

MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 11, 2010

Invocation was given by Commissioner Norman Brunson

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, and Community Development Director
Courtney Cooper

Absent: City Inspector Mike Gidcumb

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Tom Meeks brought the city council meeting to order.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

Steve Eldredge was main spokesperson for a group of people that attended the council meeting to express concerns that the city ordinance as written could create traffic hazards with a slower speed limit for ATVs causing them to hold up traffic.

A motion was made by Commissioner Witters and seconded by Mayor Meeks to table Ordinance No. 947 – (Regulating Operation of Non-Highway Vehicles) for further clarification regarding speed limit and other laws. All present voted Aye.

A motion was made by Mayor Meeks and seconded by Commissioner Witters to appoint Rudy Witsman as the Open Meeting Act designee. All present voted Aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Emmons and seconded by Commissioner Brunson to approve Ordinance No. 948 – Ordinance regarding sale of property at 1114 Market Street by Kenneth Bradley Thompson (sole bidder) in the amount of \$1,000 with the requirements of demolition and removal of existing structure within 90 days of delivery of the deed. All present voted Aye.

First reading was given for Ordinance No. 949 – Authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Notes to finance municipal facilities for the city, for the completion of Empire Street. Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman said the city has been in negotiation with the First National Bank and reached an agreement to borrow \$750,000 for 5 years at a 3.25% quoted interest rate. The debt will be retired through Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District funds generalized in the area.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER JACK EMMONS – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS 12/28/09 – 01/11/10

Financial Report

Cash Investment Balance as of 01/11/10:	\$133,766.65
Receipts:	20,754.30
Expenditures:	118,295.28
Cash Investment Balance 12/28/09:	231,307.63
 Recreation Fund:	16,905.52
Receipts:	0.00
Expenditures:	1,103.30
Balance:	15,802.22
Accounts Payable:	103.16
 Garbage Fund Account Beginning Balance:	199,204.07
Receipts:	20,122.84
Expenditures:	3,901.07
Balance:	215,425.84
Accounts Payable:	28,658.51
 Airport Fund:	(27,991.41)
Receipts:	2,789.99
Expenditures:	4,333.41
Balance:	(29,534.83)
Accounts Receivable:	1,172.66
Accounts Payable:	1,659.34

Water Fund Account Beginning Balance:	27,409.87
Receipts:	39,202.20
Expenditures:	23,269.13
Balance:	43,342.94
Accounts Payable:	14,744.47
 Sewer Fund Account:	 14,837.04
Receipts:	24,285.83
Expenditures:	24,339.75
Balance:	14,783.12
Accounts Payable:	6,930.57
 Golf Course Fund:	 (350,528.55)
Receipts:	2,656.92
Expenditures:	7,860.19
Balance:	(355,731.82)
Accounts Payable:	2,443.66

COMMISSIONER MIKE WITTERS – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Witters reported that the Street Department has taken down the Christmas decorations and has been busy sanding the streets from the snow storm that we had.

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

Commissioner Brunson reported that the Mt. Carmel Fire Department responded to 13 runs in the past two weeks and all other departments are doing well.

COMMISSIONER BILL HUDSON – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Hudson commended Josh Peach on successfully passing his Class 4 Wastewater Treatment exam given by the Illinois EPA. Commissioner Hudson reported that the water quality from the plant continues to be excellent and not had any complaints about water quality.

Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman

Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman informed city council that an Open Meetings Act designee needs to be appointed. Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman stated that Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has set the bid letting on March 5, 2010 for replacement of bridge entrance (entrance to state highway off of Empire Street) as well as the intersection work is March 5, 2010. Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman stated there are 12 golf carts from the golf course that needs batteries replaced with cost of \$600 for batteries per cart, which is a \$7,200 expenditure that is not budgeted.

City Attorney Tom Price

City Attorney Tom Price brought before city council Ordinance No. 948 – Ordinance regarding sale of property at 1114 Market Street for approval.

City Inspector Mike Gidcumb

(Absent) Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman presented the year-end report for City Inspector Mike Gidcumb. Fees collected over the past year was \$45,413.50 including all coin-operated devices, liquor licenses, building permits, etc.

Community Development Director Courtney Cooper

Community Development Director Courtney Cooper thanked the churches in the city that showed their support by putting the community development survey in their church bulletins this past Sunday.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

A motion was made by Commissioner Emmons and seconded by Commissioner Brunson 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 28, 2009. All present voted Aye.

Meeting was adjourned.

Mayor
ATTEST:

City Clerk

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