

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 17, 2011

Invocation was given by Commissioner Norm Brunson.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Bill Hudson Commissioners – Joe Judge, Norman Brunson, Dick Shoaff, Rod Rodriguez

Also Present: Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman, City Attorney Tom Price and City Inspector Mike Gidcumb.

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Bill Hudson brought the city council meeting to order.

Mayor Hudson reported this is Paint the Town Pink in Mt. Carmel Week, an effort made in conjunction with the Susan G. Koman for the Cure Foundation. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Mayor Hudson reminded everyone that Trick or Treat is October 31 from 5-8 p.m. and for drivers to please watch for children, and not use cell phone during these hours while driving.

Heartland Worship Centers Prayer Walk that was scheduled for October 12 at 5 p.m. was postponed due to weather has been rescheduled for Wednesday October 26 at 5 p.m. The Walkers will meet at City Hall and go throughout the town praying for our government leaders, our town and our youth. Everyone is welcome.

Mayor Hudson invited everyone to attend the Wabash Valley Youth in Actions annual Fall Festival, which will be held at the City Park on October 30 from 1-5 p.m.

Mayor Hudson thanked the Bucket Brigade for their recent accomplishment of painting two residences in town on October 8, 2011, stating they did a wonderful job, and also thanked Fearheiley Lumber for donations of paint for these projects.

Mayor Hudson announced First Apostolic Church in Mt. Carmel has issued a challenge to all other area churches to step up and volunteer to help spruce up Mt. Carmel.

John Evans President of the Area Industrial Development Committee (AIDC) Board of Directors addressed the City Council about the Boards new direction, goals and expectations. AIDC, a non-profit agency, is making changes in its bylaws in order to do business as the "Mount Carmel Area Economic Alliance," AEA. Goals are to add jobs to the region, increase assessed valuation, increase sales tax revenue, increase the average wage and visit a specific number of existing employers each year to determine what more the board can do to assist local business. Organizers with the Mount Carmel AEA are still in the process of establishing a new storefront and lines of communication in order to receive public inquiries and comments. For anyone wishing to donate to the cause now contact Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman at City Hall.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER DICK SHOAFF – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

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| Cash Investment Balance as of 10/03/11 | \$520,365.49 |
| Receipts: | \$158,038.97 |
| Expenditures: | \$114,503.07 |
| Cash Investment Balance 10/17/11: | \$563,901.39 |

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| Recreation Fund: | \$ (31,519.17) |
| Receipts: | \$ -0- |
| Expenditures: | \$ 1,807.35 |
| Balance: | \$ (33,326.52) |
| Account Payable: | \$ 462.53 |

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| Garbage Fund Account Beginning Balance: | \$172,995.31 |
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| Receipts: | \$ 20,735.38 |
| Expenditures: | \$ 6,791.46 |
| Balance: | \$186,939.23 |
| Accounts Payable: | \$ 407.11 |

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| Airport Fund: | (111,793.20) |
| Receipts: | \$ 5,251.73 |
| Expenditures: | \$ 4,518.00 |
| Balance: | \$ (111,059.47) |
| Accounts Payable: | \$ 888.58 |

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| Water Fund Account Beginning Balance: | \$343,304.48 |
| Receipts: | \$ 52,497.97 |
| Expenditures: | \$ 32,586.42 |
| Balance: | \$363,216.23 |
| Accounts Payable: | \$ 12,777.43 |

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| Sewer Fund Account: | \$ 27,000.19 |
| Receipts: | \$ 30,902.43 |
| Expenditures: | \$ 18,000.09 |
| Balance: | \$ 39,902.53 |
| Accounts Payable: | \$ 5,396.56 |

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| Golf Course Fund: | \$(264,933.18) |
| Receipts: | \$ 26,589.57 |
| Expenditures: | \$ -0- |
| Balance: | \$(267,975.05) |
| Accounts Payable: | \$ 7,516.78 |

Commissioner Shoaff reported that the Senior Citizens program is making some changes but all is going well.

Commissioner Shoaff stated that the Airport which is currently showing \$111,000 deficit will soon see one of the semi-annual payments for the farm ground cash rent payment coupled with fuel sales should be enough to put the facility back in the black. Commissioner Shoaff will report more on this next meeting.

COMMISSIONER JOE JUDGE – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Judge reported that the street department has been working on several projects which include installing over 40 feet of culvert on East 9th St., replacing faded stop signs, replacing a flag pole at Bridges of Hope on the bluff, patching holes and clearing intakes. Commissioner Judge thanked Superintendent Dave Easter who recently passed four NIMS courses.

Commissioner Judge announced residents who want their leaves collected may put them in bags and set them out for pickup by the city brush crew. Commissioner Judge said workers expect to begin vacuuming leaves from the edges of yards sometime in early November, official date will be announced later.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez stated that the Fire Department made 5 runs in the last two weeks.

Commissioner Rodriguez applauded Mt. Carmel area schools for their well thought-out, well taught and well executed evacuation plans implemented in case of fire. Fire drills were conducted at five local schools during Fire Prevention Week last week, and everything went well. Commissioner Rodriguez said the department's fire safety house was taken to South Elementary and St. Mary's where more than 350 kids had the chance to go through the structure.

Commissioner Rodriguez reported that fire chiefs from Grayville, Edwards and Wabash counties recently gathered for a Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) meeting.

Commissioner Rodriguez reminded everyone that Clean-Up Fix-up week is October 31 through November 4.

COMMISSIONER NORM BRUNSON – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Brunson stated that the Water Plant is running smoothly and water quality is still good. Commissioner Brunson reported that the Sewer Plant continues to have good effluent, but experiencing a few maintenance problems.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RUDY WITSMAN

City Administrative Assistant reported that during last meeting bids were open for the new cart shed replacement. The bid was awarded to Carie Improvements with the low bid of \$39,286.18 after checking all details for the 54ft. by 64ft. pole barn structure. Cart owners will be able to put carts in the course’s maintenance building until the construction work is complete. No timeline yet on when the work may begin.

City Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman encouraged everyone to visit the city’s new website at www.cityofmtcarmel.com, which has been updated and given a new look, Mr. Witsman noted there is time-saving information on the site for anyone seeking details or forms for permits.

CITY ATTORNEY – TOM PRICE

No Report.

CITY INSPECTOR – MIKE GIDCUMB

City Inspector Mike Gidcumb expressed appreciation to all those who have donated their time and efforts for the betterment of the community, noting people have been “really helping out.”

BUSINESS MOTIONS

Commissioner Shoaff motioned and Commissioner Judge seconded to accept the bid from Carie Improvements for the new golf cart building. All present voted Aye.

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

Commissioner Brunson motioned and Commissioner Judge seconded to accept the minutes from last regular meeting of City Council (10/3/11). All present voted Aye.

Meeting was adjourned.

Mayor
ATTEST:

City Clerk