

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 21, 2015

5:00 pm

Invocation was given by David Reeves.

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 Police Chief John Lockhart, who introduced the city's newest police officer, Adrian Meyer. Adrian graduated from the police academy on December 17th and started his first shift on Sunday, December 20th.

Mayor Hudson wished a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone from the city council. This year is finishing with a lot of progress to the city. There are several new businesses in town and also expansions of local companies. Several festivals were held this year including Ribberfest, the Kiwanis Downhill Derby, the Duck Race, Rotary Corn Days, the Uptown Christmas Festival as well as many parades. All these events bring people into our town and also for shopping, eating at the restaurants, and full hotels.

Mayor Hudson stated the Shop with the Cop/Fireman event was held on Sunday, December 20 at Shopko. The event is great for the community and for the children in our community.

Mayor Hudson reported the College Drive construction work has stopped until spring or until the weather breaks and stated the project looks really good so far.

Mayor Hudson stated new ideas for 2016 include more progress and expansion for the city.

Mayor Hudson announced city hall will be closed Thursday, December 31st and Friday, January 1st and wished a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER ERIC IKEMIRE – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Ikemire reported in the last two weeks the street department converted the leaf truck for the winter weather; serviced the leaf machine and put it into storage; started cutting and cleaning up dead trees throughout the city; replaced the conveyor chain on the v-box salt spreader and replaced the rusted out metal; and serviced the mowers for the Parks Department. Commissioner Ikemire noted the brush truck will be out for repairs from December 23rd through January 2nd.

COMMISSIONER JOE JUDGE – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

Commissioner Judge thanked the departments for doing very well this year with their budgeting and staying to their budgets. Commissioner Judge stated the city has starting receiving some monies from the State of Illinois from the Motor Fuel Tax and Gaming Fund.

Commissioner Judge wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and is hopeful the New Year will be a prosperous one for the City of Mount Carmel.

COMMISSIONER JUSTIN DULGAR – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Dulgar reported the clarifiers at the wastewater plant have been repaired and the plant is operating well at this time. The water treatment plant has been doing its standard maintenance as well as washing down and draining the clarifier. The water maintenance department has also been doing its standard maintenance and has kept busy assisting with the College Drive project.

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 Fire Captain Mark Seaton for all his efforts with the Shop with a Cop/Fireman program and also thanked all the citizens and organizations for their support. The event had a total of fifty-two children who shopped and received Christmas gifts.

Commissioner Rodriguez stated Republic Services will not pick up trash on Friday, December 25th but will instead pick up on Saturday, December 26th. The trash will also not be picked up on New Year's Day but will be picked up on Saturday, January 2nd.

Commissioner Rodriguez wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Commissioner Rodriguez also thanked everyone who brought Christmas goodies to the different city departments.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RUDY WITSMAN

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reminded citizens city hall will be closed this Thursday and Friday for the Christmas Holiday. The compost site will also be closed the next two weekends because of the holidays.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated this council meeting constitutes the second reading of Ordinance 1041, which is the tax levy ordinance for 2016.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman presented to the council for their approval the cemetery maintenance contract with G-L Services, with no changes to the current contract.

CITY ATTORNEY – TOM PRICE

City Attorney Price no report.

CITY INSPECTOR – MIKE GIDCUMB

City Inspector Gidcumb presented to the council the totals for the liquor licenses and the coin operated devices. City Inspector Gidcumb stated seventeen applications had been submitted for the 2016 year, bringing in \$18,300 for the liquor licenses and \$990 for the devices.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Dulgar seconded to approve Ordinance 1041, the tax levy ordinance for May 1, 2105 to April, 2016. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Ikemire motioned to approve a one year extension of the cemetery maintenance contract with G-L Services with no contract changes. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Ikemire motioned and Commissioner Dulgar seconded to approve the Minutes from regular meeting of City Council held on December 7, 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 5:12 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk