

MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 5, 2004

Invocation was given by Commissioner Norm Brunson.

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, and Economic Development Manager Bill Maples.

Absent: Airport Manager Ken Wood and Library Director Louise Taylor

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Meeks proposed to stick with the 2003 figures for all the golf course fees, except the Junior Season Ticket, which he wishes to lower from \$150 to \$100. The Mayor also proposed eliminating free passes for members of the Green Committee, making their positions completely volunteer. The Council decided not to vote at this meeting, giving commissioners time to review what the proposal might mean in terms of revenue and overall budget.

Mayor Meeks read a letter of resignation from Greens Committee Chair Jim Dawson, who is leaving the position after holding the post for three years.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

COMMISSIONER JACK EMMONS - FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

Cash Investment balance as of 1/5/04:	\$184,488.00
Receipts:	28,483.00
Expenses:	81,321.00
Cash Investment Balance:	131,651.00
 Recreation Fund:	11,080.00
Receipts:	2,727.00
Expenditures:	145.00
Balance:	13,662.00
Accounts Payable:	21.00
 Garbage Fund Account beginning Balance:	\$35,301.00
Receipts:	10,275.00
Expenses:	8,290.00
Balance:	37,286.00
Accounts Payable:	1,418.00
 Airport Fund:	(13,535.00)
Receipts:	833.00
Expenditures:	2,015.00
Balance:	(14,717.00)
Accounts Receivable:	1,833.00
Accounts Payable:	327.00
 Water Fund Account beginning Balance:	\$22,361.00
Receipts:	27,035.00
Expenses:	35,094.00
Balance:	14,302.00
Accounts Payable:	9,875.00
 Sewer Fund Account:	\$20,608.00
Receipts:	\$16,364.00
Expenses:	25,648.00
Balance:	11,324.00

Accounts Payable	2,663.00
Golf Course Fund:	(\$96,124.00)
Receipts:	2,940.00
Expenses:	4,968.00
Balance:	(98,152.00)
Accounts Payable:	1,708.00

COMMISSIONER WITTERS - STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioners can expect a letter concerning privatization of the brush program. Commissioner Witters hopes to discuss the matter at the next council meeting. He has estimated that the city could save some \$50,000 if the brush program is put up for bid. The barricades seen around town near street corners are where storm sewers have collapsed. The street department will be beginning the process of digging up and replacing those storm sewers.

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

Commissioner Brunson has been asked many times about the overpass on the west side of town. To keep everyone updated on what the city is doing, everyone knows that they bought the Elevator for, around \$35,000 in 2000. They have been renting that elevator for grain storage and over the next few years they have \$75,000. Dave Dallas is doing a study on the overpass and is doing a drawing on it. They will also check with the railroad to see if we can get any funds.

COMMISSIONER FEARHEILEY - WATER AND SEWER

(See attached copy)

ADDITIONAL REPORTS

City Attorney Tom Price gave the following report.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fearheiley and seconded by Commissioner Brunson to allow the City Attorney to pursue Demolition order on a house at 222 E 1st street. All present voted Aye. After doing research, Attorney Price told commissioners they could pay an \$11,000 bill from Dallas Consulting for engineering work done for future improvements on East 5th street. The bill was held unpaid at the last council meeting when commissioners questioned whether it violated statues by exceeding the \$10,000 limit on no-bids. City Attorney Price stated that there are two exceptions to that rule: Professional engineering services are not included in the \$10,000 restriction, and a three-fourths vote of approval by the council would also qualify the payment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brunson and seconded by Commissioner Fearheiley to approve engineering fees for the 5th street improvement. All present voted Aye.

City Inspector Don Price gave the following report.

Mr. Price presented the council with Building Permit Activity Annual Report for the year 2003. There were 57 total permits issued. The total estimated construction costs were \$2,921,165 and total fees were \$10,864.

Fire Chief Steve Partee gave the following report.

The Fire Department responded to 168 total fire runs in the year 2003. The busiest month for the Fire Department was October, answering 21 calls. The slowest months were December and January, answering only 8 calls for both. Fire Chief Partee recognized volunteer firefighter Gary Chalcraft for being the department's most active paid on-call firefighter for the year 2003. Mr. Chalcraft responded to 128 of the 168 total fire runs.

Police Chief Tony Compton 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 had no report.

Merle Weems gave the following report.

A motion was made by Commissioner Emmons and seconded by Commissioner Fearheiley to pass resolution for the expenditure of up to \$50,000 from MFT funds for the bike path. All present voted Aye.

Mr. Weems reported that he, Economic Development Manager Bill Maples, and City Comptroller Mick Mollenhauer have met with different banks to discuss opening bids pertaining to possible interest rates the banks could provide the city for loan funds needed to complete the new TIF district #5. The council opted not to vote on the matter until further study is done on the bids. Mr. Weems also reported that he is still contacting individuals to have the railroad repair the street and railroad intersections on 3rd street and Walnut Street.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Brunson seconded by Commissioner Witters to approve the minutes from the last City Council Meeting dated December 22, 2003. All present vote Aye.

- A motion was made by Commissioner Emmons and seconded by Commissioner Witters to go into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m. for discussion of new personnel. All present voted Aye except Commissioner Fearheiley voted no.

A motion was made by Commissioner Emmons and seconded by Commissioner Fearheiley to go out of Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. into regular meeting.

City Attorney Tom Price announced the City Council's regular meeting will reconvene Monday, Jan. 12, at 5:30 p.m. for further discussion of personnel at City Hall.

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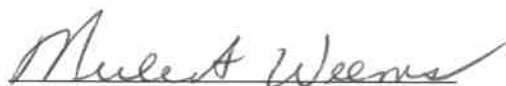
A motion was made by Commissioner Fearheiley and seconded by Commissioner Brunson to approve the rate of 4% Interest in the amount of \$1, 150, 00 with First Bank. All present voted Aye.

- Mayor Meeks read a written statement to the City Council. See attachment.

_ Meeting was adjourned.


Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk