

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 26, 2015
5:00 pm

Invocation was given by Reverend Tony Hodgson.

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

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 Sara Sales, who was representing the Mount Carmel SWAT 12U softball team and was seeking the council's approval to have a fundraiser at the designated intersections on Saturday, June 13th.

Mayor Hudson thanked everyone for their kind words, sympathy cards, thought and prayers for the recent passing of his brother.

Mayor Hudson thanked the Veterans who came together to honor their fallen comrades on Memorial Day. The ceremonies at the cemeteries and the VFW Post were a great tribute. Mayor Hudson also thanked all the veterans who are currently serving our country.

Mayor Hudson reported the new sporting goods store in Mount Carmel, The Grind, held its grand opening ceremony. Mayor Hudson announced a second sporting goods store will also be opening soon, 410 Outdoor, which will be located by Shopko.

Mayor Hudson reported the swimming pool opening day has been delayed because currently only three lifeguards have applied for this year's pool season. Mayor Hudson thanked the media for putting the word out about a lifeguard certification class being offered at Wabash Valley College this weekend; Friday, Saturday, and Sunday- May 29th, 30th and 31st, in hopes that several individuals will participate. The anticipated opening day of the pool will be June 6th with the Duck Race Event. Mayor Hudson stated that the weather has also put a damper on the pool opening as well. Mayor Hudson added the media will be contacted as soon as possible confirming the opening date and times for the pool.

Mayor Hudson announced this coming weekend Duke Energy will be hosting a golf outing at the city's golf course.

Mayor Hudson stated swimming and golfing depend on the weather and hopefully the rain will be over within the next week, so the pool and golf course can get down normal operation.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER JOE JUDGE – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

Commissioner Judge reported overall the city's finances are looking good at this time.

Commissioner Judge stated a grant had been written for the police department for defibrillators to supply each of the squad cars. Commissioner Judge anticipates a response regarding the Toyota Grant by mid-June. Commissioner Judge reported he will be working with Police Chief John Lockhart on a COPS grant. The grant money can be used to employ an extra policer officer. The city had applied for this grant last year, but was denied. Commissioner Judge added that hopefully, the city will be awarded the grant this year.

Commissioner Judge reported July 4th Fireworks donation letters have been sent out. Commissioner Judge stated donations are very much appreciated, as the cost for the fireworks display is \$12,500.

Commissioner Judge thanked the A. Frank Orr Trust on behalf of the Senior Citizens Center for the \$1200 donation given early in this year. The money was used to purchase a defibrillator, which has been installed at the center. Every employee at the center has been certified thru the American Heart Association's CPR and defibrillator training.

Commissioner Judge reported the combined sales tax receipts and the state income tax receipts are showing a positive amount of \$4000 higher than this same time period last year. Commissioner Judge stated things are going in a positive manner at this time for the City of Mount Carmel.

COMMISSIONER ERIC IKEMIRE – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Ikemire was 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 eight runs.

Commissioner Rodriguez thanked Jack Emmons and Rob Penwell for the cleanup of the Veteran's Park.

Commissioner Rodriguez reported Republic Services will be running a day late on trash pick-up due to the Memorial Day Holiday.

Commissioner Rodriguez stated mosquito spraying is ongoing, when the weather allows. The spraying could not be done during the recent rainy days and cool evenings.

COMMISSIONER JUSTIN DULGAR – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Dulgar reported the Water Treatment Facility performed their scheduled routine maintenance. The crew put new rock and sand in filter number one and sent off water samples to the lab for testing. The Water Maintenance Facility assisted the Water Treatment Department with filling the filter with rock and sand, and also started filling the city pool. The Wastewater Plant reported aerator numbers 1, 3, 4 and 8 are down and will require troubleshooting. Commissioner Dulgar stated the aerators will not put back into working order until later in the year due to the Wastewater Plant's upgrade in this fall. Commissioner Dulgar reported the grit collector motor and the speed reducer had failed. However, the new motor is in and the crew is waiting on the new speed reducer replacement. Commissioner Dulgar also reported a valve in the bottom of the primary clarifier is bad and the department will be looking into replacing it.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RUDY WITSMAN

City Administrative Assistant Witsman presented to the council the reappointment request from the Library Board. Verlin Snow, Charles Randolph, and Lisa Fischer's terms have expired and they are seeking reappointment.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman presented to the council a synopsis for the 2011 Performance Contract Debt. City Administrative Assistant Witsman recommended to the council to contract with King Financials, which would result in a savings of \$292,409.17 for the city.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported on a request for a recent traffic study, which was done at the intersection of Bainum and Sweeney. City Administrative Assistant Witsman acknowledged City Police Chief John Lockhart, who recommended that no action be taken at this time based on the results of that study.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman presented to the council for their approval Resolution 617, which is for the yearly maintenance work for the city.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman acknowledged Dave Dallas of Dallas Consulting, who explained Resolution 618, which would help fund the city's portion of the repaving project for Oak Street and also for Fifth Street. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated the engineering agreement had been approved at a previous council meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY – TOM PRICE

City Attorney Price no report.

CITY INSPECTOR – MIKE GIDCUMB

City Inspector Gidcumb reported that several grass nuisance letters that have been sent out and reminded residents that they will only receive one notice a year, per the newly changed grass nuisance ordinance.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Rodriguez seconded to allow the collection of the money in the intersections on June 13 by a group led by Sara Sales. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Rodriguez seconded to enter into an agreement with King Financials to refinance the Performance Contract Debt with bonds. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Judge seconded to approve the recommendation of the Library Board to reappoint Verlin Snow, Charles Randolph and Lisa Fischer to the Board. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Dulgar motioned and Commissioner Rodriguez seconded to approve Resolution R-617. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Dulgar seconded to approve Resolution R-618. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Rodriguez motioned and Commissioner Judge seconded to approve the Minutes from regular meeting of City Council held on May 11, 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 5:40 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk