

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 26, 2015

5:00 pm

Invocation was given by Commissioner Rod Rodriguez.

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

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 thanked Terry Beckerman and his family members for the work on the “Berries and Blooms” building. Mayor Hudson gave his compliments and stated the outside renovations look very nice. Mayor Hudson also thanked the many people who assisted with the clean-up last Saturday in the downtown area, as well as along Chestnut and Walnut Streets.

Mayor Hudson complimented the Chamber of Commerce on their Spook Fun Run. A fun time was had by all those that attended despite the rainy weather.

Mayor Hudson stated the Youth in Action Fall Festival was held on October 25th at the city park. The event was very well attended and fun was had by all.

Mayor Hudson reported the construction work on College Drive is progressing well. Mayor Hudson reminded citizens to please be cautious while driving along that area.

Mayor Hudson announced trick or treating will be this Friday, October 30th and Saturday, October 31st from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Mayor Hudson asked residents to please have their porch lights on, if they wish to receive trick or treaters.

Mayor Hudson reported the Wabash Valley College “Tribe” has volunteered to paint the playground equipment at the city park on November 6th. Mayor Hudson stated their efforts are very much appreciated.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER ERIC IKEMIRE – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Ikemire reported in the last two weeks the street department finished the fabrication work on the leaf box and worked on the leaf vacuum for the leaf pick-up route; cleaned out the ditch along McDowell Street across from Lincoln Park; repaired the storm sewers in the 700 Block of Chestnut Street and also on the corner of Michael and David Avenue; patched potholes; and worked on the traffic signal light on Ninth and Walnut Streets.

Commissioner Ikemire reiterated the College Drive project is progressing very well and thanked Kieffer Brothers Construction for being so “tidy” by cleaning up the construction area each night.

Commissioner Ikemire announced the first round of the leaf pick-up season will be the weeks of November 9th and November 16th. Commissioner Ikemire asked residents to please be sure to have their leaves out for the first round. Commissioner Ikemire added the second round will begin the week of November 30th and should run through the middle of the following week. Commissioner Ikemire stated at the point the leaf route will be finished and asked residents to be sure to have their leaves out during those dates. Once the leaf route is complete the truck will then be converted over for the snow plowing season.

COMMISSIONER JOE JUDGE – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

Commissioner Judge reported the golf course finances have improved in comparison to last year and overall things are running well at the course.

COMMISSIONER JUSTIN DULGAR – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Dulgar was absent.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez stated in the last two weeks the fire department had thirteen runs including a mutual aid with Gibson County.

Commissioner Rodriguez complimented the Youth In Action on all their hard work on the Fall Festival and also throughout the whole year. Commissioner Rodriguez stated they do a very good job for the community and for the youth as well.

Commissioner Rodriguez reported mosquito season is over until next spring.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RUDY WITSMAN

City Administrative Assistant Witsman presented to the council a motion appointing himself and Terry McGuire to the Firemen Pension Fund Board. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated the Illinois of State requests a council motion for the appointments.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated the city owns property on 206 West Eleventh Street and an individual has shown an interest in purchasing that property. The city had the dwelling torn down and the lot is now vacant. City Administrative Assistant Witsman requested the council's approval to solicit bids for the sale of the property.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman asked the council for a decision regarding the request for the removal of the flashing light between Fourth and Fifth Streets on Market Street. The request had been presented to the council at the October 12th meeting. The council approved the removal of the light.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported the city's chipper machine motor has failed. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated in talking with the Cummins Diesel Company, the motor cannot be rebuilt and the only alternative is to replace the motor. The cost of the motor and the labor to replace it would be between \$13,000 and \$14,000. City Administrative Assistant Witsman added, after speaking to city employee Bob Mayhue, additional repairs to the chipper totally approximately \$3000 to \$4000 could also be necessary. City Administrative Assistant Witsman asked the council if they wished to continue the brush route service, repair the chipper, or purchase a new chipper. The cost at this time for a new similar machine is \$34,500 without a trade-in. The council decided to purchase a new chipper.

CITY ATTORNEY – TOM PRICE

City Attorney Price no report.

CITY INSPECTOR – MIKE GIDCUMB

City Inspector Gidcumb stated he and City Attorney Price are currently working on a possible ordinance putting an age restriction on the placement of mobile homes within the city limits. The age limit restriction would not apply to mobile home parks. At this time, the age of a mobile home cannot be asked when someone requests approval from the zoning board for the placement of a mobile home in the city.

City Inspector Gidcumb reported there is lots of construction going on within the city as far as home improvements and new homes being built.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Ikemire seconded to approve the purchase of a new chipper. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Ikemire motioned and Commissioner Judge seconded to appoint Terry McGuire and Rudy Witsman to the Firemen Pension Fund Board. Mayor Hudson, Commissioners Ikemire and Judge voted Aye by roll call vote. Commissioner Rodriguez abstained.

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Rodriguez seconded to approve the Minutes from regular meeting of City Council held on October 12, 2015. All present voted Aye by voice vote.

Commissioner Ikemire motioned and Commissioner Rodriguez 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