

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

5:00 pm

Invocation was given by Reverend Tony Hodgson.

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

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 Bill Mabry, who asked the council to recognize Lauren Kieffer, as she is a two time national equestrian champion and will be competing in the Olympics in the equestrian events this summer. Mr. Mabry asked if a sign could be placed at the entrances into the city in honoring Lauren. City Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman stated he has contacted the State of Illinois Department of Transportation regarding the placement of signs. IDOT suggested the signs be placed after the completion of the Olympic events so the "correct" verbiage for Lauren's accomplishments can be placed on the signs. Mr. Mabry agreed with the suggestion of waiting to honor Lauren after the Olympic Events and expressed his appreciation to the council.

Mayor Hudson acknowledged City Administrative Assistant Witsman, who announced he had received one bid for the demolition of the former Hadley's building. City Administrative Assistant Witsman presented the bid for opening to Mayor Hudson. Mayor Hudson announced the bid was from Jeff Guisewite Inc. for the bid price of \$47,300. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated City Attorney Price had prepared a resolution in anticipation of the council honoring the submitted bid for the demolition of the structure located at 416 North Market Street. City Administrative Witsman presented Resolution 626 to the council for their approval.

Mayor Hudson thanked all who made the Fantastic Fourth Weekend Celebration a great success. Mayor Hudson stated all the events were very well attended, despite the weather. Mayor Hudson announced, due to the rain, the movie night at the amphitheater had to be postponed to this Saturday, June 9th at 8:30 pm.

Mayor Hudson announced the College Drive project is complete and stated the area looks very nice. Kieffer Brothers Construction will be finished once the required street/traffic signs are put in place.

Mayor Hudson thanked all the people that came from great distances including Arizona, Texas, West Virginia, and North Carolina for the Fantastic Fourth Weekend and for making it a great success. Mayor Hudson also thanked everyone who gave donations for the fireworks display and for all the various activities throughout the entire holiday weekend. Mayor Hudson announced the city received \$9491.45 in fireworks donations and stated all donations are greatly appreciated.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER ERIC IKEMIRE – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Ikemire reported in the last two weeks the street department mowed parks, ballparks, and city property by the levee; performed yard abatements; patched potholes in street and alleyways; burned the brush pile at the brush harbor; hauled tables uptown and put up barricades for the July 4th festivities; cleaned boat ramp; sprayed weeds at the levee approaches and city properties; and used arm mower to mow around ponds at the golf course.

COMMISSIONER JOE JUDGE – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

Commissioner Judge thanked the Rotary Club, the Lion's Club and Dick Shoaff for collecting donations at the July 4th Fireworks Display Celebration.

Commissioner Judge reported the city is still financially stable and the funds the city is not receiving from the State of Illinois are the MFT reimbursements for the traffic signal lights.

Commissioner Judge announced the Senior Citizens Center had an "Open House" last week and it went very well. On Friday, July 1st, the center held its fish fry with one-hundred nine people dining in, thirty-one meals were delivered and forty-five were take-out meals. Commissioner Judge thanked Tracy, TJ, Kristi, Terry, Jerry and Dave Easter for all their hard work with the fish fry. On the morning of Monday, July 4th, one hundred twelve people were served at the Veteran's Breakfast. Commissioner Judge thanked all the volunteers from First National Bank and the Wabash General Hospital who assisted with the breakfast as well as Jerry and Erica Panozzo for cooking the food.

Commissioner Judge reported the Senior Citizens Center's air conditioning and heating system is starting to fail. Commissioner Judge stated he had received quotes from two companies in Mount Carmel and both companies generously donated a portion of their labor expense in the quotes. Commissioner Judge announced Sharp and Williams had the lowest quote of \$9000 for the heating and air conditioning unit with the labor costs being donated and stated their labor cost donation is greatly appreciated. Commissioner Judge added any other donations would be greatly appreciated to help offset the cost of the units.

COMMISSIONER JUSTIN DULGAR – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Dulgar thanked the city crew for mowing the ball parks and stated their efforts are greatly appreciated. Commissioner Dulgar announced Mount Carmel will be hosting the 10U All Stars Tournament beginning Thursday, July 7th.

Commissioner Dulgar reported the water maintenance department finished up their work on the College Drive Project. Commissioner Dulgar stated the crew did a fantastic job assisting with that project all the way through to its completion. Commissioner Dulgar reported the water maintenance department also exercised and lubed the flood gates as part of the routine maintenance; used the jet truck to fix sewer mains; checked the city's swimming pool filters and performed their standard maintenance. Commissioner Dulgar stated the wastewater plant is nearing the bid letting date for the aeration project. Commissioner Dulgar reported the water treatment plant had a new motor installed for the aerator blower; had been overseeing the chemical treatment/balance at the swimming pool; preparing to clean the basins; as well as performing the plant's standard lawn maintenance.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez absent.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RUDY WITSMAN

City Administrative Assistant Witsman had no further comments.

CITY ATTORNEY – TOM PRICE

City Attorney Price no report.

CITY INSPECTOR – MIKE GIDCUMB

City Inspector Gidcumb absent.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

Commissioner Dulgar motioned and Commissioner Judge seconded to approve Resolution 626 to approve the contract with Jeff Guisewite Inc. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Ikemire seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented in the agenda dated July 5th, 2016. The consent agenda consisted of approving the minutes for the council meeting held on June 20th, 2016 and paying of all bills bearing the proper signatures. All present voted Aye by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk