

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 30th, 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,
City Inspector Mike Gidcumb

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Hudson brought the city council meeting to order.

Mayor Hudson acknowledged Melissa Strine, who was seeking the council's approval for the eighth annual Saint Mary's School Mardi Gras 5K/10K Run and Kids Fun Run Celebration. The event is to be held on February 25th. The race route is the same as previous years and the dinner celebration will be held at the Elks Club. Mayor Hudson advised the Mardi Gras Committee to contact the police department with the race route. Ms. Strine thanked the council and the police department for their support throughout the years.

Mayor Hudson acknowledged Wayne Walden, with the Retail Merchants Committee, who was seeking council approval for the Kelly Miller Circus event to be held on Tuesday, May 2nd at the Southgate Industrial Park.

Mayor Hudson acknowledged Mount Carmel Airport Manager Will Wood, who gave an update of the improvements that had been done at the airport and the ongoing projects, as well. Much of the improvements were made available due to grants from the State and Federal Divisions of Aeronautics. Will stated construction of the new jet fuel facility, which is being funded through a grant, should begin this spring and will be a great asset for the airport. The mayor and council thanked Will for all his efforts and for all the work at the airport.

Mayor Hudson acknowledged George Anderson of Comeaux's Daiquiri Depot, who spoke to the council again regarding the consideration of Sunday liquor sells. The council thanked Mr. Anderson and decided to take his request under advisement.

Mayor Hudson acknowledged Commissioner Dulgar, who requested council permission for the Mount Carmel Little League to collect donations at the designated intersections on Saturday, May 13th.

Mayor Hudson thanked the law enforcements for the arrest made over the week-end involving the several four-wheeler thefts.

Mayor Hudson congratulated all Wabash County athletes and musicians on their many winnings and accomplishments and wished them all good luck with the upcoming competitions. Mayor Hudson thanked all the fans who support the events and also thanked the media for "bringing" the events to local citizens who cannot attend the competitions.

Mayor Hudson congratulated Commissioner Rod Rodriguez on being appointed the Secretary of the Illinois South Tourism Committee.

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, continued servicing the street sweeper and repairing its side brooms, patched pot holes, replaced equipment on the snow plow, and removed vegetation growing on the fence line at the former Cargill site.

COMMISSIONER JOE JUDGE – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

Commissioner Judge reported each of the departments are continuing to hold stable with their budgets. Commissioner Judge stated on March 8th and 9th, he will be attending the twenty-eighth annual Rural Community Economic Development Conference in Springfield.

COMMISSIONER JUSTIN DULGAR – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Dulgar reported the water maintenance department fixed water leaks, used the jet truck to clean sewer mains, cleaned locates, closed levee gates due to the rising water, responded to sagging roadway, root-sawed a sewer main, and installed gauges and valves at the Oak Street booster station. Commissioner Dulgar stated the water treatment plant is waiting on a permit from the EPA before starting the new chemical trial by Hawkins Chemical and water well #1 will be cleaned within the next two weeks.

Commissioner Dulgar announced the Wabash Valley Water Commission will hold an open meeting on Tuesday, January 31st at Mount Carmel City Hall at 5:00 pm.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez reported in the last two weeks the fire department responded to three runs with a total of eleven runs for the month of January and conducted advance firefighter training.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RUDY WITSMAN

City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated Greg Locke submitted a cemetery maintenance contract extension, which is allowable under the current operating contract. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated himself along with Commissioner Ikemire and Street Department Superintendent David Easter will meet with Mr. Locke to discuss the extension and will present that contract at the next council meeting. The approval of the cemetery maintenance agreement was removed from the consent agenda for this council meeting.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reiterated at the last council meeting the purchase of air ambulance membership for fulltime employees was presented by Air Evac. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated the membership is for Air Evac only and not Life Flight which also serves Wabash County. The council discussed the possibility and the expense of providing membership to all employees; fulltime, part time, and paid-on call firemen. The council decided to table the decision until the next council meeting; therefore, Air Evac coverage was removed from this meeting's consent agenda.

CITY ATTORNEY – TOM PRICE

City Attorney Price no report.

CITY INSPECTOR – MIKE GIDCUMB

City Inspector Gidcumb reported he will be looking at the vacant houses throughout the city and will present his findings at the next council meeting.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

Mayor Hudson and the Council approved the Consent Agenda, after the removal of the Air Evac membership and the cemetery maintenance agreement from the agenda dated January 30th, 2017. The consent agenda approved the minutes for the council meeting held on January 16th, 2017 and approved paying all bills bearing the proper signatures.

Meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk