

MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 19, 2004

Invocation was given by Rev. Tony Hodgson of Heartland Worship Center.

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

Also Present: City Administrator Merle Weems, City Attorney Tom Price, City Inspector Don Price, Police Chief Tony Compton, Street Superintendent Dave Easter, Fire Chief Steve Partee, Water Plant Superintendent Mark Weirich, Waste Water Treatment Manager Rob Windes, City Engineer Dave Dallas, Economic Development Manager Bill Maples, and Golf Pro Bruce Bottom.

Absent: Airport Manager Ken Wood and Library Director Louise Taylor

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Meeks commended the White family on their recent project to build a new subdivision in Mt. Carmel. They have done a lot of work to improve Mt. Carmel through the years.

Mayor Meeks spoke with Rick Johnston and some of his students in the technology class at the high school last Friday. They are involved in updating and modernizing the City's web page. They are also attempting to design a new logo for the City signs. The designs will be presented to the Council to see if there is one that they like.

Visitor, Gary Arnold, addressed the council to express his concerns about the Maintenance Program at the Golf Course.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

COMMISSIONER JACK EMMONS - FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

Commissioner Emmons called upon City Comptroller Mick Mollenhauer to give a preview of the city's current financial standing. Mr. Mollenhauer's figures covered May 1 through December 31.

Cash Investment balance as of 1/19/04:	\$131,651.00
Receipts:	21,398.00
Expenses:	54,023.00
Cash Investment Balance:	99,026.00
 Recreation Fund:	13,662.00
Receipts:	0.00
Expenditures:	5,850.00
Balance:	7,812.00
Accounts Payable:	44.00
 Garbage Fund Account beginning Balance:	\$37,286.00
Receipts:	12,198.00
Expenses:	2,483.00
Balance:	47,002.00
Accounts Payable:	18,345.00
 Airport Fund:	(14,717.00)
Receipts:	4,977.00
Expenditures:	2,076.00
Balance:	(11,815.00)
Accounts Receivable:	2,179.00
Accounts Payable:	370.00
 Water Fund Account beginning Balance:	\$14,302.00
Receipts:	43,532.00
Expenses:	24,797.00
Balance:	33,037.00
Accounts Payable:	14,236.00

Sewer Fund Account:	\$11,324.00
Receipts:	\$27,642.00
Expenses:	16,926.00
Balance:	22,040.00
Accounts Payable	3,324.00
Golf Course Fund:	(\$98,152.00)
Receipts:	1,242.00
Expenses:	5,282.00
Balance:	(102,193.00)
Accounts Payable:	1,664.00

COMMISSIONER WITTERS - STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Witters reported that the street department has been in the process of making repairs to gravel alleys throughout the city. Residents whose alleys need repairs that don't require pavement are asked to contact Commissioner Witters, Administrative Assistant Merle Weems, or Street Superintendent Dave Easter. Street Superintendent Dave Easter reported that a short was discovered in the traffic light at the intersection of 9th and Oak Street. Superintendent Easter asked the council's approval to purchase 12 LED heads to replace the traffic light bulbs. Switching to the LED system could save on energy from 75 to 85 percent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Emmons and seconded by Commissioner Witters to order and install new traffic light at 9th and Oak street at an approximate cost of \$7360 more or less shared ½ with State of IL. City share will be paid out of MFT fund. All present voted Aye.

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

The Fire Department had a fire run tonight at Westview behind the bowling alley. Commissioner Brunson asked Police Chief Tony Compton to study traffic at the intersection of Sweeny and Bainum. Creating a two-way stop there with signs could cut down on traffic hazards. Brunson also asked the police department to monitor the handicapped parking stalls in the city more closely.

COMMISSIONER FEARHEILEY - WATER AND SEWER

(See attached copy)

ADDITIONAL REPORTS

City Attorney Tom Price gave the following report.

The City now owns a three-story home at 218 E 8th Street. City Attorney Price was approached by an interested party who wished to purchase it and tear down the house, which is beyond repair. Administrative Assistant Merle Weems noted that in order to sell the property, the city must accept bids.

A motion was made by Commissioner Witters and seconded by Commissioner Brunson to sell excess City property at 218 E. 8th Street at public bid, sold on condition that structure be demolished and surface restored within 60 days. All present voted Aye.

City Inspector Don Price gave the following report.

Mr. Price gave an update on various homes in the city who've received notice on garbage and building code violations.

Fire Chief Steve Partee had no report.

Police Chief Tony Compton gave the following report.

Chief Compton thanked the Street department for assisting officers in removing gaming machines from the Knights of Columbus and the Moose. The Police Department's monthly report for December indicated 404 total complaints and 102 total arrests.

Street Superintendent Dave Easter gave the following report.

Through the year of 2003 the street department cut 51 trees and grounded out 59 stumps. They collected 2,217 cubic yards of leaves and poured 116 yards of concrete. The department opened and closed nine graves, put down 420 feet of pipe, and worked on stop lights 35 times. Winter salt and snow removal required 100 man hours of work done outside normal working hours.

Water Plant Superintendent Mark Weirich had no report.

Waste Water Treatment Manager Rob Windes had no report.

Economic Development Manager Bill Maples gave the following report.

The hearing regarding the TIF 5 project was held today at 4:00, with no objectors present. Property owner Shad White had the opportunity to discuss the plans for Oak Meadow Subdivision – Phase II. Permit work has already begun, and four ordinances designating the location as TIF 5 will be presented for approval at the next council meeting.

Merle Weems gave the following report.

A motion was made by Commissioner Witters and seconded by Commissioner Brunson to extend the contract with Matt Mann through December 2004 for mowing of 3 city cemeteries at the sum of \$32,000, the same as previous years. All present voted Aye.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

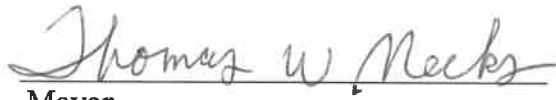
A motion was made by Commissioner Emmons and seconded by Commissioner Fearheiley to pay all bills bearing the proper signatures. All present vote Aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Emmons seconded by Commissioner Brunson to approve the minutes from the last City Council Meeting dated January 5, 2004. All present vote Aye.

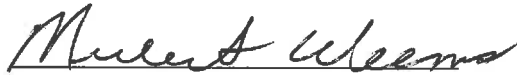
A motion was made by Commissioner Emmons and seconded by Commissioner Brunson to go into Executive Session to discuss salary of Bobbie Tucker. All present voted Aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Witters and seconded by Commissioner Brunson to pay Bobbie Tucker in the amount of \$2,110.48 contract labor for Dec. 10th thru Jan. 6th 12 noon.

Meeting was adjourned.


Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk