

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 12th, 2011

Invocation was given Commissioner Norman Brunson.

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

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 complimented the Merchants and Chamber of Commerce on a job well done on the “Beginning to Look A lot Like Christmas” festivities that were held uptown. Mayor Hudson said he received a lot of positive feedback on this event that was well attended and enjoyed by many.

Mayor Hudson also said the Mt. Carmel Christmas Parade was a huge success also, with great temperatures.

Mayor Hudson said he and the City Council wish everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Camelia Kessel from Republic Trash Services approached the council to get approval to use the toters, which are provided by Republic Services at no extra cost, and to move the collection of trash out of the alleys and the front of properties. After much discussion, it was decided to approve the toters, but leave the routes for trash pick up as they are.

City Inspector Mike Gidcumb reported that on November 7, 2011 Ed McPherson had made application to place 2 billboards on his property at the corner of 5th and Market. Mr. McPherson was unable to attend this council meeting, but was at the November 28th meeting with the specifications for these billboards. City Council approved this request.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER DICK SHOAFF – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

Cash Investment Balance as of 11/29/11	\$557,018.53
Receipts:	\$393,290.16
Expenditures:	\$318,351.24
Cash Investment Balance 12/12/11:	\$631,957.45
Recreation Fund:	\$ (1,060.96)
Receipts:	\$ 44.42
Expenditures:	\$ 565.57
Balance:	\$ (1,582.11)
Account Payable:	\$ 6,287.92
Garbage Fund Account Beginning Balance:	\$199,887.03
Receipts:	\$ 21,338.33
Expenditures:	\$ 6,009.60
Balance:	\$215,215.76
Accounts Payable:	\$ 31,150.73
Airport Fund:	\$ (22,728.87)
Receipts:	\$ 4,042.81
Expenditures:	\$ 3,492.45
Balance:	\$ (22,178.51)
Accounts Payable:	\$ 9,024.17
Water Fund Account Beginning Balance:	\$ 245,836.10
Receipts:	\$ 46,952.61
Expenditures:	\$ 25,722.44

Balance:	\$ 267,066.27
Accounts Payable:	\$ 55,555.49
Sewer Fund Account:	\$ 13,195.57
Receipts:	\$ 29,182.07
Expenditures:	\$ 19,477.25
Balance:	\$ 22,900.39
Accounts Payable:	\$ 29,744.61
Golf Course Fund:	\$(285,224.73)
Receipts:	\$ 6,593.06
Expenditures:	\$ 9,149.35
Balance:	(287,781.02)
Accounts Payable:	\$ 19,609.35

Commissioner Shoaff also commended the Merchants and Chamber of Commerce for an excellent job at the Beginning to Look A lot Like Christmas festivities.

COMMISSIONER JOE JUDGE – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Judge reported that the Street Department has finished leaf collection, removed leaf boxes from trucks, and preparing the trucks for winter. The department is getting the yard and shopped cleaned up. They repaired a snow plow hydraulic cylinder, and have been patching potholes.

Commissioner Judge reported that at last meeting a representative of the Free Methodist Church on Poplar came before the board wanting the alley behind the church turned into a one-way alley. Commissioner Judge said he sat there at different time for a total of 5 hours, and his opinion is it would be more of a safety hazard to make a one-way than to leave the way it is presently.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez reported that the Fire Department had 6 runs in the last two weeks.

Commissioner Rodriguez reported they recently had a safety meeting, covering Hazmat Training, with 17 firefighters in attendance.

Commissioner Rodriguez also expressed sympathy to the Clyde Spencer family on Clyde's recent passing. Mr. Spencer was a merchant on the corner of 5th and Market for 25 years, and was a positive asset to this community.

COMMISSIONER NORM BRUNSON – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Brunson said his departments were running smoothly, and thanked his department heads for their good services.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RUDY WITSMAN

City Administrator Rudy Witsman reported that a new round of bids for the sale of a city-owned property on Hackberry Street will be re-solicited once the property records are cleared. One unopened bid has already been returned and the other two bids previously received will be returned to the bidders if they come to City Hall to pick them up.

City Administrator Rudy Witsman passed out the 2012 Calendar for City Holidays, meetings dates, time and places. Mr. Witsman recommended keeping the meetings at 5:00 p.m. on Monday evenings.

City Administrator Rudy Witsman reported that December 12 was the last day of bids for mowing and maintaining the three City Cemetery. Three bids were opened at 3 p.m. by Mr. Witsman and Commissioner Joe Judge; a \$32,000 bid from Luke's Lawn Service, a \$28,949 bid from Paul Marshall and a \$25,600 bid from GL Services L.L.C. The bid was awarded to GL Services for a one year term with an option to renew 2 times.

City Administrator Rudy Witsman gave first reading of Ordinance 970 that required those who buy metal to gather specific information from the seller. The buyer is required to report their purchases regularly to the Mt. Carmel Police Department.

Mick Mollenhauer, City Comptroller presented Ordinance 971 the Tax Levy Ordinance. Mr. Mollenhauer reported a slight increase in the levy of \$14,000.00. The increase is due to increases in the various insurance accounts. Overall the increase is 1.5% over last year's levy.

A special Meeting will be held Thursday, December 15 at 5 p.m. for second reading of Tax Levy.

CITY ATTORNEY – TOM PRICE

No Report.

CITY INSPECTOR – MIKE GIDCUMB

City Inspector Mike Gidcumb reported that Liquor Licenses must be returned by December 20, 2011 for approval at the next council meeting. There are presently 9 outstanding liquor licenses, and one half has been turned in.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

Commissioner Shoaff motioned and Commissioner Judge seconded to allow Republic Services to distribute toters to all residents for trash storage and collection. All present voted Aye.

Commissioner Shoaff motioned and Commissioner Rodriguez seconded to allow McPherson Properties to place 2 billboards on their building at 434 N. Market Street. All present voted Aye.

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Brunson seconded to approve the meeting dates, time and place as well as the Holiday schedule for 2012. All present votes Aye.

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Brunson seconded to award the contract for mowing the City cemeteries to G-L Services for the low bid of \$25,600.00. All present voted Aye.

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

Commissioner Shoaff motioned and Commissioner Judge seconded to accept the Minutes from the last regular meeting of City Council 11-28-11.

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Rodriguez seconded to accept the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on December 7, 2011. All present voted Aye.

Meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk