

# MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 5, 2012

Invocation was given by 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 and City Attorney Tom Price

## **MAYORS COMMENTS**

Mayor Bill Hudson brought the city council meeting to order.

Mayor Hudson expressed how fortunate the city of Mt. Carmel and surrounding communities were to have not been hit by the tornado and extended his sympathy to the towns that were. Tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m. there will be a state wide tornado drill for the schools. We would like to thank those persons from the Mt. Carmel police department, fire department and ambulance service who went to Harrisburg and Ridgeway to help those in need.

Mayor Hudson stated there will be a couple of ribbon cuttings coming up. The first will be on March 9th for the new Verizon store at 9<sup>th</sup> and Cherry. The second will be on March 13<sup>th</sup> for the Hens and Chicks store located at 407 Market St. next to the Courthouse.

Mayor Hudson said we have some good news! A Toyota grant was received for the swimming pool. Commissioner Judge will be giving details regarding the grant a little bit later.

Lastly, Mayor Hudson was pleased to announce the hiring of Georgia Vaught for the position of City Treasurer. Ms. Vaught is a lifelong resident of Mt. Carmel and worked many years at Snap-On Tools. Since that time she has been employed at Jeff Guisewite Inc. and Hocking Real Estate. Ms. Vaught will be a great asset. Mayor Hudson then entertained a motion to approve Georgia Vaught as the city's new treasurer effective March 12th. At that time, Ms. Vaught was introduced. Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman then commented that everyone at City Hall is looking forward to Ms. Vaught coming on board and taking the pressure off of some of the rest of us. It has been a hectic month and has been very difficult keeping up with the work that is out there. I would like to commend Mick Mollenhauer, Becky Barger and Mike Gidcumb for going over and above the call of duty trying to see that everyone still gets their paychecks and that the bills are paid timely. Their efforts are truly appreciated.

Darrell Hamilton then addressed the Council regarding cars driving at the ball parks at 4<sup>th</sup> street on the west side of town. Mr. Hamilton also expressed concern of the conditions of a building that is accessed through 3<sup>rd</sup> street. Council agreed to look into both issues.

Chuck Johnson addressed Council regarding Ribberfest. Ribberfest hopes to expand its Saturday night hours. Due to this increase, Mr. Johnson asked for permission to keep Market St. closed into the Sunday hours to allow for cleanup and booth and equipment removal. Mayor Hudson asked that Mr. Johnson come back to Council with more specific activities planned before Council votes on the matter.

Don McClane addressed Council, on behalf of his son, requesting a two year extension to keep their mobile home at the former radio station building on Route 1 while they continue to refurbish the building. It was determined that City Inspector Mike Gidcumb will visit property before a decision will be made.

A Mt. Carmel resident addressed Council regarding coyotes prowling in her neighborhood. City Police Detective Turner will look into issue and advised residents to call Mt. Carmel non-emergency number if they encounter a coyote.

Greg Baker with Parkview Christian Church addressed Council regarding Mission Mt. Carmel which is scheduled for April 2 – April 5.

Mayor Hudson introduced the one bid for the property at 415 Hackberry St. submitted by Mr. James Burns in the amount of \$2,130.00. No other bids were submitted. Motion was made to accept and seconded.

## COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

### COMMISSIONER DICK SHOAFF – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

Cash Investment Balance as of 02/21/12	\$626,496.90
Receipts:	\$ 787.00
Expenditures:	\$ 87,657.24
Cash Investment Balance 03/05/12:	\$539,626.66
Recreation Fund:	\$ 6,626.82
Receipts:	\$ -0-
Expenditures:	\$ 442.17
Balance:	\$ 6,184.65
Account Payable:	\$ 686.45
Garbage Fund Account Beginning Balance:	\$182,768.21
Receipts:	\$ 16,027.77
Expenditures:	\$ 3,472.75
Balance:	\$195,323.23
Accounts Payable:	\$ 700.75
Airport Fund:	\$ (27,724.48)
Receipts:	\$ 0.00
Expenditures:	\$ 2,940.74
Balance:	\$ (30,665.22)
Accounts Payable:	\$ 528.48
Water Fund Account Beginning Balance:	\$ 247,959.34
Receipts:	\$ 38,897.69
Expenditures:	\$ 28,336.59
Balance:	\$ 272,908.87
Accounts Payable:	\$ 11,157.47
Sewer Fund Account:	\$ 21,996.09
Receipts:	\$ 21,784.44
Expenditures:	\$ 20,598.96
Balance:	\$ 23,181.57
Accounts Payable:	\$ 3,649.62
Golf Course Fund:	\$ (352,257.73)
Receipts:	\$ 21,682.75
Expenditures:	\$ 14,703.39
Balance:	( 345,278.37)
Accounts Payable:	\$ 3,397.65

Commissioner Shoaff advised department heads that it is not too early to be thinking of budget time, which will be here real soon. Overall, the city budget is in good shape.

### COMMISSIONER JOE JUDGE – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Judge reported the street department's regular activities over the last two weeks include working on rebuilding and painting picnic tables for the park, worked on old theatre lot uptown, hauled benches from high school to the little league fields. The 4<sup>th</sup> street softball field is having lights replaced from the lights at the tennis and basketball courts at the city park. This project was a project that the city has wanted to do for some time and is a zero dollar project. The lights were replaced with the ESG project that was started earlier in the year.

Commissioner Judge discussed meeting with Rotary Club President Rick Marshall regarding possible grants to apply for to receive funding for the city pool project. The grant was submitted to Toyota Motor Manufacturers of Indiana. The grant application required objectives to be listed which included 1) new roof 2) replacement of double doors with permanent windows and 3) new tables and chairs upstairs. Toyota accepted application and is partnering with the City of Mt. Carmel in the amount of \$4000.00 to assist with objective 3 listed above. The city would like to thank Toyota, Rotary Club and those that donated in helping to complete this project.

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

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

Commissioner Rodriguez reported there were eighteen present at a CPR training exercise. Aaron Brown attended MABAS Conference on Feb. 27 – Feb 29.

Commissioner Rodriguez has applied for seven different grants for the fire department and is in hopes they can receive half of them.

Commissioner Rodriguez talked about Sunday’s event –“Guns and Hoses” basketball game. All proceeds will go to Ribberfest. This is done through the Retail Merchants Committee. There is still room for players.

Commissioner Rodriguez updated on the Harrisburg disaster. Items still needed: washcloths, bath towels, tissue, mops, brooms, dust pans, shovels and rakes. Items not needed: bleach, detergent, bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, and bottled water.

Commissioner Rodriguez shared safety tip on kitchen fires.

**COMMISSIONER NORMAN BRUNSON – WATER AND SEWER**

Commissioner Brunson reported the Sewer Department and Water Treatment Facility have been operating very well but this afternoon received report an electrical control panel that got hot and was subsequently repaired.

Mary Duckett gave a report on the Water Plant Well number 1 which included the finding of 10 feet of gravel and river rock that had gotten into well through a hole in the well casing. It was fortunate this was caught by the contractor who is rehabilitating the well per the ESG contract.

Commissioner Brunson reported there were 4 water main breaks that had been repaired.

**CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RUDY WITSMAN**

City Administrator Rudy Witsman stated there were no reports other than those stated earlier.

**CITY ATTORNEY – TOM PRICE**

City Attorney Tom Price stated there were no reports.

**BUSINESS MOTIONS**

Commissioner Brunson motioned and Commissioner Judge seconded to accept the Minutes from last regular meeting of City Council (2/20/12). All present voted Aye.

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

Commissioner Brunson motioned and Commissioner Rodriguez seconded the appointment of Georgia Vaught as the City Treasurer effective March 12, 2012. All present voted Aye.

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Schoaff seconded to accept the bid of \$2,130.00 for the property at 415 Hackberry St. owned by the city.

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Mayor  
ATTEST:

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City Clerk