

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 11, 2015

5:00 pm

Invocation was given by Reverend Gary Underwood.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Bill Hudson Commissioners – Joe Judge, Rod Rodriguez,
Justin Dulgar, Eric Iremire

Also Present: City Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman and City Attorney Tom Price

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Hudson brought the city council meeting to order.

Mayor Hudson reported progress is continuing in the city. The Grind, the new sporting goods store located on Market Street is open for business. The new Edward D. Jones office at Ninth and Market Streets is now also open. Some other improvements are also coming along; the new "Chestnut Grove" apartment complex at Fourth and Chestnut Streets, Keepes Funeral on Outer Cherry Street, and Zanetis Oil Company also on Outer Cherry Street. Mayor Hudson stated there are other projects on the drawing board for the future development of the downtown area and for the rest of the community.

Mayor Hudson announced work on the swimming pool is being hampered by the weather and there is not a scheduled opening date at this time. Mayor Hudson asked the council's approval to keep the swimming pool rates the same as last year. The rates were general admission \$3.00, punch pass (12 punches) \$30.00, and rental for parties \$150.00. The pool hours will be Monday/Wednesday/Friday – 12:30 to 5:00, Tuesday/Thursday – 12:30 to 8:00, Saturday/Sunday – 1:00 to 5:00. Rental for parties will be Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after 6:00 pm.

Mayor Hudson stated this is grass mowing season and to please not blow grass clippings out into the street. Mayor Hudson asked residents to please bag their grass clippings or to blow the clippings back on the lawn itself.

Mayor Hudson reported he had driven down several alleys throughout the city and noticed that while the fronts of houses looked nice there was lots of "junk" in the alleyways. Mayor Hudson stated that he saw junk trailers, junk cars, trash and torn fences. Mayor Hudson added that he and the neighbors as well, would appreciate if those areas in town would be cleaned up.

Mayor Hudson presented to the council a recommendation from the Library Board to appoint Rian Waterbury and Darlene Weir, who will be replacing Judy Donahue and Arna Liddle.

Mayor Hudson acknowledged Don Price of the Mount Carmel Public Library Foundation, who was seeking the council's approval for the Ninth Annual Library 5K Walk/Run event to be held on Saturday, June 13th.

Mayor Hudson acknowledged Dave Dallas, who spoke for William Dardeen, who was seeking the council's approval for the subdivision of properties that Mr. Dardeen owes and which is located at East Fifth and Golden Aces Way.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER JOE JUDGE – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

Commissioner Judge reported the city received a nice check from the State of Illinois and as of now things are going well. Commissioner Judge stated however, the city is just two weeks into the new fiscal year. Commissioner Judge reported the city's budget is in limbo until the State of Illinois and the Governor decide about the state's budget cuts. Commissioner Judge added that a loan has been paid off under the city's revolving loan fund.

COMMISSIONER ERIC IKEMIRE – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Ikemire reported in the last two weeks the street department has patched potholes in city streets, cleaned intakes, mowed city parks and properties, lined the girls' softball field for the high school game, cleaned out the tennis court ditch and cut the grade to assist in drainage, dragged and graded rocky alleys on the city's west side, replaced light fixtures and bulbs at the Fourth Street ball park with the assistance of Mount Carmel Public Utility, and took down the sea wall closure at located at end of South Mulberry Street.

Commissioner Ikemire stated he met with Street Department Superintendent David Easter and the street department crew and also toured the street department facility.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez reported in the last two weeks the fire department had three runs with a total of seventy-eight for the year.

Commissioner Rodriguez thanked Rob Snelling for the allowing the fire department to use his salvage yard facility for an extricating exercise.

Commissioner Rodriguez announced Countrymark will be having a golf outing on May 16th.

Commissioner Rodriguez thanked the street department for mowing the Little League grounds and marking the fields for the ballgames.

COMMISSIONER JUSTIN DULGAR – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Dulgar reported the wastewater department has been performing its regular duties and standard preventative maintenance. The department has done troubleshooting in preparation for lift station upgrades and repairs for the new fiscal year. The water treatment facility has been performing its standard general maintenance, including repairing leaking valves. The facility has also completed the 2014/2015 water report, which is available for review on the city's website. The water maintenance department has also done its general maintenance. The maintenance crew assisted the treatment plant with water testing, dug up and moved two water main service lines on Bainum Street, installed one new water main service line, responded to several sewage back-up service calls and used the jet truck on part of those sewer main locations.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RUDY WITSMAN

City Administrative Assistant Witsman spoke for City Inspector Gidcumb, who was absent, reminding residents to keep their yards mowed. This year with the new ordinance that was passed residents will receive only one letter for the whole year, reminding them to mow their grass. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated, if the city has to mow a property, it will be an expensive endeavor for that property owner as the city can also place a lien against the property for the collection of that work. City Administrative Assistant Witsman asked residents to please keep their yards mowed.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported he had received notice from the State of Illinois that the six month Enterprise Zone extension had been granted. The new expiration date will be extended through June 2016.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reiterated that the city did receive a payment in full to the revolving loan fund from Willy's Carburetor and Dyno Shop. City Administrative Assistant stated the city was fortunate to assist Willy's business in getting started, which resulted in a payout that was definitely beneficial to the city as well as the community.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman acknowledged Dave Dallas, who gave an update on the city's annual MFT program. Mr. Dallas reported he and Street Superintendent David Easter had conducted an inspection and overall most of the city streets are in good shape. Mr. Dallas will present to the council at the next meeting the plans for the summer MFT maintenance program. Mr. Dallas is anticipating the resurfacing of Oak Street and the resurfacing Fifth Street between Mulberry and Walnut Streets using FAU money.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported at a previous council meeting, a request had been made for a traffic study at the intersection of Sweeney Avenue and Bainum Street. City Administrative Assistant Witsman presented to the council the results of that study, which was conducted by Police Chief John Lockhart, and requested that a decision be made at the next council meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY – TOM PRICE

City Attorney Price no report.

CITY INSPECTOR – MIKE GIDCUMB

City Inspector Gidcumb absent.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Ikemire seconded to approve the swimming pool rates for 2015. They will remain the same as last year. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Dulgar seconded to approve the recommendation from the Library Board to appoint Rian Waterbury and Darlene Weir to replace Judy Donahue and Arna Liddle. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Dulgar motioned and Commissioner Ikemire seconded to approve the subdivision application from William Dardeen. Reference File 15-50-01. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Rodriguez motioned and Commissioner Ikemire seconded to approve the Minutes from regular meeting of City Council held on April 27, 2015. All present voted Aye by voice vote.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk