

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 23, 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, City Attorney Tom Price

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Hudson brought the city council meeting to order.

Mayor Hudson thanked the street department crew for putting up the Christmas trees at the Market Street intersections. Mayor Hudson also thanked Street Department Superintendent Dave Easter for setting up the Santa House at the amphitheater.

Mayor Hudson reported the curbing is being put in at west side of College Drive and Thirteen Street. Mayor Hudson asked citizens to please be careful while driving in that area.

Mayor Hudson stated the uptown store fronts look nice as they are being fixed up and also being decorated for the holiday season.

Mayor Hudson asked the general public to please drive careful this weekend as the Christmas Parade will be held this Saturday evening.

Mayor Hudson announced Friday, December 4th, will be the Christmas Uptown Event and asked citizens to please be careful when driving on Market Street during that time.

Mayor Hudson encouraged everyone to please take time this Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, to give thanks and to be thankful for what you have.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER ERIC IKEMIRE – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Ikemire reported in the last two weeks the street department has been busy with the first pass of the leaf pick-up service. The second and final pick-up will begin on Monday, November 30th and the trucks will then be converted in preparation for snow removal. Commissioner Ikemire reiterated the street department has also been busy putting up the Christmas decorations uptown.

COMMISSIONER JOE JUDGE – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

Commissioner Judge reported that the State of Illinois hopefully will have a budget sometime in January. Commissioner Judge asked the department heads to please continue to watch their expenditures and to keep to their budgets.

Commissioner Judge reminded residents that the Senior Citizens Center is available to people of all ages for lunch and the center can also be rented for holiday parties.

Commissioner Judge announced the City's Park and Recreation Department would like to thank the Frank A. Orr Charitable Trust for a grant of \$3250.00, which will be used for playground equipment at the main city park.

COMMISSIONER JUSTIN DULGAR – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Dulgar reported the wastewater plant's College Drive lift Station had a failure on October 30th. The pump and the check valve are being replaced as it was determined they were bad. A sludge pump at the plant also failed and it has been sent off for repairs. Two clarifiers are also down and repairs are scheduled to be made the second week of December. The water treatment plant has been operating smoothly and routine maintenance was done. The city's water supply is still coming from Well #2, with no issues. The water maintenance department winterized the old street department building and water hydrants throughout the city; poured concrete at two locations where repairs had been previously done; and continued assisting with the College Drive project.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez asked residents to practice fire safety this winter regarding space heaters and to please check them out before use; please do not use a regular extension cord while running the heater; check the batteries on smoke and carbon dioxide detectors; and in case of a fire please have an escape route planned.

Commissioner Rodriguez stated in the last two weeks the fire department had eight runs.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RUDY WITSMAN

City Administrative Assistant Witsman presented to the council for their approval Ordinance 1040, which amends Appendix A Zoning. The ordinance requires an age limit for placement of mobile homes in the City of Mount Carmel. The age limit will be fifteen years and a permit will also be required before the mobile home can be placed. The ordinance restrictions do not apply to mobile home parks.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman also presented to the council Resolution 623. The resolution is a required formality for the obligation of the remaining monies in TIF 1, once it is closed out. The monies may then be used for various projects within the city.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated city hall will be closed this Thursday and Friday, November 26th and 27th, for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The yard waste facility will be closed Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. City Administrative Assistant Witsman reminded residents the yard waste facility will be open every day through the week during the leaf pick-up season to allow residents to dispose of their leaves themselves, if they so wish.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman announced trash will not be picked up on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day. The Thursday trash pickup route will run on Friday and the Friday route will run on Saturday.

CITY ATTORNEY – TOM PRICE

City Attorney Price no report.

CITY INSPECTOR – MIKE GIDCUMB

City Inspector Gidcumb reported there are still several ongoing construction projects.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

Commissioner Ikemire motioned and Commissioner Dulgar seconded to approve Ordinance 1040. All present vote Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Rodriguez seconded to approve Resolution 623, authorizing payment of TIF redevelopment costs and obligations. All present vote Aye by voice vote.

Commissioner Dulgar motioned and Commissioner Ikemire seconded to approve the Minutes from regular meeting of City Council held on November 9, 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