

MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 4, 2016
5:00 pm

Invocation was given by Reverend David Freels.

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

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Hudson brought the city council meeting to order.

Mayor Hudson wished everyone Happy New Year. Mayor Hudson stated 2015 finished in the black and in flood water. Mayor Hudson asked citizens, due the flooding and for their own safety, to please not drive on the levee.

Mayor Hudson thanked the city crews for all their hard work and quick efforts during the recent heavy rains and flooding.

Mayor Hudson reported work on the College Drive project is on-going, weather permitting, and asked citizens to please be careful while driving in that area of the city.

Mayor Hudson thanked the street department for their work on the Christmas decorations. Mayor Hudson stated he had received several compliments on the Christmas tree decorations and the amphitheater village.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER ERIC IKEMIRE – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Ikemire reported in the last two weeks the street department has cleaned intakes, cleaned up a few tree stump grindings, installed flood wall closure at South Mulberry Street, finished the repairs and then installed the v-box salt spreader, replaced stop sign posts, put up street signs that had been knocked down, and cleaned up the street department shop.

Commissioner Ikemire stated the 2015 leaf crew picked up over 1157 cubic yards of leaves, which is equivalent to over seventy truck loads.

COMMISSIONER JOE JUDGE – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

Commissioner Judge reported the city has seen \$55,476 in state income tax receipts and \$1471 in MFT allotments from April 30, 2015 to date. Commissioner Judge added this year's lower gas prices had an effect on the MFT allotments. Commissioner Judge stated all the city departments are doing really well with their budgets.

COMMISSIONER JUSTIN DULGAR – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Dulgar reported the water maintenance department shut the levee gates, checked the river level at the railroad bridge, placed barricades over the manholes that were flooding, and tested the pumps in preparation for the higher river levels. The water treatment plant did the routine cleaning of the filter walls and the routine running of the levee pumps. The wastewater plant's College Drive lift station is scheduled for rehab this week and a second pump will be added to bring the city up to EPA recommendations. The speed reducer for the wastewater plant's grit collector has also been ordered.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez reported the fire department had a total of 1263 training hours, 252 fire runs, and 2 controlled burn training sessions for the 2015 year.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RUDY WITSMAN

City Administrative Assistant Witsman no report.

CITY ATTORNEY – TOM PRICE

City Attorney Price no report.

CITY INSPECTOR – MIKE GIDCUMB

City Inspector Gidcumb absent.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

Commissioner Dulgar motioned and Commissioner Ikemire seconded to approve the Minutes from regular meeting of City Council held on December 21, 2015. All present voted Aye by voice vote.

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Ikemire seconded to pay all bills bearing the proper signatures. All present voted Aye by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk