

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 16th, 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

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 acknowledged Brittany Campagna of Brush Fire Creative, who presented to the council a proposal to create and maintain a new website for the city at no cost until May 2018, at that time the city can then decide if it wishes to begin paying the \$200 monthly fee for the service. Ms. Campagna stated Brush Fire has benefited from the city's revolving loan fund and is appreciative of its working relationship with the city. The mayor and council extended their appreciation to Brush Fire for the proposal and decided to table a decision until the next council meeting.

Mayor Hudson acknowledged Jeff Karn with Air Evac, who was in attendance at the council meeting to give a presentation regarding air ambulance insurance coverage for city employees. Mr. Karn stated the cost would be \$55.00 per year for each employee and their families. The council thanked Mr. Karn for the information and decided to table a decision at this time.

Mayor Hudson thanked the law enforcement agencies for the recent drug arrests following their long term investigation in Wabash County.

Mayor Hudson thanked the street department for taking down the Christmas decorations in a timely manner.

Mayor Hudson thanked the fire department for its quick response to the fire last Friday at Tri-Kote on outer West Third Street.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER ERIC IKEMIRE – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Ikemire reported in the last two weeks the street department cleaned intakes, continued to service mowers, went through an OSHA Facility Safety Inspection, salted roadways, and serviced the street sweeper.

COMMISSIONER JOE JUDGE – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

Commissioner Judge thanked all the departments for their efforts as the 2017 year has started out being below budget. Commissioner Judge stated the city has begun the New Year on a positive level despite the fact that all the municipalities in the state are receiving less money from the State of Illinois.

COMMISSIONER JUSTIN DULGAR – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Dulgar reported the waste water plant performed its standard routine maintenance and on January 4th the Illinois of Department of Labor/Safety conducted an unannounced safety inspection. Commissioner Dulgar stated the water maintenance department continued to assist Lamac Engineering with the CMOM study; tested Well #1 for drain-offs, as it is scheduled for

maintenance at the end of January; tested the operation of Well #2 due to a malfunction; removed and replaced a valve at the Oak Street Booster Station; and installed the chlorine pump at the water treatment plant, that had been repaired. Commissioner Dulgar reported that starting on January 23rd, the water treatment plant will be working with Hawkins Chemical Company to conduct chemical trials which will hopefully help with the water quality and water treatment costs. The Illinois of Department of Labor/Safety conducted an inspection at the water treatment plant, as well.

Commissioner Dulgar announced the first Wabash Valley Water Commission meeting was held with Albion, Grayville, Keensburg and Mount Carmel. The entity was formed and board members were elected. Commissioner Dulgar stated the next meeting, which will be an open meeting, will be held on January 24th at the Keensburg Fire Department.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez absent.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RUDY WITSMAN

City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated the city's cemetery maintenance contract is up for renewal/rebidding and asked council approval to present the maintenance agreement at the next council meeting for discussion and/or approval.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported, within the consent agenda, is a request authorizing a revolving loan in the amount of \$10,000 to Josh Dillinger to assist him with the purchase of Feather Your Nest.

CITY ATTORNEY – TOM PRICE

City Attorney Price no report.

CITY INSPECTOR – MIKE GIDCUMB

City Inspector Gidcumb absent.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

Mayor Hudson and the Council approved the Consent Agenda, as presented in the agenda dated January 16th, 2017. The consent agenda approved the minutes for the council meeting held on January 3rd, 2017; approved paying all bills bearing the proper signatures; and approved Resolution 629 – Authorizing Revolving Loan to Josh Dillinger.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk