

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 21, 2016

5:00 pm

Invocation was given by Reverend Tony Hodgson.

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 Ella Banks, who was representing the Mount Carmel High School Junior Class Student Council and was requesting permission to collect donations on December 10th at the designated intersections in the City for the After Prom Event. Mayor Hudson explained there are State of Illinois laws that prohibit donations being collecting on state roadway intersections. Mayor Hudson and the council suggested several alternatives for raising monies as well as the possibility of collecting donations at intersections that are not state roadways. Mayor Hudson acknowledged City Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman, who stated he will meet with Police Chief John Lockhart on the alternate intersections and will then be in contact with Miss Banks before the requested December 10th collection date.

Mayor Hudson acknowledged George Anderson with Comeaux's Daiquiri Depot and the Lucky Lady, who was checking back regarding the possibility of Sunday Liquor Sales at his establishments. Mayor Hudson and the council decided to take under advisement Mr. Anderson's request and will be in contact with him at a later date.

Mayor Hudson acknowledged Mr. Singh with 8th Street Liquor, who thanked the City of Mount Carmel for their assistance in the establishment of his new business.

Mayor Hudson wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and to please be careful while travelling.

Mayor Hudson announced the Christmas Uptown Event will be held on Friday, December 2nd. Mayor Hudson asked citizens to please careful while along Market Street during the event.

Mayor Hudson reported the Christmas Parade will be held at 5:15 pm on Saturday, December 3rd starting at City Hall and ending at Eighth and Market Street.

Mayor Hudson stated Santa's Village at the Amphitheater is starting to take shape and the decorating will be completed by December 2nd.

Mayor Hudson announced the Wabash Valley College Christmas Program will be held at 1:30 pm on Sunday, December 4th.

Mayor Hudson thanked everyone who voted for the "Up the Amp" Grant provided through the Grinnel Mutual Insurance Company. The City of Mount Carmel won the \$2000 grant, which will be used to build a new stage at the amphitheater.

Mayor Hudson reported the city's brush harbor will be opened Tuesday and Wednesday for the disposal of leaves and yard waste. Mayor Hudson stated the leave pickup service is still ongoing.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER ERIC IKEMIRE – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Ikemire stated in the last two weeks the street department put the leaf box on the city truck, began running the leaf pick up route, picked up bagged leaves, hauled and set up the Santa house at the amphitheater, burned the brush pile at the brush harbor, replaced the air pressure tank for the brakes on a city truck, and continued to mow and mulch leaves in the city parks.

COMMISSIONER JOE JUDGE – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

Commissioner Judge reported the city received a payment from the State of Illinois for the fuel tax allotment for October 2014 to October 2015 with the revenue being \$178,046 and the revenue for October 2015 to October 2016 was \$186,076. Commissioner Judge stated from September 2014 to September 2015 the State of Illinois sales tax receipts were \$1,029,551 and from September of 2015 to September of 2016 the receipts were \$968,560, which is a negative of \$60,991 between the two fiscal years. Commissioner Judge also stated the State of Illinois income tax receipts, based on the city's population, from September 2014 to September 2015 were \$764,064 and from September of 2015 to September of 2016 were \$725,489; which resulted in a negative of \$38,575. Commissioner Judge further stated both negative amounts total \$99,566 between the two fiscal years and emphasized the department heads will need to stick to their budgets.

COMMISSIONER JUSTIN DULGAR – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Dulgar reported the water maintenance department cleaned locates; started winterizing water well #1; staked areas for new water services; and started winterizing the fire hydrants. Commissioner Dulgar stated the water treatment department finished painting the chemical building; ordered new valves for the Oak Street booster station; and sent in a post chlorine pump for repair.

Commissioner Dulgar reiterated the water commission for the combined water works system with the Cities of Grayville and Albion and the Village of Keensburg is being formed; then the grant for the feasibility study will be applied for and once the study is done it will be six months before its completion. At that time, a decision can then be made regarding the combined water works system.

Commissioner Dulgar stated the wastewater plant has to conduct a Capacity, Management, Operations and Maintenance Study, per EPA requirements, at an expense of up to \$50,000. Commissioner Dulgar reported after the study is complete there will be additional steps to follow up with to be in compliance.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez stated in the last two weeks the fire department had seven runs and conducted basic fire training at Southgate. Commissioner Rodriguez emphasized that citizens please check their smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and furnace filters.

Commissioner Rodriguez reported Mark Seaton will be collecting donations from area businesses for the upcoming Shop with a Cop/Fireman Program.

Commissioner Rodriguez wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RUDY WITSMAN

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reminded citizens that City Hall will be closed Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated Republic Services will pick-up Thursday's trash on Friday and Friday's route will be ran on Saturday.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reiterated Eric Fisher of Republic Services was in attendance at the previous council discussing the possibility of not picking up trash in the alleyways during the winter months. City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported he has met with Mr. Fisher and tasked him with going over the whole city route to identify those areas. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated he will report back to the council hopefully in the very near future with that information.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated the first reading of the RV parking ordinance, which pertains to the parking of RVs on streets and right of ways, had been presented at the council meeting approximately a month prior. City Administrative Assistant Witsman presented the ordinance to the council for their approval but it was decided that further discussion of possible changes regarding the proposed ordinance was necessary.

CITY ATTORNEY – TOM PRICE

City Attorney Price no report.

CITY INSPECTOR – MIKE GIDCUMB

City Inspector Gidcumb reported he had worked with City Attorney Price on several ordinance violations including the recent fire at South Mulberry. City Inspector Gidcumb stated he will update the council when he receives any more information regarding the violations.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

Mayor Hudson and the Council approved the Consent Agenda, as presented in the agenda dated November 21st, 2016. The consent agenda consented of approving the minutes for the council meeting held on November 7th, 2016, paying of all bills bearing the proper signatures and the authorization agreement with Lamac Engineering to conduct the CMOM study for the wastewater plant.

Meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk