

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 9, 2015

5:00 pm

Invocation was given by Mike Neikirk.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Bill Hudson Commissioners – Joe Judge, Rod Rodriguez,
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 reported the College Drive project is progressing very well. New water tap-ins are being used at this time, as the new main water line has been replaced up to approximately the Community Church of God.

Mayor Hudson announced recently there have been several open houses uptown and several ribbon cuttings. Mayor Hudson stated the attendance at these events is very much appreciated. The holiday season events will be beginning soon.

Mayor Hudson thanked the general public for a safe Halloween. There were no incidents and citizens were very observant and cautious of the trick or treaters.

Mayor Hudson announced this Wednesday, November 11th is Veterans Day. A program to honor the veterans will be held at the Veterans Park located at Third and Market Streets at 11:00 am. In case of inclement weather, the program will be held at the VFW.

Mayor Hudson read a correspondence from Lisa Fischer announcing her resignation from the Library Board. Librarian Twilla Coon recommended Karin Hodgson to fill the position.

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 cautioned department heads to closely watch their budgets, as the city still has no direction on where the state is going at this time.

Commissioner Judge announced the Senior Citizens Center wished to thank the Frank A. Orr Charitable Trust for the grant in the amount of \$3669.52. The monies will be used to purchase hot food boxes for the home delivery van. Commissioner Judge reminded residents that the Senior Citizen Center is available for rent for family and/or holiday parties.

COMMISSIONER JUSTIN DULGAR – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Dulgar reported the water maintenance department has been busy assisting with the College Drive project; finished the hydrant flushing and started winterizing some of the hydrants; winterized the filter house and the pool house; and repaired a water line at Tenth and Walnut Street. Commissioner Dulgar stated tomorrow the water treatment facility will switch to well #2 for the water supply. The switching from Well #3 to Well #1 and now Well #2 is being done to help resolve the water issues the facility has had in the past. The wastewater facility still has a clarifier down and it should be repaired before Thanksgiving. The College Drive lift station that failed has been fixed temporarily and the permanent fix should be done a few weeks.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez stated in the last two weeks the fire department had ten runs. The hoses were tested on the ladder truck and fire engine number one.

Commissioner Rodriguez announced the Free Methodist Church will be having a dinner for the fire department tonight.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RUDY WITSMAN

City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated he received three sealed bids for the vacant lot at 206 West Eleventh Street. City Administrative Assistant Witsman opened and read the bids that were submitted by Ryan and Karissa Turner in the amount of \$1202.00; Dorothy Bishop in the amount of \$1551.00; John and Mary Britton in the amount of \$900.00. City Administrative Witsman reiterated the ad stated the minimum bid required for the lot was \$1000.00.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman announced City Hall will be closed Wednesday, November 11th for Veterans Day.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported the leaf pick-up service began today. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated the brush harbor will be open during the weeks of the leaf collection to allow residents that bag or collect their leaves themselves to dispose of their leaves.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated City Attorney Tom Price has prepared a lien release for the property located at 522 N. Market Street, that was owned by Robin Irvine and unfortunately Ms. Irvine was not able to make her business work. The city had a second lien on the property from the city's revolving loan fund. Another entity is interested in purchasing the property and has asked that the city release its' lien. The new owners will then pay \$1000.00 to the city in exchange for the release.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman spoke for City Inspector Mike Gidcumb, who was unable to attend the council meeting, and reiterated at the last council meeting it was discussed about the possible enactment of an age ordinance for mobile homes that are to be placed within the city limits. After discussion with several constituents, the age limit of the ordinance has been adjusted from a ten year age limit to a fifteen year age limit. An inspection of the mobile home would also be required, as well as a permit, before the mobile home could be placed in the city. This council meeting constitutes the first reading of the ordinance.

CITY ATTORNEY – TOM PRICE

City Attorney Price no report.

CITY INSPECTOR – MIKE GIDCUMB

City Inspector Gidcumb absent.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

Commissioner Rodriguez motioned and Commissioner Dulgar seconded to accept payment of \$1000.00 to release the second mortgage for the property owned by Robin Irvine located at 522 N. Market Street. This payment is the final payment toward her Revolving Loan. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Dulgar seconded to accept the high bid of \$1551.00 from Dorothy Bishop for the City lot at 206 W. 11th Street. All present vote Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Dulgar motioned and Commissioner Judge seconded to approve the appointment of Karin Hodgson to the Library Board to replace Lisa Fischer. 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 October 26, 2015. All present voted Aye by voice vote.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk