

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 19, 2016

5:00 pm

Invocation was given by Becky Reeves.

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

Also Present: City Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman and City Attorney Tom Price

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Hudson brought the city council meeting to order.

Mayor Hudson thanked Mark Seaton for all his work with the Shop with the Cop/Fireman event and also gave a special thank you for everyone who donated. The donations totaled \$9000 and the event hosted thirty-three children as well as the purchasing of additional presents for forty-one siblings.

Mayor Hudson wished every citizen in Wabash County a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the city council and himself.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER ERIC IKEMIRE – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Ikemire reported in the last two weeks the street department finished the leaf vac pickup service for the year; tore down the leaf vac truck and geared up the same truck for snow plowing and salting of city streets; picked up and put back into storage barricades, extra trash totes, portable speed limit signs from the Christmas Uptown Festival; starting servicing and repairing mowers for the parks; repaired two dusk to dawn lights; and salted city streets on Saturday afternoon.

Commissioner Ikemire wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

COMMISSIONER JOE JUDGE – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

Commissioner Judge reported the city's general fund is stable.

Commissioner Judge wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

COMMISSIONER JUSTIN DULGAR – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Dulgar reported the water treatment plant will be having Water Well #1 cleaned possibly by February, as part of the standard maintenance; the valves for the Oak Street booster station were delivered will be installed within the next few weeks; and the sediment basins will be cleaned in February.

Commissioner Dulgar reiterated Hawkins Chemical had approached the city about using a different chemical to help eliminate the iron in the water supply. The chemical would basically be added at the beginning of the treatment process to remove more iron before the final filter process, which would result in less maintenance on the filters at the water treatment plant. Hawkins Chemical also believes this process would allow the city to use less chemical to treat the same amount of water thus cutting chemical cost. Commissioner Dulgar stated more research is being done regarding this process before a final decision is made.

Commissioner Dulgar reported the waste water plant finished winterizing the plant and equipment; conducted GPS locations on all lift stations and manholes, which is part of the CMOM Study; and

submitted the monthly EPA report. Commissioner Dulgar stated the water maintenance department checked and fixed a water meter leak on East Fifth Street; winterized Water Well #2 and #3; and assisted with the work required for the CMOM Study. Commissioner Dulgar stated the CMOM Study is a very extensive study, which will take a long time to complete and the end result will give the city a full evaluation of the operation of the waste water plant.

Commissioner Dulgar wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez thanked the Retail Merchants Committee and all the citizens for the Christmas treats that were brought to the fire station, city hall and all the other city departments.

Commissioner Rodriguez thanked everyone who donated their time and/or money for the Shop with a Cop/Fireman Event. Commissioner Rodriguez also thanked Captain Mark Seaton for all his efforts with the event as well as the fire department, the police department and the sheriff's department.

Commissioner Rodriguez wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RUDY WITSMAN

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reminded residents that city hall will be closed Friday, December 23rd as well as Monday, December 26th for the Christmas Holiday and also Monday, January 2nd for the New Year Holiday. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated the next council meeting will be Tuesday, January 3rd.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman announced three ordinances are contained within the consent agenda. City Administrative Assistant Witsman presented Ordinance 1065, which is the Tax Levy Ordinance and stated last year the total tax levy amount was \$1,120,617.00 with the tax levy ordinance amount for this year being \$1,119,680.00. City Administrative Witsman presented Ordinance 1066 – Reimbursement of Travel Expense and stated the Illinois General Assembly passed a state law effective January 1, 2017, which is the local government Travel Expense Control Act and requires city employees to file a travel expense report for reimbursement. City Administrative Assistant stated the final ordinance is Ordinance 1067, which dissolves TIF 1 that expired in 2015.

CITY ATTORNEY – TOM PRICE

City Attorney Price no report.

CITY INSPECTOR – MIKE GIDCUMB

City Inspector Gidcumb absent.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

Mayor Hudson and the Council approved the Consent Agenda, as presented in the agenda dated December 19th, 2016. The consent agenda consented of approving the minutes for the council meeting held on December 5th, 2016; paying of all bills bearing the proper signatures; Ordinance 1065 – Tax Levy, Ordinance 1066 – Reimbursement of Travel Expense, and Ordinance 1067 – Terminating TIF 1.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk