

MEETING MINUTES
Monday February 13, 2006

Invocation was given by Pastor Carolyn Dillon

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 Meeks reminded everyone that February 19th will be the "Moment of Prayer" at the Heartland Worship Center at 2:00 p.m., he encouraged everyone to attend this special prayer. Mayor Meeks announced that the City Hall will no longer permit parking under its portico. Mayor Meeks said up to this point 5-minute parking was permitted in order to benefit the elderly and the physically disabled. However, this parking became a 15 to 20 minute stay blocking the driveway to those dropping off payments in the collection box. There will be three 5-minute stalls reserved along City Hall's south side for parking for those who have business inside City Hall. Mayor Meeks said warnings, and then tickets will be issued to violators.

OTHER BUSINESS –

City Commissioners tabled a request by Albion resident Lyle Weber to revise his TIF agreement with the city. Weber was asking that his TIF agreement be revised in order to transfer ownership of his property (the building that housed Dollar General Store on West 9th Street). Mayor Meeks tabled the matter pending further review and discussion.

Mt. Carmel City Commissioner's unanimously approved a zoning board recommendation to reduce set-back requirements from 10 feet to 2 feet from the street where local developer Ed McPherson plans to complete a three-suite office building at the corner of 9th and Chestnut Street.

Subway owner Jeff Deisher told city council the new Subway restaurant on Walnut Street will be open to the public Monday, February 20, 2006.

Visitors at the city council meeting were Scout Troop 290 as part of their work towards Communications Merit Badges. Also observing the meeting were members of the Wabash Valley College Student Advantage Network. Advisor Tayna Smith is teaching the course in leadership development and thought it would be a good experience for the students to attend a city council meeting.

Don Goff of Catholic Social Services in Mt. Carmel attended the council meeting to say "thank you" to the city for the long-running relationship it has with the CSS senior employment program. The city council thanked Mr. Goff and CSS in return.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER JACK EMMONS - FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS / Jan. 30 – Feb. 13

Commissioner Emmons commended staff at the Senior Citizens including Penny Keneipp, who have been working to help seniors enroll in the new Medicare Part D program.

Cash Investment balance as of 01/30/06:	216,220.56
Receipts:	150,124.00
Expenditures:	98,434.46
Cash Investment Balance:	267,910.10
 Recreation Fund:	 9,156.60
Receipts:	00.00
Expenditures:	383.71
Balance:	8,772.89
Accounts Payable:	203.45

Garbage Fund Account beginning Balance:	52,701.44
Receipts:	12,643.31
Expenditures:	3,429.53
Balance:	61,915.22
Accounts Payable:	15,642.00
Airport Fund:	(36,797.91)
Receipts:	237.58
Expenditures:	3,500.13
Balance:	(40,060.46)
Accounts Receivable:	1,473.44
Accounts Payable:	632.58
Water Fund Account beginning Balance:	26,403.93
Receipts:	36,718.08
Expenditures:	47,567.82
Balance:	15,554.19
Accounts Payable:	17,935.90
Sewer Fund Account:	12,910.82
Receipts:	23,224.23
Expenditures:	26,181.17
Balance:	9,953.88
Accounts Payable:	4,102.86
Golf Course Fund:	(189,124.10)
Receipts:	4,361.00
Expenditures:	9,709.55
Balance:	(194,472.65)
Accounts Payable:	7,483.38

COMMISSIONER WITTERS - STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Witters announced, residents needing stump removal can be put on a list by contacting Mr. Witters, Dave Easter or Merle Weems. This is for trees that the city have cut down between the street and the sidewalk. Commissioner Witters also reported that the street department have been getting calls concerning potholes. Every year around winter time streets begin to deteriorate. He explained that there's not a lot we can do right now until it warms up. The street department's making a list and weather permitting they all will be filled at the same time. Commissioner Witters reported city park playground equipment installation is basically completed except for the new units' muddy surroundings. Once weather conditions improve, personnel will prep the dirt and sow grass seed.

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

The Fire Department made three runs in the past two weeks. Commissioner Brunson announced the Fire Department received around \$1,400 in free equipment through an Illinois Dept. of Public Health grant that included blood pressure kits, burn blankets, burn kits and back boards. Everything else is running smoothly.

COMMISSIONER FEARHEILEY - WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Fearheiley reported that some residents have incurred brown water over the last few weeks. Personnel are working together trying to get the situation under control. Commissioner Fearheiley reported after an overall review of our software and the water plants, we got "good remarks" from Mark Weirich, Bill Reed and Jeff Peters from Centralia-based Engineered Fluid, Inc. Also, the lift stations were cleaned out last week.

City Attorney Tom Price gave the following report

Mr. Price announced that the mobile home north of Mid-East Supply is now gone and the property is cleaned up.

Administrative Assistant Merle Weems

No Report.

City Inspector Don Price

Don Price reported the Zoning Committee approved the Zoning Variance for the office complex to be constructed on west Ninth Street by George E. McPherson.

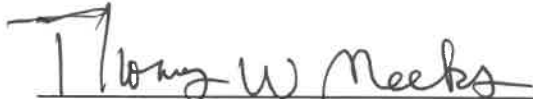
BUSINESS MOTIONS

A motion was made by Commissioner Brunson seconded by Commissioner Fearheiley to approve Zoning Application #06-V-01. All present voted Aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brunson and seconded by Commissioner Fearheiley to approve the Minutes of the last regular meeting of the city council. All present voted Aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fearheiley and seconded by Commissioner Emmons to approve all Bills bearing the proper signatures. All present voted Aye.

Meeting was adjourned.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk