

## **MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, October 10, 2016

5:00 pm

Invocation was given by Pastor Daniel Moore.

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

Also Present: City Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman, City Attorney Tom Price,  
City Inspector Mike Gidcumb

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Hudson brought the city council meeting to order.

Mayor Hudson acknowledged Pastor Daniel Moore of Hope Fellowship Church, who was requesting council approval for a fundraising event at the designated intersections for the church's annual Holiday of Hope dinner. Pastor Moore will be report back to the council with the event date.

Mayor Hudson acknowledged City Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman, who spoke for City Police Officer Erin Peach requesting council approval for a "Back the Blue 5K" fundraiser for the local police department. Police Officer Erin Peach stated the funds raised will be used by local police officers, firemen and/or their family members to offset any medical costs that are not covered by insurance should a medical need arise and the event is tentatively scheduled to be held on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Mayor Hudson stated fall is fast approaching and the leaves will start falling. Mayor Hudson asked residents to please use the same lawn mowing rules and to keep the leaves out of the streets.

Mayor Hudson announced trick or treating will be on Halloween, Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Mayor Hudson asked residents to please turn their porch lights on if they wish to welcome trick or treaters. Mayor Hudson stated any churches that are having parties may do so on any evening of the Halloween weekend.

Mayor Hudson thanked Andy and Gene Cross for trimming up and highlighting the paint on the amphitheater mural.

Mayor Hudson reported he has seen a lot of people taking advantage of the new sidewalk along College Drive, especially since the weather has changed.

Mayor Hudson welcomed two new businesses to the uptown area; Modern Ruth Boutique and Backyard Market.

Mayor Hudson asked citizens to stay on the positive side as things will look up and begin to get better.

Mayor Hudson announced on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, an Open House will be held at the Wabash General Hospital Primary Care Office at 1123 Chestnut Street to welcome the city's newest physicians.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

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

Commissioner Ikemire stated in the last two weeks the street department continued to mow city properties; have been trimming brush in alleyways; cleaned intakes; cut down dead trees in city parks; worked on street lights at Southgate Industrial Park; replaced hydraulic line and boom on the bucket truck; and opened and closed a grave at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Commissioner Ikemire reported there has been some vandalism in the city's park and asked citizens to please notify the city if they see any wrongdoing. Commissioner Ikemire asked residents to please take care of the city's parks.

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

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

Commissioner Judge reported city's finances are stable and each of the individual departments are looking good. Commissioner Judge stated the six month budget period is approaching and he will be conducting an internal audit with City Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman and City Comptroller Mick Mollenhauer. Commissioner Judge emphasized he is still concerned about the State of Illinois income tax and sale tax reimbursements.

Commissioner Judge stated he is applying for several grants for the city and will hopefully receive some good news by December of this year.

Commissioner Judge reported the Senior Citizens Center is operating well and stated the center is a good place to receive a good cheap meal.

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

Commissioner Dulgar reported the water maintenance department assisted the water treatment plant by finishing the rebuilding of filters two and three; repaired a water leak at Eleventh and Hillcrest; winterized all the pipes and equipment at the city pool; and checked on a leak at the #11 green at the golf course. Commissioner Dulgar stated the water treatment plant drained and cleaned the basins and the clarifiers as part of its routine maintenance; filters two and three have been through the disinfection process and have been approved by the lab to be put back in service; continued to plant the concrete around the chemical building; and will be reviewing the Third Street Tower inspection report. Commissioner Dulgar stated a revised facility plan will have to be submitted within thirty days for the wastewater plant's aeration outfall project; bid letting should begin in ninety days; and completion of the project has to be within nine months.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez reported in the last two weeks the fire department had six runs. Commissioner Rodriguez stated at the regular fire meeting tonight extraction practice will be held and he thanked Rob Snelling for the donation of the vehicles that will be used.

Commissioner Rodriguez stated mosquito spraying is still ongoing.

Commissioner Rodriguez reiterated Fix-Up/Clean-Up Week, which was held on October 3<sup>rd</sup> through October 7<sup>th</sup> went well.

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

City Administrative Assistant Witsman presented to the council a request from the Eagles Club to hold their annual picnic outside at their facility in a controlled area. The Council agreed to allow the function to take place at the Eagle's facility.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported on the State of Illinois Amendment that will be on the November 8<sup>th</sup> election ballot, regarding the Department of Transportation and its funding. City Administrative Assistant Witsman urged citizens to please vote "yes" for the amendment as any funds that go into the transportation budget will continue to be set aside and used for road improvements, police patrolling, etc. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated if this amendment is not approved the State of Illinois can do a "sweep" at the end of the each budget year and any monies that are left in the transportation fund can be used to pay any other fund that falls short even if it does not pertain to any type of transportation.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated this council meeting constitutes the first reading of Ordinances 1060 and 1061. City Administrative Assistant Witsman reiterated Ordinance 1060 adds the definition of an "RV" to the ordinance. Ordinance 1061 adds the verbiage that an RV can only be parked on the street or right of way for the purpose of loading or unloading and not for an extended period of time.

**CITY ATTORNEY – TOM PRICE**

City Attorney Price no report.

**CITY INSPECTOR – MIKE GIDCUMB**

City Inspector Gidcumb reported several construction projects are ongoing throughout the city and hopefully he will be reporting on a remodeling/new addition project at the next council meeting.

**BUSINESS MOTIONS**

Mayor Hudson and the Council approved the Consent Agenda, as presented in the agenda dated October 10th, 2016. The consent agenda consented of approving the minutes for the council meeting held on September 26th, 2016 and paying of all bills bearing the proper signatures.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk