

## **MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, April 13, 2015  
5:00 pm

Invocation was given by Reverend Tony Hodgson.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Bill Hudson Commissioners – Dick Shoaff, Norm Brunson,  
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 announced the city wide clean-up event sponsored by the Mount Carmel High School Key Club and the Inner Act Club will be held on Saturday, April 18th beginning at 11:00 am. Volunteers are welcome to help with the event.

Mayor Hudson announced The Grind, the new sports store in the city, will be opening soon.

Mayor Hudson stated the Ribberfest Event will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup> and April 25<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Hudson encouraged residents to please attend the event.

Mayor Hudson stated applications for swimming pool employment may be picked up at city hall during the regular business hours and are to please be returned by May 1st.

Mayor Hudson acknowledged Cassandra Goldman, who was representing the Saint Mary's Church Youth Group and was requesting approval from the council to collect money at the designated intersections on Saturday, May 30th. The monies raised will be used to help fund a trip to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

#### **COMMISSIONER DICK SHOAFF – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS**

Commissioner Shoaff reported the deficit in the general fund is now down to \$69,000. At the previous council meeting, Commissioner Shoaff had stated the deficit was at \$139,000. Commissioner Shoaff reported he will be meeting with the street, police, and fire department heads to hopefully get the deficit down to zero, if at all possible. Commissioner Shoaff stated by the law the city's budget has to be completed by May 1st. However, amendments may have to be made to the budget at the next council meeting, as the city does not know what the State of Illinois is doing, as far as its own budgets cuts. Commissioner Shoaff acknowledged City Comptroller Mick Mollenhauer, who gave a brief overview and explanation of the budget. City Comptroller Mollenhauer stated the general fund is almost as low as it can get and the next step would be to cut city services. Commissioner Shoaff congratulated the city employees overall for keeping the expenses down and reiterated on Comptroller Mollenhauer's budget report regarding the cutting of services.

#### **COMMISSIONER JOE JUDGE – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS**

Commissioner Judge absent.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez reported in the last two weeks the fire department had ten runs. The department had been busy with an oil spill clean-up.

Commissioner Rodriguez announced Little League Opening Day is May 2nd. Commissioner Rodriguez invited the public to attend the event.

## **COMMISSIONER NORMAN BRUNSON – WATER AND SEWER**

Commissioner Brunson congratulated Joe Judge and Rod Rodriguez on their re-election and welcomed newly elected city commissioners, Justin Dulgar and Eric Iremire.

Commissioner Brunson reported the wastewater plant is operating satisfactorily and has been performing general duties and preventative maintenance around the plant. In addition, the department has replaced rusted out items, replaced the starter on the Ford pick-up after the truck stalled, and have been preparing for the upgrades to the Mulberry Street lift station. The water treatment plant has been doing its general maintenance, including generator checks each Saturday and draining and cleaning the clarifier. The water maintenance department performed twenty-eight locates, including using the jet truck to clean out sewer lines, assisting the water treatment plant in the cleaning of the basins and setting up equipment, which will be used to pump sand into the water treatment plant.

## **CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RUDY WITSMAN**

City Administrative Assistant Witsman presented to the council, for their consideration, an amendment to the Enterprise Zone and an Intergovernmental Agreement with the county. The amendment is for a six month extension to the Enterprise Zone, which also incorporates Wabash County.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported he been approached by a concerned citizen asking that the city consider installing a stop sign and/or a yield sign at the intersection of Sweeney Avenue and Bainum Street. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated the practice has been for the Police Department to do traffic studies at intersections. City Administrative Witsman anticipated the results of the study would then be presented to the council at the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated this meeting constitutes the first reading of Ordinance 1032, which will be the passing of new budget. City Administrative Assistant Witsman acknowledged Commissioner Shoaff who stated the budget is available at city hall, if anyone would like to look it over or request a copy.

## **CITY ATTORNEY – TOM PRICE**

City Attorney Price no report.

## **CITY INSPECTOR – MIKE GIDCUMB**

City Inspector Gidcumb reported six businesses in the city are currently doing renovations and /or additions. Moto-Rad and B & D Independence have just started and are going strong on their additions. There are three house additions ongoing and also several roofing jobs.

City Inspector Gidcumb stated City Attorney Tom Price and himself have a court date on April 14<sup>th</sup> regarding a property clean-up issue.

## **BUSINESS MOTIONS**

Commissioner Brunson motioned and Commissioner Shoaff seconded to allow Saint Mary's Church Youth Group to fund raise in the intersections on May 30, 2015. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Shoaff motioned and Commissioner Brunson seconded to approve Ordinance 1031 (Extending the Enterprise Zone) and waive second reading. The extension is for six months and will expire July 1, 2016. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Shoaff motioned and Commissioner Rodriguez seconded to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Wabash County regarding the Enterprise Zone extension of six months before expiring. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Brunson motioned and Commissioner Rodriguez seconded to approve the Minutes from regular meeting of City Council held on March 30, 2015. All present voted Aye by voice vote.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk