

## **SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 7, 2011**

Mayor Hudson brought the Special Meeting to order.

Present were: Mayor Hudson, Commissioners: Joe Judge, Rod Rodriguez, Norman Brunson, and Dick Shoaff. City Administrator Rudy Witsman, City Attorney Tom Price.

Guest: Mr. Darrin Hawkins, ESG Representative.

City Administrator Witsman stated that this special meeting is only for discussion of the ESG proposal.

City Administrator, Rudy Witsman reported that approximately one year ago the city was approached by Energy System Group (ESG) from Evansville, Indiana to do a study of all facilities that the City of Mt. Carmel owns. The City advertised for a guaranteed energy saving performance contract which is in accordance with the State of Illinois Statutes. One bid was received that being from ESG.

Each Commissioner received a copy of this proposal. A quick review contains of the major improvements resulting from this agreement are:

- All City owned buildings will have lighting replaced with energy efficient lighting.
- New energy efficient heating at the Street Department.
- City Hall will receive new energy efficient heating and air condition units.
- Water Department will benefit from the complete rebuild of the three water wells, replacement of the filter media, installation of a new secondary backwash pump, mandated by IEPA, and new turbidity meters.
- Sewer Plant will benefits from the replacement of two sludge pumps, the rebuild of one screw pump, installation of soft starts and replacement of the methane line which will allow for the use of this gas for heating purposes.
- All of the water meters will be replaced with electronic read water meters which will enable all the meters to be read by computer.

Commissioner Shoaff said the City cannot do this big of project on their own at this time but according to the contract guarantee the savings will be enough to make payments, and if not ESG has agreed to make-up the difference of payments. Mr. Hawkins, ESG representative, said that according to Illinois Statute ESG has to make up the difference payable once a year. Mr. Hawkins also stated that a Project Manager will be on site at all times, and they will use local contractors for all work whenever possible.

City Administrator, Rudy Witsman said this total project will be \$2,577,076.00 to be paid back over a 15 year period.

City Attorney, Mr. Price said due to his knowledge in this area, he recommended that the City seek outside council. City Administrator, Rudy Witsman said he had spoken with Attorney Mike Wagner, Hinshaw and Culbertson, and he has reviewed contract Exhibit D and he is willing to execute the necessary document.

Commissioner Shoaff motioned and Commissioner Judge seconded to approve the contractual agreement with Energy System Group (ESG) subject to the positive opinion of legal counsel concerning the aforementioned Exhibit D contained in the agreement.

Commissioners Judge, Shoaff and Brunson voted yes and Commissioner Rodriguez voted no.

Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

