

MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, February 2, 2004

Invocation was given by Rev. V.P. Palmer of the First Church of God.

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

The Mayor received a letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation indicating that the State will be resurfacing Route 1 from Oak Street about four and a half miles south of Mt. Carmel. This improvement comes at no cost to the City.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Emmons and seconded by Commissioner Fearheiley to approve Ordinance 806 Amending Ordinances 561, 562, and 563. All present voted Aye.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Brunson and seconded by Commissioner Fearheiley to approve Ordinance 807 Approving the Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan and Project for Redevelopment Project Area No. 5. All present voted Aye.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Fearheiley and seconded by Commissioner Emmons to approve Ordinance 808 Designating the Redevelopment Project Area No. 5. All present voted Aye.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Fearheiley and seconded by Commissioner Brunson to approve Ordinance 809 Adopting Tax Increment Financing. All present voted Aye.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Emmons and seconded by Commissioner Brunson to approve Ordinance 810 Authorizing an Agreement between the City of Mt. Carmel, IL and H.D. White Family Trust, Et Al. In the Mt. Carmel Tax Increment Financing Development Area, max amount being \$1,150,000. All present voted Aye.*

Mr. Shad White thanked the City Council, Mayor Meeks, Administrative Assistant Merle Weems, and Economic Development Manager Bill Maples for their hard work in helping with the new Oak Street Subdivision. There are very few towns around this area that have the foresight to have these kinds of projects. No exact date has been set, but they anticipate that they'll start moving dirt near the end of March or the first of April. Construction has been targeted to start in September.

The City Council has learned that someone is interested in purchasing property at Southgate Industrial Park. The Council will discuss the matter further at a later date and then decide if they wish to sell the property.

Boy Scout, Adam Macke, was introduced to the Council who attended the meeting as part of his work towards a communication badge.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

COMMISSIONER JACK EMMONS - FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

Cash Investment balance as of 2/2/04:	\$99,026.00
Receipts:	190,831.00
Expenses:	75,566.00
Cash Investment Balance:	214,291.00
 Recreation Fund:	 7,812.00
Receipts:	.00
Expenditures:	44.00

Balance:	7,767.00
Accounts Payable:	291.00
Garbage Fund Account beginning Balance:	\$47,002.00
Receipts:	8,097.00
Expenses:	19,766.00
Balance:	35,333.00
Accounts Payable:	17,609.00
Airport Fund:	(11,815.00)
Receipts:	1,473.00
Expenditures:	2,023.00
Balance:	(12,365.00)
Accounts Receivable:	2,179.00
Accounts Payable:	2,443.00
Water Fund Account beginning Balance:	\$33,037.00
Receipts:	29,335.00
Expenses:	41,930.00
Balance:	20,442.00
Accounts Payable:	29,905.00
Sewer Fund Account:	\$22,040.00
Receipts:	\$17,982.00
Expenses:	24,816.00
Balance:	15,206.00
Accounts Payable:	18,895.00
Golf Course Fund:	(\$102,193.00)
Receipts:	0.00
Expenses:	4,958.00
Balance:	(101,152.00)
Accounts Payable:	7,779.00

#### COMMISSIONER WITTERS - STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Witters reported that the street department has been cleaning up by the river, poured concrete, helped fix water main breaks, and fixing equipment.

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

Commissioner Brunson reported that the fire department has had 5 fire runs. Brunson told the council that he had learned that resident Kevin Williams had inquired about purchasing the former Uptown Theatre before the City razed the building several years ago. Brunson feels that if there are parties interested in purchasing city-owned locations for business, the city should consider selling them. In regards to the golf course fees, Brunson feels that all fees should remain the same. He also agrees with the idea of letting golf course employees who work at least 25 hours play for free.

#### COMMISSIONER FEARHEILEY - WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Fearheiley thanked the Republican Register for printing the article in Friday's edition of their newspaper explaining why water rates are raised and the different reasons for that. The screw pump rehabilitation project at the Wastewater Plant is scheduled to begin on February 16, if the weather permits. The Water Department has been very busy this week fixing water main breaks.

#### ADDITIONAL REPORTS

City Attorney Tom Price gave the following report.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Fearheiley and seconded by Commissioner Emmons to approve Ordinance 811 Correcting Ordinance 803 Annexing Certain Territory Contiguous To The Corporate Limits of the City of Mt. Carmel, Illinois. All present voted Aye.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Witters and seconded by Commissioner Brunson to approve Ordinance 812 Authorizing Sale of Real Estate. All present voted Aye.*

City Inspector Don Price gave the following report.

Properties mentioned at the last meeting who had received notices on garbage and building code violations have since then been taken care of.

Fire Chief Steve Partee had no report.

Police Chief Tony Compton gave the following report.

Chief Compton has wrote three letters of recommendation for three officers who were directly involved in solving burglaries around town. There have been several burglaries and three suspects have been apprehended and are now in jail.

City Engineer Dave Dallas had no report.

Street Superintendent Dave Easter had no report.

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.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Fearheiley and seconded by Commissioner Brunson to approve Resolution 501, the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission Application. All present voted Aye.*

Merle Weems gave the following report.

In regards to Commissioner Brunson's report, Mr. Weems reported that he had no recollection of Mr. Williams ever inquiring about the Uptown Theatre. Weems stated the property is available and any parties who are interested in starting a business there are more than welcome to.

Commissioners held a discussion as to whether or not city employees should play golf for free or at reduced rates. Questions addressed were how one would monitor whether or not a golf course employee was eligible for free play and how it would be fair to let those city employees play for free while other employees would be charged. Commissioner Emmons stated that there aren't many city employees who do play golf, therefore he proposed letting all employees play for free. Commissioner Brunson stated he was more inclined to approve of a flat, "you play you pay" standard. Commissioner Fearheiley cautioned commissioners about saying employees are playing "for free". He stated that its part of their package that we would give them. Commissioner Witters proposed to go ahead and set the fees for the golf course since many people are buying season tickets and later address golf play as a benefit for employees.

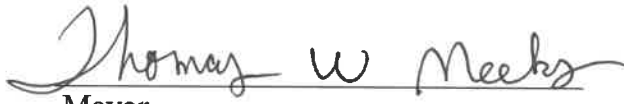
*A motion was made by Commissioner Emmons and seconded by Commissioner Witters to keep all golf fees the same for 2004 Season with the Jr. Fees being reduced by \$50. All present voted Aye.*

#### BUSINESS MOTIONS

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Brunson seconded by Commissioner Fearheiley to approve the minutes from the last City Council Meeting dated January 19, 2004. All present vote Aye.

Meeting was adjourned.

  
Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk