

MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, February 17, 2003

Invocation was given by Rev. John Simms of the Trinity United Methodist Church.

Present on Roll Call: Commissioners Jack Emmons, Jim Pfeister, John Fearheiley, and Dick Shoaff.

Also Present: Mayor George Woodcock, City Administrator Merle Weems, Police Chief Jim Seaton, City Attorney Tom Price, City Inspector Don Price, Street Superintendent David Easter, Fire Chief Steve Partee, Water Plant Superintendent Mark Weirich, Waste Water Treatment Manager Rob Windes, Economic Development Manager Bill Maples, and City Engineer Mike Neikirk.

Absent: Airport Manager Ken Wood.

MAYOR COMMENTS

The Mayor called upon guest, Don Shemonic, of Vigo Coal Company to address the council. Mr. Shemonic, director of marketing and new projects for Vigo Coal, announced that they hope to mine 800,000 tons or more of coal per year for Gibson Generating Station's use, starting in March. Shemonic and Al Lentz, Cinergy team leader for employee services at Gibson Generating Station, discussed the first phase of the coal supply agreement between Vigo and Cinergy. The first phase covers 15 million tons of coal to be produced at a rate of one million tons a year. One effect of the city will be an increase in coal truck traffic on IL Route 15, which would be from Walnut Street to the Wabash River Bridge. 11 to 15 tractor-trailer trucks will be making 10 round-trips a day from the new mine site west of Mt. Carmel to Cinergy Gibson Station. The mine trucks should begin operating at 7:30 to 8 a.m. The trucks will be covered with tarps, so there should be no spillage of coal. Shemonic informed the council that they are doing everything they can to minimize the impact of the traffic and an access road from the mine site is being paved to alleviate some of the tracking onto Route 15. A future railroad spur linking the mine to the power plant could also be a possibility. City Administrator Merle Weems informed Mr. Shemonic that a temporary traffic detour might occur if a replacement of a 65 foot storm sewer has not been done on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Crews hope to have this work done on the state route before the first week of March scheduled start-up of the heavy truck traffic.

Mayor Woodcock also announced guest, James Ray, who is the public relations manager for Charter Communications. Ray returned to Mt. Carmel to discuss the cable TV service with the Council and to hear any more complaints from city residents. Kenneth Cravens of Westover Street attended the Council Meeting to voice his concerns about his cable service. Mr. Cravens has asked Charter to return the Outdoor Life Network or something similar. Ray stated that Charter is still negotiating with Outdoor Life and would have to invest in 178 satellite antennas nationwide as a result of satellite changes made by the network. Ray also informed city commissioners that 120 spots of signal leakages have been identified and are being repaired.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

COMMISSIONER JACK EMMONS - FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

Commissioner Emmons gave the following report.

Cash Investment balance as of 2/17/03:	\$212,265.00
Receipts:	44,497.00
Expenses:	90,171.00
Cash Investment Balance:	166,009.00
 Recreation Fund:	29,219.00
Receipts:	0.00
Expenditures:	326.00
Balance:	28,893.00
Accounts Payable:	301.00
 Garbage Fund Account beginning Balance:	\$26,690.00
Receipts:	11,675.00
Expenses:	19,123.00
Balance:	19,242.00

Accounts Payable:	416.00
Airport Fund:	(20,722.00)
Receipts:	492.00
Expenditures:	17,362.00
Balance:	(37,593.00)
Accounts Receivable:	1,992.00
Accounts Payable:	850.00
Water Fund Account beginning Balance:	\$21,838.00
Receipts:	31,021.00
Expenses:	38,844.00
Balance:	14,015.00
Accounts Payable:	17,303.00
Sewer Fund Account:	\$13,982.00
Receipts:	\$1,024.00
Expenses:	21,705.00
Balance:	13,301.00
Accounts Payable:	10,716.00
Golf Course Fund:	(\$118,190.00)
Receipts:	0.00
Expenses:	8,787.00
Balance:	(126,977.00)
Accounts Payable:	1,004.00

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

Commissioner Pfeister gave the following report. (See attached copy)

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

Unfortunately the Fire Department has had its third serious fire this year. Shoaff commended Lieutenant Mark Weirich and his crew and the rest of the fire department for their outstanding job. There have been calls made to the Fire Department about carbon monoxide problems. Shoaff stated that the Fire Department does not have the equipment and the training to help in these situations. If you have Public Utility gas then you should call them and if you have fuel oil you should contact whoever works on your furnace.

#### COMMISSIONER FEARHEILEY - WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Fearheiley also gave the following report. (See attached copy)

#### ADDITIONAL REPORTS

Merle Weems had no report.

Tom Price had no report.

City Inspector Don Price gave the following report.

There is an application for a Special Use Permit, #03-SU-01, for Paul and Glee Wheeler to place an 8-ft by 36-ft independent travel trailer on the lot as a temporary dwelling unit. There were no objectors present at the public hearing on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made by Commissioner Emmons and seconded by Commissioner Shoaff to approve Special Use Permit, #03-SU-01.

Police Chief Jim Seaton had no report.

Fire Chief Partee had no report.

Street Superintendent Dave Easter had no report.

Water Plant Superintendent Mark Weirich gave the following report.  
(See attached copy)

Waste Water Treatment Manager Rob Windes gave the following report.  
(See attached copy)

City Engineer Mike Neikirk had no report.

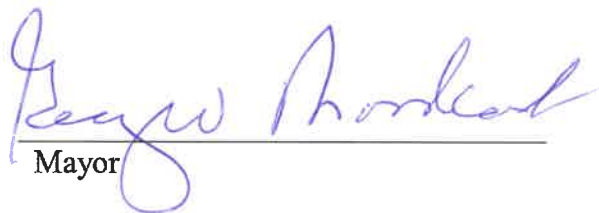
Economic Development Director Bill Maples gave the following report.  
Mr. Maples reported that he would be attending a seminar next month on Economic Development Programs.

#### BUSINESS MOTIONS

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Shoaff seconded by Commissioner Fearheiley to approve the minutes from the last City Council Meeting dated February 3, 2003. All present vote Aye.

Meeting was adjourned.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk