

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 16, 2015

5:00 pm

Invocation was given by Commissioner Norm Brunson.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Bill Hudson Commissioners – Dick Shoaff, Norm Brunson,
Joe Judge, 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 acknowledged City Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman, who spoke for the Mount Carmel Little League. They are seeking the council's approval to collect money at the designated intersections on May 9th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Mayor Hudson stated today is a "great day in the neighborhood". The sun is shining, it's seventy degrees and there is no snow.

Mayor Hudson thanked the city hall employees for their polite responses to all the phone calls and concerns received last Friday during the heavy rainfall. The city received over four inches of rain. Mayor Hudson stated the water, sewer and street departments are doing their very best in shedding the water.

Mayor Hudson stated businesses are coming along uptown and buildings are being sold in a positive way. Mayor Hudson added this is great for the city's downtown area.

Mayor Hudson announced swimming pool applications may be picked up at city hall during regular business hours. (Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm)

Mayor Hudson congratulated the Wabash Valley College Lady Warriors on their first round tournament win. Mayor Hudson wished the Lady Warriors good luck, as they are playing again Tuesday, March 17.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER DICK SHOAFF – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

Commissioner Shoaff reminded department heads to please have their preliminary budgets turned in within the next few days. Commissioner Shoaff stated he would like to have the budget complete by Mid-April.

Commissioner Shoaff reported the city's health insurance expense is much better this year in comparison to last year. Commissioner Shoaff stated the city had switched to a different health insurance company, per City Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman's recommendation and the change has definitely paid off.

COMMISSIONER JOE JUDGE – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Judge reported in the last two weeks the street department has plowed and salted city streets, cleaned and salted sidewalks at City Hall and at the Senior Citizen Center, filled sand bags, installed flood gates at south end of Mulberry Street, cleaned intakes, cleaned up the snow plow truck, washed out salt from the v-boxes, replaced cutting edge on one of the snow plows, and patched pot holes on some of the city's streets.

Commissioner Judge stated if residents come across potholes that haven't been filled, to please call city hall so the street department can then be notified. Commissioner Judge acknowledged City Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman, who asked residents to please understand that the potholes won't necessarily be patched the same day as the phone call is made. City Administrative Assistant Witsman asked residents to please bear with the street department, as there are a lot of potholes. The problem is being addressed however; the patching will not be done immediately after a request is made.

Commissioner Judge announced the new playground equipment will be installed at Glendale Park within the next two weeks.

Commissioner Judge thanked all the city employees in each department for all they have done over the past few months regarding all the weather issues the city has had as far as all the snow, rain and etc. The employees' responses have been very positive in getting things done.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez reported the Guns and Hoses fundraiser was an excellent event and thanked everyone who helped make the event a success.

Commissioner Rodriguez announced the Spring Fix Up/Clean –Up week will be April 6th through the 10th.

Commissioner Rodriguez reported in the last two weeks the fire department had thirteen runs.

COMMISSIONER NORMAN BRUNSON – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Brunson reported the water treatment department has done general maintenance in and around the plant. The department repaired a leaking valve on a chemical feed line. The water maintenance has been doing general maintenance throughout the system including using the root saw at the Evergreen Lane and the Michael Avenue sewer mains, took the jet truck to the Village of Allendale to assist with a clogged sewer main, turned on the power at the levee stations due to the rising river and flood stage, and jetted a clogged sewer line and also acidized the line due to grease build up. The wastewater plant is meeting all its standards and is running satisfactorily. The Division Street pump station was activated on Friday, March 13th due to heavy rainfall, as well as the Wabash River exceeding the flood stage level.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RUDY WITSMAN

City Administrative Assistant Witsman presented the business motions to the council and had no other report.

CITY ATTORNEY – TOM PRICE

City Attorney Price no report.

CITY INSPECTOR – MIKE GIDCUMB

City Inspector Gidcumb thanked everyone who has signed up for email and/or fax billing. City Inspector Gidcumb stated to date eight hundred-seventy bills will be emailed and thirty-six will be faxed. City Inspector Gidcumb added anyone interested in signing up for email/fax billing should contact city hall or send an email to waterbilling@cityofmtcarmel.com.

City Inspector Gidcumb reported several construction projects are on-going throughout the city.

City Inspector Gidcumb reported the Zoning Board had a special use request for the placement of a mobile home at 102 Pecan Avenue. All Zoning Board members voted to recommend the special use request to be sent to the council for its approval.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Shoaff seconded to approve Resolution R-615 to make a loan from the Revolving Loan Fund to Michelle Hulse, WSJD Radio. The amount of the loan is \$8000 for a term of six years. Loan proceeds to be used for the purchase of a building. Waive second reading. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Rodriguez motioned and Commissioner Brunson seconded to approve the collection of money in designated intersections by the Mount Carmel Little League subject to the completion of the required paperwork. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Brunson motioned and Commissioner Judge seconded to approve the recommendation of the Zoning Board for the placement of a mobile home at 102 Pecan Avenue. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Brunson seconded to approve the Minutes from regular meeting of City Council held on March 2, 2015. All present voted Aye by voice vote.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk