

## **MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, April 27, 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, Joe Judge

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 Ken Cook, who spoke to the council regarding his concerns about the upkeep of an alley between West Fourth/ West Fifth Streets and Ash/Hackberry Streets. Mr. Cook stated he had spoken to City Administrator Rudy Witsman prior regarding brush and limbs in the alley and he thanked the city for resolving that issue. Mr. Cook stated further that he has been maintaining the alley, but has since sold his tractor and is now asking to the city to assume their responsibility regarding the alley. Street Superintendent Dave Easter stated as soon as the city's skid steer is returned from being repaired; the street department crew will level the alley and will put down rock, when the city's receives a new supply of rock. Street Superintendent Easter anticipates the alley should be taken care of within the next week.

Mayor Hudson acknowledged the local Junior Girl Scout Troop, who attended the council meeting to earn their government badge.

Mayor Hudson thanked the Mount Carmel High School Key Club for the work they did in cleaning up the city on Saturday, April 18th.

Mayor Hudson thanked the police department, the fire department, Street Department Superintendent David Easter and the street department crew for their extra work for the Ribberfest Event. Mayor Hudson also thanked Terry Beckerman, Chuck Johnson and their staff for a successful Ribberfest Event. Mayor Hudson thanked Dan Schonert and the Kiwanis' Club for the work they did for at Wabash Cannonball Downhill Derby. Mayor Hudson also thanked everyone who attended all the festivities during the Ribberfest 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 4:30 pm this Friday, May 1st.

Mayor Hudson announced the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Wabash County Courthouse.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

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

Commissioner Shoaff thanked City Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman, the commissioners, the department heads and the city employees for their efforts. Commissioner Shoaff stated he is not happy with the new budget, as there is a deficit. Commissioner Shoaff stated unfortunately cuts may have to be made as the State of Illinois has financial problems, which will definitely affect the local city governments. Commissioner Shoaff thanked everyone in the city, all the residents, and specifically, City Comptroller Mick Mollenhauer for the support during the past twelve years.

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

Commissioner Judge reported in the last two weeks the street department has patched holes on city streets, worked on alleyways, cleaned intakes, mowed city properties and parks, prepped the softball field for ball games, setup for the Ribberfest event, poured concrete at three different locations, and performed seven yard abatements.

Commissioner Judge thanked Street Department Superintendent David Easter for all the work he has done in the past four weeks. Commissioner Judge stated Jeff Lambert, Ron Hughes, David Banks, Chris Dunkel, Josh Harlan, Rob Penwell, Bob Mayhue, and Dustin Avery are hard workers and true assets to the City of Mount Carmel.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez thanked Dick Shoaff and Norm Brunson for their work over the past four years. Commissioner Rodriguez wished the gentlemen all the best in the future.

Commissioner Rodriguez reported in the last two weeks the fire department had three runs with a total of seventeen for the month. The fire department participated in hazmat training on April 13th.

Commissioner Rodriguez stated mosquito spraying will be delayed until the weather warms up and the rains slow down. Commissioner Rodriguez asked residents to be patient until the weather cooperates.

Commissioner Rodriguez announced Little League Season begins on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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

Commissioner Brunson welcomed the new commissioners, stating it is a trying but a rewarding job. Commissioner Brunson thanked Keith Reed at the water treatment plant, Bill Reed with the water maintenance department, and Josh Peach at the wastewater plant stating they all do a good job with their departments.

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

City Administrative Assistant Witsman presented to the council for their approval, an application from the VFW and the American Legion for a fundraiser at the designated city intersections on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman thanked Mr. Dick Shoaff and Mr. Norm Brunson for their time on the city council. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated he appreciates their efforts and what it takes to serve on the council. City Administrative Assistant Witsman reiterated that Mr. Shoaff and Mr. Brunson have done a good job and they always did what they felt was best for the city. City Administrative Assistant Witsman commended the gentlemen for their efforts and their civic mindedness.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman presented to the council for their consideration, Ordinance 1033, which is an ordinance that amends the current budget. City Administrative Assistant Witsman requested a motion from the council to approve the amendment and to waive the second reading of the ordinance.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman also presented to the council, Ordinance 1032, which is the new budget ordinance. City Administrative Assistant Witsman acknowledged City Comptroller Mick Mollenhauer, who stated only minor changes were made to the projections on the current year budget and there were no changes made to the upcoming budget year, since the last council meeting.

### **CITY ATTORNEY – TOM PRICE**

City Attorney Price had no report.

### **CITY INSPECTOR – MIKE GIDCUMB**

City Inspector Gidcumb had no report.

### **BUSINESS MOTIONS**

Commissioner Brunson motioned and Commissioner Shoaff seconded to allow the VFW/American Legion to do fundraising at the selected intersections May 23, 2015. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Brunson motioned and Commissioner Rodriguez to approve Ordinance 1032, the budget beginning May 1, 2015 thru April 30, 2016. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Shoaff seconded to approve Ordinance 1033, which amends the budget that began May 1, 2014 thru April 30, 2015. Waive second reading. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Rodriguez seconded to approve the Minutes from regular meeting of City Council held on April 13, 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.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Judge William Hudson swore in the new council: Commissioners Joe Judge, Rod Rodriguez, Justin Dulgar, and Eric Iremire. Judge William Hudson had the honor of swearing in his father, Bill Hudson as Mayor of the City of Mount Carmel.

Mayor Hudson thanked Mr. Norm Brunson and Mr. Dick Shoaff for the work they have done while serving on the city council. Mayor Hudson commended their service to the city and stated their work was very much appreciated. Mayor Hudson presented to each of a gentleman a gift honoring their service.

Mayor Hudson announced his reappointments: City Clerk/Administrator Rudy Witsman, Treasurer Georgia Vaught, City Attorney Tom Price, City Inspector Mike Gidcumb, Chief of Police John Lockhart, Airport Manager Ken Wood, Golf Course Manager Rick Bobbitt, and Golf Course Groundskeeper Tim Woodsmall. Mayor Hudson acknowledged Commissioner Joe Judge who retained Comptroller/Budget Office Mick Mollenhauer and Director of Senior Citizens Traci Dunkel; Commissioner Eric Iremire retained Street Superintendent David Easter; Commissioner Rod Rodriguez retained Fire Chief Frances Speth and Assistant Fire Chief Fred McGee; and Commissioner Justin Dulgar retained Water Treatment Plant Operator Keith Reed, Wastewater Plant Operator Josh Peach, Water and Sewer Manager Bill Reed and Water Billing Clerk Mike Gidcumb.

### **NEW BUSINESS MOTIONS**

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Dulgar to approve the following appointments: City Clerk – Rudy Witsman, City Treasurer - Georgia Vaught, City Attorney – Tom Price, City Inspector – Mike Gidcumb, Chief of Police – John Lockhart, Airport Manager – Ken Wood, Golf Course Manager – Rick Bobbitt, Golf Course Groundskeeper – Tim Woodsmall, Comptroller/Budget Officer – Mick Mollenhauer, Director Senior Citizens – Traci Dunkel, Street Superintendent – Dave Easter, Fire Chief – Frances Speth, Assistant Fire Chief – Fred McGee, Water Plant Operator – Keith Reed, Sewer Plant Lead Operator – Josh Peach, Water/Sewer Maintenance Manager – Bill Reed, Billing Clerk – Mike Gidcumb. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk