

MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 12, 2009

Invocation was given by Commissioner William C. Hudson

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Tom Meeks, Commissioners - Jack Emmons, Norman Brunson,
C. Michael Witters and William C. Hudson

Also Present: City Clerk Rudy Witsman, City Attorney Tom Price, City Inspector Don Price and Community
Development Director Courtney Cooper

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Tom Meeks brought the city council meeting to order.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

Jerome Panozzo, owner of The Phoenix Grille came before city councilmen to ask for permission to put up a sign on City Hall parking lot for advertisement of The Phoenix Grille.

A motion was made by Commissioner Emmons and seconded by Commissioner Witters for Jerome Panozzo, owner of The Phoenix Grille to place a sign on City Hall Parking lot. All present voted Aye.

Chief of Police Jeff Besing presented Police Officer Jared Price and City Marshal Art Kimmel with framed letters of commendation on the quick response and professionalism on the January 6th 911 call that saved a man's life.

Mr. Matt Hemenway, IBEW business representative, announced the MCPU employee members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers voted to reject their labor contract after several months of negotiations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Witters and seconded by Mayor Meeks to approve Resolution No. 556 – paving project of Market Street and Third Street. All present voted Aye.

A motion was made by Mayor Meeks and seconded by Commissioner Brunson to approve council meetings and holidays for 2009. All regularly scheduled meetings will begin at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. All present voted Aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Emmons and seconded by Commissioner Hudson to approve Resolution No. 555 – Resolution of Support of Commitment of Funds.

A motion was made by Mayor Meeks and seconded by Commissioner Hudson to approve the appointments to the Police and Fire Commission, Area Agency on Aging and Police Pension Fund Board. All present voted Aye.

A motion was made by Mayor Meeks and seconded by Commissioner Witters to approve Resolution No. 557 – regarding the construction of Empire Street extension using local MFT and TIF funds. All present voted Aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Witters and seconded by Commissioner Emmons to approve Ordinance No. 930 – an Ordinance Amending Chapter 6, Buildings and Building Regulations Article II Buildings Sec 6-29 Fees and Costs. (Waived 2nd reading) All present voted Aye

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER JACK EMMONS – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS 12/29/08 – 01/12/09

Cash Investment Balance as of 01/12/09:	\$452,304.93
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Receipts:	224,414.62
Expenditures:	93,114.77
Cash Investment Balance 12/29/08:	321,005.08

Recreation Fund:	31,483.95
Receipts:	-0-
Expenditures:	3,124.63
Balance:	28,359.32
Accounts Payable:	223.88

Garbage Fund Account Beginning Balance:	162,245.10
Receipts:	20,766.27
Expenditures:	1,717.81
Balance:	181,293.56
Accounts Payable:	29,049.19
Airport Fund:	(39,652.27)
Receipts:	38,346.66
Expenditures:	35,937.80
Balance:	(37,243.41)
Accounts Receivable:	1,685.44
Accounts Payable:	2,464.96
Water Fund Account Beginning Balance:	(67,094.65)
Receipts:	40,597.54
Expenditures:	15,408.46
Balance:	(41,905.57)
Accounts Payable:	24,280.48
Sewer Fund Account:	(23,511.49)
Receipts:	24,808.98
Expenditures:	19,334.56
Balance:	(18,037.07)
Accounts Payable:	3,486.68
Golf Course Fund:	(359,657.73)
Receipts:	9,716.00
Expenditures:	5,293.84
Balance:	(355,235.57)
Accounts Payable:	4,491.45

COMMISSIONER MIKE WITTERS – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Witters brought before city council to adopt Resolution No. 556 – Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code for the City to contribute 20% matching to the 80% Federal Funds to the paving on Market Street and Third Street this summer.

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

Commissioner Brunson reported that the Mt. Carmel Fire Department responded to 7 runs in the past two weeks. All other departments are running smoothly.

COMMISSIONER BILL HUDSON – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Hudson reported that the cold weather has resulted in some water main breaks during the last two weeks and have since been repaired in a professional and timely fashion. The Sewer Plant is operating well and producing good effluent.

Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman

Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman told city councilmen that the 2009 council meetings and holidays needed to be approved. Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission has asked for us to commit our funds for their yearly dues (\$2,058) for grant money, in which needs to be voted on as Resolution No. 555 – Resolution of Support and Commitment of Funds.

City Attorney Tom Price

City Attorney Tom Price brought before the city council Ordinance No. 929 – amending nuisance animal ordinance, which in turn was tabled.

City Inspector Don Price

City Inspector Don Price brought before the city council Ordinance No. 930 – an Ordinance Amending Chapter 6, Buildings and Building Regulations Article II Buildings Sec 6-29 Fees and Costs. (Waived 2nd reading)

Community Development Director Courtney Cooper

Ms. Cooper addressed council on a few upcoming projects, a labor study analysis the week of January 26th and the Regional Economic Development Meeting at John A Logan College with discussions of recycling, energy efficiency and zoning. Federal Stimulus Economic package has been submitted, including Empire Street, water tower construction and paving of Market Street.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Emmons and seconded by Commissioner Hudson to go into Executive Session for discussion of real estate and contract negotiations. All present voted Aye (at 5:37 p.m. go into Executive Session) (at 6:11 p.m. back into Regular Session)

BUSINESS MOTIONS

A motion was made by Commissioner Brunson and seconded by Commissioner Hudson to pay the bills. All present voted Aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brunson and seconded by Commissioner Hudson to accept the Minutes from the last regular meeting of the City Council December 29, 2008. All present voted Aye.

Meeting was adjourned.

Mayor
ATTEST:

City Clerk

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