

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017

5:00 pm

Invocation was given by Reverend Tony Hodgson.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Bill Hudson Commissioners – Eric Ikemire, Joe Judge,
Justin Dulgar, Rod Rodriguez

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

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Hudson brought the city council meeting to order.

Mayor Hudson wished everyone a Happy New Year and reported the 2016 year finished with lots of good things happening. Mayor Hudson stated the 2017 year will better with forward progress and prosperity.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER ERIC IKEMIRE – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Ikemire reported in the last two weeks the street department corrected an electrical issue in one of the city trucks; cleaned intakes; cleaned the shop; worked on mowers in preparation for the spring mowing season; repaired the dump truck; and cut back limbs in the south side areas of the city.

COMMISSIONER JOE JUDGE – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures – See attached agenda with financials.

Commissioner Judge reported the city's finances are stable and stated the departments are all doing well with their budgets.

COMMISSIONER JUSTIN DULGAR – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Dulgar reported weather permitting Water Well #1 will be cleaned by the middle of January and the three new valves that were purchased for the Oak Street booster station will be installed next week. Commissioner Dulgar gave an update on the Regional Water Commission; stating the Cities of Grayville, Albion and Mt. Carmel, as well as the Village of Keensburg, have all assigned representatives to serve on the board. Commissioner Dulgar reported the next step is to appoint a chairman, vice chairman, and secretary to the board. Commissioner Dulgar stated the grant study paperwork will then be completed and the engineering study will be conducted, with the process taking approximately six months to complete.

Commissioner Dulgar stated the water maintenance department has been assisting Lamac Engineering with the manhole inspection for the EPA CMOM Study; used the jet truck to clear blockages at multiple locations; and will be installing the new valves at the Oak Street booster station.

Commissioner Dulgar reported the wastewater plant is continuing to work on the CMOM Study with the GPS locations along the lift stations.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez reported he did not have the end of the month totals because the fire department's computer was not working.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RUDY WITSMAN

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reminded residents that trash collection will be a day behind due to the observance of the New Year Holiday on Monday, January 2nd. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated water bills are due this Thursday, January 5th and reminded residents if they have a past due bill to please get it paid as water shut-offs will follow after the Thursday due date. City Administrative Assistant Witsman also reminded residents that the water bills may be paid with a credit card on the city’s website; however there is a small fee for using a card.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported there have been some problems with the city’s website as far as the functionality of it and he has spoken with the “builder” of the website regarding the rebuilding of the website or the possibility of a new website. The builder suggested using newer technology as the city’s current technology is outdated and not worth rebuilding. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated the cost for the new technology/website is not in the current budget and it is an unexpected expense. City Administrative Assistant Witsman suggested postponing the expense of building of new website until the next year budget, due to the current financial strain the city is operating under and the lack of surety of the revenues coming from the various state taxes. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated it is necessary to have the website and for it to be functional however, it is more prudent for the city to wait until the new budget year.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated within the consent agenda is an authorization to enter into a TIF agreement with Timberlake Properties. City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported George Timberlake had approached the city regarding assistance to help offset some of the demolition costs as well as sidewalk repair for that area.

CITY ATTORNEY – TOM PRICE

City Attorney Price no report.

CITY INSPECTOR – MIKE GIDCUMB

City Inspector Gidcumb gave an overview on the year end totals for the water department as well as the building and code inspections. City Inspector Gidcumb stated 727 building and code inspections were conducted; 76 contractor registrations processed; 640 vital records were sold; 3 burials were completed at Rose Hill Cemetery; 17 liquor licenses processed; and 56 video gaming/coin operated amusements devices including pool tables were processed as well as. City Inspector Mike Gidcumb reported the city adapted 26 new ordinances and 4396 service runs were conducted by the water department.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

Mayor Hudson and the Council approved the Consent Agenda, as presented in the agenda dated January 3rd, 2017. The consent agenda consented of approving the minutes for the council meeting held on December 19th, 2016; paying all bills bearing the proper signatures; and approval of Ordinance 1068 - Authorizing TIF Agreement with Timberlake Properties.

Meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk