

**MEETING MINUTES**  
Monday, August 31, 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, 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 reminded the general public the College Drive project will be starting sometime next week, after the Labor Day Holiday and asked motorists to please drive with caution once the project does begin.

Mayor Hudson reported, with council approval, City Administrative Assistant Witsman will give an update on Phase One of the Market Street Project, specifically Sixth and Market Streets.

Mayor Hudson announced other projects are in the works and the details will come at a later date.

Mayor Hudson reported the golf course is operating well and is being very progressive. The golf course fees are lowest in this area.

Mayor Hudson stated the city is doing well as lawns are being mowed; houses are being bought and sold; and unemployment is down.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

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

Commissioner Ikemire reported in the last two weeks the street department worked on trimming low branches hanging over roadways; performed yard abatements; mowed city properties; replaced “no parking signs” that had been knocked down; opened and closed a grave at Rose Hill Cemetery; worked on traffic sign at Ninth and Walnut Streets; sprayed weeds on levee approaches and mowed the golf course pond with the arm mower.

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

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

Commissioner Judge stated a review of the city's finances has been done for the first quarter of the budget. Commissioner Judge complimented each of the department heads for doing well with their individual budgets.

Commissioner Judge reported the Senior Citizens Center has meals available for high school students. The meals can either be eaten in or taken out as to-go orders and the cost is \$5.00, per meal.

Commissioner Judge reported the city has applied for grants for the Senior Citizens Center and is still waiting to hear back about the SRO Grant.

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

Commissioner Dulgar reported City Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman is now looking for a new truck for the wastewater plant, as the motor blew up on one of the department's trucks.

Commissioner Dulgar reported a few surveys, which are standard protocol, have to be done before the wastewater plant's new discharge pipe can be moved to a new location. Commissioner Dulgar stated one of the surveys is an archaeological survey and it came back with a good report. A wetland survey was also done and a natural history survey still needs to be completed.

Commissioner Dulgar stated the water treatment plant will have its standard maintenance done on the primary clarifier in September. The plant is running the water supply from water well #3, without any issues. Commissioner Dulgar added the water supply will be switched to one of the other wells at some point to possibly help pinpoint some of the previous water problems.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez reported in the last two weeks in the fire department had five runs, held training at Southgate, and also at Wabash Valley College. Commissioner Rodriguez stated mosquito spraying is still being done.

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

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reminded that all city offices will be closed on Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> for the Labor Day holiday and Republic Services will be running a day late on the trash service pickup. The city's brush harbor and recycling site will be closed on Saturday and Monday for the holiday; however, the site will be open on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported the bid letting for the summer maintenance program will be this Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 am at city hall. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated due to time constraints, a bid will need to be accepted or rejected, as soon as possible. City Administrative Assistant Witsman requested a special meeting to then be held on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30pm to take action on the bid letting, as the chip and seal program is scheduled to begin on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman presented to the council for their consideration, the complete removal of the traffic lights at Sixth and Market Streets and the installation of stop signs on East and West Sixth Streets. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated also for consideration is the removal of the traffic lights at the intersections of Third, Fourth, Fifth and Market Streets and the installation of four- way stop signs at those intersections. City Administrative Assistant Witsman added an ordinance will have to be adapted to change the Sixth and Market Streets from a four-way to a two- way intersection. The council will take the proposal into consideration and address the proposal at the next council meeting.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reiterated a sealed bid of \$105 for the old street signs had been opened at the last council meeting and a decision was tabled until this council meeting. The council decided to reject the bid.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman presented to the council for their approval Ordinance 1036, which establishes a public hearing for the proposed new TIF. The public hearing will be held on October 26th at 4:30 pm at city hall.

## **CITY ATTORNEY – TOM PRICE**

City Attorney Price no report.

## **CITY INSPECTOR – MIKE GIDCUMB**

City Inspector Gidcumb absent.

**BUSINESS MOTIONS**

Commissioner Ikemire motioned and Commissioner Judge seconded to reject the bid from Ed Jamison for the old street name signs. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Dulgar motioned and Commissioner Rodriguez seconded to approve Ordinance 1036 an ordinance to set a public hearing date for the proposed new TIF and waive the second reading. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Ikemire seconded to approve the Minutes from regular meeting of City Council held on August 17, 2015. All present voted Aye by voice vote.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk