

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 20, 2015

5:00 pm

Invocation was given by Commissioner Rod Rodriguez

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

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 congratulated Lauren Kieffer, who will be competing in the 2016 Olympic Games in the equestrian group. Mayor Hudson stated this is the first time that anyone from Mount Carmel has had the honor of being a part of the Olympics.

Mayor Hudson thanked all the workers who participated in the clean up along Market Street this past Saturday, July 18th. It was a positive outlook for the city. Mayor Hudson stated the workers did an outstanding job; as they cleaned up empty lots, alley ways and store fronts. Mayor Hudson thanked Kyle Peach and Terry Beckerman for the organizing the event.

Mayor Hudson reminded residents that Ag Days starts Wednesday, July 29th and goes through Saturday, August 1st. The setup for Ag Days will begin on Tuesday, July 28th at 3:00 pm and all the cars will need to be off of Market Street at that time. Mayor Hudson stated for the safety of the public bicycles, skate boards, dogs or animals are not allowed during the festival. Mayor Hudson added everyone's cooperation is greatly appreciated as the festival is a family/kid friendly environment and safety is the number one priority for the event.

Mayor Hudson reported the College Drive project will be open for bid on July 30th.

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's finances are holding stable. Commissioner Judge stated the Senior Citizens Center is operating well and he has received a lot of complements on the employees as well as the food.

Commissioner Judge stated the state income tax report he received from City Comptroller Mick Mollenhauer for the fiscal year May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015 reflects the city has received \$733,828 in monies, which is up \$38,224 from the prior year.

Commissioner Judge thanked Aaron Brown and Art Kimmel for their assistance with ordering the AED defibrillators for the police squad cars. The defibrillator purchases were made through grant monies and an anonymous donation. Commissioner Judge stated the new units are identical to the ones already used by the fire department and extra batteries and pads have been ordered as well. Police officers will undergo training with the units once they arrive and before they are put into service.

COMMISSIONER JUSTIN DULGAR – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Dulgar reported recent taste and odor issues with the city's water have dissipated. Commissioner Dulgar stated water samples that were sent to the lab for testing were lost by the company. However, Commissioner Dulgar added new samples are being submitted that will be used as a baseline, if further problems develop with the testing lab.

Commissioner Dulgar stated the water maintenance department performed standard maintenance including fixing a water leak, flushing the filters at the city pool, and cleaning out the sewer main at Hillcrest Drive. Commissioner Dulgar thanked Kieffer Brothers again for the use of their jet truck as the city's truck is still out being refurbished.

Commissioner Dulgar reported the city is still waiting for approval for the wastewater plant's ammonia nitrate project. Commissioner Dulgar reiterated the discharge pipe from the wastewater plant to the river cannot be salvaged and the estimates for a replacement line would be \$450,000. Commissioner Dulgar stated the city is considering the possibility of adding that expense to the existing loan through State of Illinois' Revolving Loan Program. Commissioner Dulgar acknowledged City Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman, who stated that the council needed to make a decision on the matter as the final project approval from the Illinois EPA is pending that decision. City Administrative Assistant added the loan would be a construction cost loan and the city will only have to borrow what is needed and hopefully the total expense would not exceed \$450,000.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez extended condolences to the Jerry Lathrop family on Jerry's passing July 14th. Jerry was a volunteer fireman for thirty years.

Commissioner Rodriguez reported during the past two weeks the fire department had nine runs and one of the runs was a water rescue. The fire department will be conducting a house burn on August 8th.

Commissioner Rodriguez stated the Little League Season is over and it ended with a good season.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RUDY WITSMAN

City Administrative Assistant Witsman presented to the council a fundraising request from the Knights of Columbus and stated the club does meet the state statue requirements. The Knights of Columbus are requesting to collect at the designated intersections on September 18th and 19th.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated the College Drive waterline project bid opening will be on July 30th at 2:00 pm at city hall. City Administrative Assistant Witsman added a pre-bid meeting for the project is scheduled for this Thursday, July 23rd also at 2:00 pm.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported Chestnut Street between Sixth and Seventh Streets will be closed tomorrow, July 21st and possibly July 22nd also, due to a request from a contractor who is installing a sewer line for the First Baptist Church.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reiterated at the last council meeting he and Commissioner Judge were assigned the task of finding a snow plow/leaf collection truck for the street department. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated, as requested a used truck has been found in Kansas City, Missouri. The price of the 2005 truck is \$41,100, which includes the dump bed, a separate stainless steel salt bed, and a plow.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman presented to the council Resolution 620, which recommends the engineering expenditure of \$4500 to be allocated from the MFT funds.

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 authorize the construction of a new discharge line from the Wastewater Plant to the river. Cost of this project will be financed by IEPA loan to the City. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Dulgar seconded to purchase a used dump truck with snow plow and salt box in the amount of no more than \$41,100. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Dulgar seconded to approve Resolution 620 for MFT expenditure. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Rodriguez motioned and Commissioner Dulgar seconded to approve the Minutes from regular meeting of City Council held on July 6, 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 5:20 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk