

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 8, 2015

5:00 pm

Invocation was given by Reverend Tony Hodgson.

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

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 acknowledged that the Lion's Club presented a donation check to him for \$500 to be used toward the fireworks. The Lion's Club has challenged other clubs to match their donation, as well.

Mayor Hudson acknowledged Tammy Beck, who was representing the Mount Carmel High School Music Boosters and was requesting approval to have a fund raiser at the designated intersections on September 19, 2015. City Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman reported he had been advised of the possibility of a state statue regarding the soliciting of funds on state highways and at this time he is researching that information. City Administrative Assistant Witsman asked the council's approval to complete the research and advise them at a later date regarding the status of this of activity. The council decided to table the Music Boosters' request.

Mayor Hudson reported several activities took place during this past weekend which included; The Relay for Life, the opening of the city swimming pool with the free swim, The Duck Race, and several ribbon cuttings and open houses. Mayor Hudson stated the Library's 5K Run will be held this coming Saturday, June 13th.

Mayor Hudson announced the Fantastic Fourth Committee has been preparing for the upcoming July 4th celebration. The event will begin with a prayer service on Wednesday, July 1st; a family movie night on Thursday, July 2nd; and a band on Friday, July 3rd all being held at the amphitheater. On July 4th, there will be the parade, the food court, music, swimming, golfing, and etc. during the day as well as the fireworks display that evening. The Fantastic Fourth Celebration will end on Sunday, July 5th with the Rotary Corn Day.

Mayor Hudson stated the city's golf course is one of the best courses around for the size of this community with some of the lowest prices. Mayor Hudson announced each Friday, for the next five weeks, John White will be giving golf lessons to young adults at the city golf course.

Mayor Hudson reported improvements for the city are in the making and those announcements will be forth coming.

Mayor Hudson thanked the people who are keeping their yards clean, as this helps to make the city attractive.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER ERIC IKEMIRE – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Ikemire reported in the last two weeks the street department has patched holes in city streets, cleaned intakes, mowed city parks and properties, dragged and lined the ball fields for Little League, mowed the yard abatements, performed the levee inspection with the Corp of Engineers, and rebuilt a hydraulic cylinder on the backhoe. Commissioner Ikemire commended Street Department Superintendent Dave Easter and his crew for repairing the backhoe themselves and saving the city money on those repairs.

COMMISSIONER JOE JUDGE – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

Commissioner Judge stated the city's finances are holding steady and the city is running on a positive note at this time.

Commissioner Judge reported the Senior Citizens Center is operating well. The defibrillator has been installed at the center.

Commissioner Judge reported he, Police Chief John Lockhart, and City Administrative Assistant Rudy Witman are still working on the COPS/SRO officer grant. The process is very lengthy and time consuming.

COMMISSIONER JUSTIN DULGAR – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Dulgar reported the Water Treatment Facility drained and cleaned one of the clarifiers, as part of their routine maintenance, the Water Maintenance Department has been busy with the swimming pool maintenance in preparation for its opening and also used the jet truck at several locates for sewer clean outs, the WasteWater Plant also drained and cleaned out a clarifier, repaired valves, and performed routine maintenance.

Commissioner Dulgar stated the city should be hearing back soon regarding the Wastewater Plant's upgrade project loan approval. The city will then begin advertising for bids once it receives that application approval.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez absent.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RUDY WITSMAN

City Administrative Assistant Witsman thanked Gary and Wanda Shaw, who donated a picnic bench to the city, which be used at the amphitheater.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported he was notified the replacement equipment for the jet truck is ready to be installed. The jet truck will be taken to Springfield on Tuesday to be refurbished and a new truck bed will also be installed. Kieffer Brothers Construction has graciously offered the use of their jet truck, free of charge, while the city's is out of service. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated Kieffer Brothers community spirit is very much appreciated.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated Water/Sewer Maintenance Foreman Bill Reed and Lamac Engineering have been preparing for the final drawings of the water line and sidewalk replacement project along College Drive. This project is ongoing in preparation to allow the bidding process to begin.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman presented to the council, for their approval, Ordinance 1034. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated this ordinance is a yearly requirement to pass the prevailing wage, which is derived by the State of Illinois Department of Labor.

CITY ATTORNEY – TOM PRICE

City Attorney Price no report.

CITY INSPECTOR – MIKE GIDCUMB

City Inspector Gidcumb absent.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

Commissioner Dulgar motioned and Commissioner Ikemire seconded to approve Ordinance 1034-Prevailing Wage. Waive second reading. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Dulgar seconded to approve the Minutes from regular meeting of City Council held on May 26, 2015. All present voted Aye by voice vote.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk