with the 4th street lights not working properly was the control box, and also cold weather also creates a problem every year. The controls themselves are obsolete, making replacement parts hard to find. Estimated cost to replace the old lights would be around \$80,000 to \$100,000 per intersection according to Mr. Weems.

According to the annual report 2005, the City of Mt. Carmel recorded \$3 million in building last year (43) bldg. permits. Other permits issued included (3) for water/sewer, and (4) demolitions-3 being residential structures.

City Inspector Don Price reported the city issued all of its Coin Operated Amusement Device licenses for 2006-\$7,050 in \$75 licenses and \$230 in \$10 licenses.

City Council agreed to vacate a portion of an alley near Mt. Carmel's Fraternal Order of Eagles, making room for construction of a new CVS Pharmacy on the northeast corner of 9th and Market Street. The vacating is subject to conditions in Ordinance #853. Ordinance is void if conditions are not met.

City Council also approved a second Ordinance #855, authorizing a Tax Increment Financing agreement with GEM Properties, LLC (Domino's Pizza). The agreement is contingent upon the developer staying in business and maintaining a workforce of 14 full time employees.

City Council approved the subdivision of a lot at 222 East 4th Street. The owner will raze an old apartment house on the property, and divide the land with a neighboring property owner, which will be a big improvement to the area.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER JACK EMMONS - FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS - 12/19/05-01/03/06

Cash Investment balance as of 12/19/05:	213,861.60
Receipts:	30,303.60
Expenditures:	119,275.76
Cash Investment Balance:	124,889.44

Recreation Fund:	17,453.25
Receipts:	3,327.17
Expenditures:	11,410.24
Balance:	9,370.18
Accounts Payable:	93.46

Garbage Fund Account beginning Balance:	65,603.52
Receipts:	11,699.77
Expenditures:	21,205.16
Balance:	56,098.13
Accounts Payable:	2,248.23

Airport Fund:	(26,634.43)
Receipts:	2,363.19
Expenditures:	10,986.50
Balance:	(35,257.74)
Accounts Receivable:	1,473.44
Accounts Payable:	1,457.64
Water Fund Account beginning Balance:	31,389.64
Receipts:	42,803.76
Expenditures:	45,088.84
Balance:	29,104.56
Accounts Payable:	10,686.20
Sewer Fund Account:	18,602.59
Receipts:	24,266.26
Expenditures:	27,187.10
Balance:	15,681.75
Accounts Payable:	7,463.25
Golf Course Fund:	(177,789.10)
Receipts:	4,605.00
Expenditures:	10,049.30
Balance:	(183,233.40)
Accounts Payable:	5,511.20

COMMISSIONER WITTERS - STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Reported the street department have been busy pouring concrete at 8th and Walnut where the Subway restaurant plans to move a couple of doors down into their newly renovated building. Commissioner Witters reminded everyone to get their Christmas trees to the curb to be picked up.

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

Reported the Mt. Carmel Fire Department made 176 runs in 2005 compared to 182 in 2004. Most of these fires occurred between 3 p.m. – 11 p.m. Commissioner Brunson said in summing up the year, firefighters applied for a \$1,000 EMS grant early 2005 and received \$523 which will be used towards two backboards, blood pressure cuffs, and possibly an oxygen kit. The department made three runs in the past two weeks.

COMMISSIONER FEARHEILEY - WATER AND SEWER

Reported the motor at the city's #3 water well site has burned up and personnel will be replacing it in the next week or two. At this time we are using well #1 and #2 without any problems. Everything else seems to be running smoothly.

City Attorney Tom Price gave the following report

Prepared paperwork for the Ordinance's below.

Administrative Assistant Merle Weems

No additional reporting.

City Inspector Don Price

Prepared Building Permit Activity Annual Report.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

A motion was made by Commissioner Emmons and seconded by Commissioner Witters to approve Ordinance #853, to vacate a portion of alley outlet 224 (CVS). All present voted Aye.

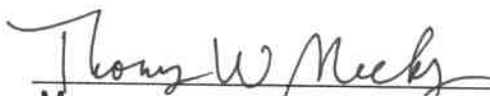
A motion was made by Commissioner Emmons and seconded by Commissioner Fearheiley to approve Ordinance #855, (TIF) Agreement with GEM Properties, LLC. All present voted Aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fearheiley and seconded by Commissioner Brunson to subdivide lot 222 at East 4th Street. All present voted Aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Witters and seconded by Commissioner Fearheiley to pay all Bills bearing the proper signatures. All present vote Aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brunson and seconded by Commissioner Fearheiley to accept the Minutes from the last City Council Meeting. All present voted Aye.

Meeting was adjourned.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk