

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 25, 2016

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 Josh Farley, who was representing the "Bucket Brigade" Program. Mr. Farley announced the house painting project will be done on May 21st and the group is seeking nominations of houses that need painting. The program is for any owner occupied, one story structure with the occupant unable physically or financially to paint the home themselves. Mr. Farley added volunteers are also needed to assist with the painting.

Mayor Hudson acknowledged Mount Carmel Library Foundation Representatives Twilla Coon and Vicki Britton, who were seeking the council's approval for the Tenth Annual 5K Walk/Run to be held on Saturday, June 11th. Mayor Hudson asked that the police department be contacted with the race route, prior to the event.

Mayor Hudson acknowledged Chris Cunningham, co-owner of Brewsky's Pub, who presented to the council the possibility of his business qualifying for the Sunday liquor sales, when the liquor license changes go into effect, after the referendum vote in November. Brewsky's Pub currently has a Class A liquor license.

Mayor Hudson congratulated Kim Mandrell and her staff on the "In the Woods" musical held at high school. Mayor Hudson complimented Chuck Johnson, Terry Beckerman and their staff on the Ribberfest Event. Mayor Hudson also thanked Trey Beckerman, Dave Easter and their workers for the hard work on putting the event together. Mayor Hudson stated this Ribberfest Event was one of the best in the past seventeen years. Mayor Hudson thanked Dan Schonert and the Kiwanis Club on the great Downhill Derby Race. Mayor Hudson thanked the Wabash Valley College basketball and baseball players for their assistance with the race. Mayor Hudson also thanked Wayne Walden and the Wabash County Merchants for sponsoring the circus that was also in Mount Carmel. Mayor Hudson stated all the weekend events were very well attended and thanked everyone who had or assisted with the events over the past weekend.

Mayor Hudson encouraged all to attend the CEO Program, which is being held at Parkview Christian Church this evening until 7:00 pm.

Mayor Hudson announced the College Drive project is progressing well and asked citizens to please be careful while driving in that area.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER ERIC IKEMIRE – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Ikemire reported in the last two weeks the street department cleaned intakes; loaded and hauled brush from storm damage; mowed parks, ballparks and city properties by the levee; hauled tables, barricades and trash totes uptown for Ribberfest; performed final clean-up after Ribberfest; patched potholes; and cut down trees.

COMMISSIONER JOE JUDGE – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

Commissioner Judge thanked the Ribberfest Group for its donation of \$470 to the Wabash County Senior Citizens Center.

Commissioner Judge reported he has applied for several grants for several different departments and has received notification of a Federal Grant for Alternative Transportation, which can be used for sidewalks. Commissioner Judge recommended the city apply for the grant as it would be beneficial for replacement sidewalks along Oak, Poplar, Market and Walnut Streets.

Commissioner Judge thanked everyone for their hard work and efforts on the budget, as it is difficult when cuts have to be made.

COMMISSIONER JUSTIN DULGAR – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Dulgar reported the water maintenance department repaired a fuel line on one of their department's trucks, met with Mount Carmel Public Utility regarding the replacement of a utility pole, repaired sink holes, repaired water leaks, fixed sewer main blockages, and continued to assist with the College Drive project.

Commissioner Dulgar stated the water treatment plant crew sprayed for weeds, mowed and fixed the landscaping. Commissioner Dulgar reported the Annual Consumer Confidence Report is now available for viewing on the city's website.

Commissioner Dulgar reiterated the bid letting for the wastewater plant's outfall project will be this summer and the aeration bid letting will take place late spring, as the city is waiting on the final plans to be approved. Commissioner Dulgar stated seasonal chlorination will be done from May 1st to October 31st as required, per the project permit.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez reported on April 17th the fire department received a 911 call regarding a big fuel spill on the Wabash River. Commissioner Rodriguez stated, fortunately, the Wabash County HazMat team is trained to handle that type of situation and he gave much praise and thanks to the fire department for all their efforts and hard work in handling a very difficult situation.

Commissioner Rodriguez stated the fire department had eight runs in the last two weeks.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RUDY WITSMAN

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reiterated the College Drive project is ongoing and the construction crews will begin working on the residential areas, which will require the closure of driveways. Commissioner Administrative Assistant Witsman stated residents will need to make arrangements for the parking of their vehicles elsewhere, while their individual driveways are having new concrete work done.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman presented to the council, per the city's auditor's request, a motion to write off the revolving loan to Robin Irvine/Blue Sky Fitness. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated the business has closed and the building has been sold.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated the city has begun a new year with the Fireman's Pension Fund Board and asked for Mayor Hudson's appointment of Fireman Terry McGuire and himself to the board.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported, in order to save money, the city's swimming pool whole floor has not been painted for several years and the pool is in now in need of painting. City Administrative Assistant Witsman presented to the council the two bids he had received for pool paint.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated it's the time of year when more tree trimming is being done throughout the city. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stressed it is the responsibility of the tree trimming contractors to dispose of the tree limbs and trees. City Administrative Assistant Witsman emphasized that residents please do not put out those trees and tree limbs for the city's crew to pick up, if the trimming work was done by a contracted tree trimmer. City Administrative Assistant Witsman reiterated the intent of the city's brush pick up service is to assist residents with limbs and brush not whole trees. City Administrative Assistant Witsman added the brush harbor is available and free of charge to residents, if they wish to haul off their brush and/or trees themselves. City Administrative Assistant Witsman asked residents to please adhere to the brush pick up service policy.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reiterated the council's decision to explore the possibility of having a referendum regarding the Sunday liquor sales. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated City Attorney Tom Price and himself have run into some difficulty in creating the wording to satisfy the statute requirements. City Administrative Assistant Witsman informed the council that City Attorney Price has prepared a letter for the Illinois Municipal League's legal department for advice regarding this issue.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated the public meeting for the new budget was held at 4:45 pm, prior to the regular council meeting. City Administrative Assistant Witsman presented to the council Ordinance 1047, which is the ordinance for the annual municipal fiscal budget ending April 30, 2017.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported this council meeting constitutes the first reading of the Liquor Ordinances. City Administrative Assistant Witsman gave a synopsis of each of the ordinances. Ordinance 1048 eliminates the requirements of an unobstructed view; Ordinance 1049 is to clarify the definition of a restaurant; Ordinance 1050 creates the Class G license, which will be the restaurant license allowing Sunday sales; Ordinance 1051 creates the Class H license, which is the video gaming license; Ordinance 1052 establishes the annual liquor license fees; Ordinance 1053 determines the hours of operation for a restaurant allowing Sunday sales; Ordinance 1054 defines the Class G license premise; and Ordinance 1055 establishes the number of liquor licenses in a "no more than" situation.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman presented to the council for their approval Ordinance 1056, which amends Ordinance 1032 (last year's budget amendments).

City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated this meeting constitutes the first reading of Ordinance 1057, the Home Kitchen Operations Ordinance, which was prepared by City Tom Price. The Wabash County Health Department asked that the ordinance include the verbiage that food handlers must complete a "Food Handlers" training course. City Administrative Assistant reiterated the ordinance follows the state statute, regarding home kitchen food sales.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman presented to the council for their approval, the bid from Linson Roofing, for the repairing of the water treatment plant roof.

CITY ATTORNEY – TOM PRICE

City Attorney Price no report.

CITY INSPECTOR – MIKE GIDCUMB

City Inspector Gidcumb reminded citizens to please keep their grass mowed and reiterated the nuisance ordinance change stating only one letter would be mailed when someone is in violation.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Ikemire seconded to approve the Amended Budget Ordinance amending Ordinance 1032 and waive the second reading. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Dulgar motioned and Commissioner Ikemire seconded to approve the bid from Linson Roofing to install a Duro-Last roof system at the water department. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Dulgar motioned and Commissioner Ikemire seconded to approve the 2016-2017 Budget – Ordinance #1047. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Rodriguez seconded to accept the low bid from Kieffer Lumber for pool paint. The bids were: Kieffer Lumber - \$246.31 per 5 gallon pail and Fearheiley Lumber - \$258.33 per 5 gallon pail. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Ikemire motioned and Commissioner Dulgar seconded to approve the appointment of Terry McGuire and Rudy Witsman to the Firemen's Pension Board. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Dulgar to approve the write-off of the Revolving Loan to Robin Irvin/Blue Sky Fitness. The amount of the write-off is \$8498.49. Commissioners Judge, Dulgar, Rodriguez and Mayor Hudson voted Aye by roll call vote. Commissioner Ikemire abstained.

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Dulgar seconded to approve the Minutes from the regular meeting of City Council held on April 11, 2016. All present voted Aye by voice vote.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk