

## **MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, May 23, 2016

5:00 pm

Invocation was given by Becky Reeves.

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

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

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Hudson brought the city council meeting to order.

Mayor Hudson congratulated all the graduates from the grade schools, high schools, junior colleges, four-year colleges and above.

Mayor Hudson reported the crews are working very hard to get the sidewalks, streets and driveways completed on College Drive. Mayor Hudson stated the area looks really nice and cautioned citizens to still please be careful while driving along College Drive.

Mayor Hudson stated the “problem” trees by the swimming pool have been cut down, which will be a big help in preventing the pool filters from getting clogged.

Mayor Hudson announced the swimming pool will open on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> with a free swim day from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The regular season hours will begin on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> with the season night swim times beginning on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. The swimming pool fees are \$3.00 for general admission, \$30.00 for a (12) punch pass and \$150.00 for pool party rentals.

Mayor Hudson asked citizens to please pay respects on Memorial Day to the military men and military women for their service to our country.

Mayor Hudson announced Channel 14 News will be broadcasting their “Midday with Mike” news report from Market Street in Mount Carmel on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am; as well as their regular news casts at 4:00, 5:00, and 6:00 pm. Press releases will be forthcoming.

### **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 off storm damage; mowed parks, ballparks, and city properties by the levee; performed yard abatements; removed broken and hanging tree limbs from recent storms; dragged and lined softball and baseball fields at the Little League and the West Fourth Street ball parks; and hauled off the South School Crossing Guard Building that was damaged in the recent storm.

Commissioner Ikemire asked residents to please be patient as the brush crew has been working really hard trying to clean up after all the storm damage. Commissioner Ikemire emphasized that residents should please call city hall, if they have limbs or brush that needs to be picked up.

#### **COMMISSIONER JOE JUDGE – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS**

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

Commissioner Judge absent.

## **COMMISSIONER JUSTIN DULGAR – WATER AND SEWER**

Commissioner Dulgar reported the water maintenance department worked at the pool; continued to assist on College Drive; repaired water leaks; also dug up and repaired water lines. Commissioner Dulgar stated the wastewater plant is operating satisfactorily and announced the aeration project advertisement will be in early June with the bid letting in August and the construction should begin in the fall of 2016. The wastewater plant's outfall project bid letting will hopefully be late summer or early fall.

Commissioner Dulgar stated the water treatment plant ordered chemicals for the city pool, assisted the water maintenance department with building of the pressure valves for Greenbriar Subdivision and also for Cherry Street. Commissioner Dulgar reported Lead Operator Keith Reed attended continuing education training in Saint Louis, Missouri.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez stated the mosquito spraying will be starting soon and asked residents to please be patient once the spraying does begin.

Commissioner Rodriguez announced the Guns and Hoses baseball game, which was held Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> was a successful fundraising event.

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

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

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reminded citizens the Gibson County Coal Mine public hearing is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at Parkview Christian Church.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman announced a public hearing will be held at city hall on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm, regarding the State of Illinois Transportation Enhancement Grant Program. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated the grant application has to be submitted by June 17<sup>th</sup> and hopefully the city will then be awarded funds by this coming fall. The grant monies may be used for sidewalk replacement/enhancement along Market Street between Third and Fifth Streets.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reiterated at the February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 meeting, he had presented to the council for their approval the expenditure of up to \$46,000 for the swimming pool liner replacement. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated, due to an oversight, prevailing wage was not included in the expenditure and therefore \$4206.86 needs to be appropriated to offset the additional costs.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman presented to the council a bid from the fireworks company in the amount of \$12,650.00 for the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks display. City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported the monies for the expenditure have been budgeted and asked the council if they wished to continue with the fireworks celebration. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated donation letters will be mailed out and hopefully donations will help to offset that expense. City Administrative Assistant Witsman thanked those for their generous donations in prior years.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman announced that city hall will be closed Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> for the Memorial Day Holiday. The brush harbor will be closed Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> and Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, however the brush harbor will be open on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported several municipal governments have switched to a "Consent Agenda". This approval process is a means of streamlining business motions that were previously presented individually and may now be presented as one business motion. City Administrative Assistant Witsman emphasized if a business motion is listed in the consent agenda that a council member would have to vote on separately or if the council member has questions about a particular item; the motion may be removed from the consent agenda and presented individually.

## **CITY ATTORNEY – TOM PRICE**

City Attorney Price no report.

**CITY INSPECTOR – MIKE GIDCUMB**

City Inspector Gidcumb absent.

**BUSINESS MOTIONS**

Commissioner Ikemire motioned and Commissioner Dulgar seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, which consented of approving the minutes for the council meeting held on May 9<sup>th</sup>; paying of bills bearing the proper signatures; and Resolution 625 – Application for Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Dulgar and Commissioner Ikemire seconded to approve on additional amount of \$4206.86 for the swimming pool liner replacement. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk