

## **MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, June 6, 2016

5:00 pm

Invocation was given by Reverend Tony Hodgson.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Bill Hudson Commissioners – Joe Judge,  
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 acknowledged Mount Carmel Airport Manager Ken Wood, who announced his retirement, effective June 30, 2016. Ken presented to the council an overview showing all the projects that were accomplished during the forty-two years he was employed as manager. Ken thanked the present and past councils for all the support throughout those years. Ken stated the city's airport is an award winning airport due to the support of area businessmen, friends and aviators. Ken gave an interesting history of the airport, stating it began as a military field in 1942. The City of Mount Carmel acquired the airport in 1946 from the federal government. Ken announced his son, William Wood, will be the new manager. Ken thanked the council for allowing him to serve his career working for the City of Mount Carmel. Mayor Hudson thanked Ken for his service to the city and wished him well. Mayor Hudson acknowledged City Administrative Witsman, who spoke on behalf of the city, and thanked Ken for always being professional while looking out for the community and the best interests of the airport. City Administrative Assistant Witsman emphasized the airport is a valuable asset to the community. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated Ken has served the city very well and his service is truly appreciated.

Mayor Hudson thanked Cathy Renner, Kyle Peach and others for their cleanup work on June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Wabash County Courthouse; Dave Wilderman and others for spraying weeds along Market Street; "Renuzit" for their work; and to the street department for taking down the tattered signs/flags along Market Street.

Mayor Hudson reiterated this Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am; WFIE TV Channel 14 will be broadcasting their "Midday with Mike" news report. The crew will be setup at the amphitheater and the 4:00, 5:00 and 6:00 pm evening news will also be broadcasted, as well.

Mayor Hudson announced, weather permitting, the College Drive Project should be completed within the next two weeks.

Mayor Hudson reported the city swimming pool had six hundred fifty-one in attendance on opening day, May 30<sup>th</sup>, for the free swim. Mayor Hudson stated hopefully the pool will continue to be will attended throughout the summer.

Mayor Hudson stated the city has taken ownership of two new police vehicles. The one of vehicles is a replacement for that was totaled from a recent accident and the other vehicle purchase was figured in this new budget year.

Mayor Hudson announced the Library's 5K Walk/Run Race will be this Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:00 am. Mayor Hudson asked citizens to please be careful of the walkers/runners while driving in that area of the city. Mayor Hudson also announced the Relay for Life Event will be held that same evening at the Mount Carmel High School Football Stadium.

Mayor Hudson stated the Fantastic Fourth Committee will be meeting to finalize the plans for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend Celebration. Mayor Hudson announced a movie night event at the amphitheater is scheduled for Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>; the Rotary Club Corn Day Event and an evening Church service at the amphitheater will be on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>; a veteran's breakfast at the Senior Citizens Center, the "Sweet Land of Liberty" parade, and the Fireworks Display will all be held on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Hudson announced donations for the fireworks display would be greatly appreciated as the total cost to the city is \$12,650. Anyone wishing to donate may send a check to city hall. The Lion's Club and Rotary Club members will be taking donations at the gates on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

### **COMMISSIONER ERIC IKEMIRE – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS**

Commissioner Ikemire absent.

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

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

Commissioner Judge reported the City of Mount Carmel's finances are holding stable. Commissioner Judge stated the city will greatly miss Ken Wood and is very appreciative of his service. Commissioner Judge reiterated the airport is self-sufficient due to the income the city receives from the farm land rental.

Commissioner Judge reported within the new budget the city had passed a negative amount in the garbage fund, which was attributed to the brush and vegetation pick-up. Commissioner Judge stated he will gather more information regarding that issue and would present it to the council for discussion at the next meeting.

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

Commissioner Dulgar congratulated William Wood on his new position as the airport manager.

Commissioner Dulgar reported the water maintenance department assisted with the College Drive project, checked on sewer main back-ups, flushed the swimming pool filters, and performed their standard maintenance. Commissioner Dulgar stated the water treatment plant has been regularly cleaning and disinfecting the settlement basins, which has been beneficial to the quality of the water supply. Commissioner Dulgar complimented Water Treatment Plant Lead Operator Keith Reed on his work at the plant. The roof repairs at the water treatment plant should be completed within the next week. Commissioner Dulgar stated he has been pricing a skid steer loader for the wastewater plant. The crew has been doing their standard maintenance and lawn care maintenance. Commissioner Dulgar gave an update on the wastewater plant's aeration project; stating the advertising should be early July, the bid letting in August and the construction should begin in the fall of 2016.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez thanked Ken Wood for his service and for all he has done for the airport.

Commissioner Rodriguez reported the fire department conducted firefighter training at Southgate and had nine runs in the last two weeks.

Commissioner Rodriguez announced a birthday party will be held this Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Mabel Courter Youth Center for Luke Dill, who has been diagnosed with bone cancer. Commissioner Rodriguez stated everyone is welcome and asked that anyone who attends to please bring a birthday card for Luke. Birthday cards may also be dropped off at Conoco.

Commissioner Rodriguez stated the city has starting spraying for mosquitos.

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

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported the plans are being finalized by Lamac for the Streetscape Grant that the city is applying for. The grant application has to be completed and turned into Springfield by June 17<sup>th</sup>. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated he has contacted the offices of State Representative Righter and State Representative Reis as well as United States Representative Shimkus, who have sent letters of support for the city.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman announced City Attorney Price and himself have been working on a contract for the demolition of the former Hadley's building. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated hopefully that contract will be presented for consideration at the next 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 Dulgar seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, which consented of approving the minutes for the council meeting held on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 and paying of all bills bearing the proper signatures. All present voted Aye by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk