

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 22nd, 2017

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, City Attorney Tom Price

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Hudson brought the city council meeting to order.

Mayor Hudson congratulated all graduates from the junior high, high school and college level. Mayor Hudson wished all the graduates good luck in their future endeavors.

Mayor Hudson reported the former Warren Building will be demolished at the end of this week or the beginning of the next week after Memorial Day.

Mayor Hudson announced the Mount Carmel Swimming Pool will open for the season on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29th with a free swim being held from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Mayor Hudson stated starting May 30th, the regular hours will be Tuesday and Thursday 12:30 pm to 8:00 pm; Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm; Saturday and Sunday 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm; and pool parties may be held in the evening from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm except for Tuesday and Thursday.

Mayor Hudson commended City Attorney Tom Price for all years of service to the city and stated he has always trusted his work. Mayor Hudson emphasized himself and the council really appreciated all that Tom has done. Mayor Hudson acknowledged City Administrative Assistant Witsman who reiterated he had the privilege serving the city as mayor at the time the vacancy came for city attorney and was privileged to choose Tom to fill the position. City Administrative Assistant reported Tom has done an admirable job for this community and he will be missed by the city. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated is looking forward to working with Kelli Storkman, as she will serve the city well.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER ERIC IKEMIRE – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Ikemire reported in the last two weeks the street department mowed ballparks and parks; repaired storm sewer inlets; cleaned up trees that were knocked down during the recent winds and were blocking roadways; jetted out plugged culverts; filled pot holes; poured concrete at a few locations for the water department; replaced a few broken poles on street signs; and continued to drag and line the ballfields.

COMMISSIONER JOE JUDGE – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

Commissioner Judge reported the city's finances are split between two categories, the enterprise zone accounts or general fund accounts. The enterprise zone accounts are the airport, the golf course, the water department, the wastewater departments, and the garbage department as they are self-supporting. These departments are individual businesses within the city government and do not rely on tax monies to fund them. Commissioner Judge stated the general fund, which is the executive departments consisting of the fire department, police department and street department, relies heavily on sales tax, income tax, property tax and fines from the police department. Commissioner Judge further explained monies the city will receive from new the Sunday Liquor Sales can only support accounts within the general fund. Commissioner Judge reiterated it is important to shop locally as these revenues support those departments within the general fund.

COMMISSIONER JUSTIN DULGAR – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Dulgar reported the water maintenance department has been busy shutting and opening the flood gates; fixing sinkholes throughout the city; worked on the city pool; checked on water leaks and continued to perform standard maintenance. Commissioner Dulgar stated Water Well #1 and Water Well #2 had problems with the control panels during the flood waters and Bolden Electric will be fixing the problems. Commissioner Dulgar reported the Third Street Water Tower had some problems with the scada systems and EFI will be making those repairs.

Commissioner Dulgar announced the next Wabash Regional Water Commissioner meeting will be Tuesday, June 13th at Mount Carmel City Hall. Commissioner Dulgar encouraged the public to attend the meeting as it will be very informational.

Commissioner Dulgar reported the wastewater plant secured the Division Street flood pumps; repaired lift stations; and repaired the spray bars on the clarifiers.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez reported in the last two weeks the fire department had seven runs and trained with Wabash General Hospital on Life Flight.

Commissioner Rodriguez announced the First Apostolic Church will be praying for the fire department and providing a dinner tonight at the fire station.

Commissioner Rodriguez stated the mosquito population will be strong this year due to all the rains and standing water. Commissioner Rodriguez reiterated to please control areas with standing water to help cutback the mosquito population.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RUDY WITSMAN

City Administrative Assistant Witsman announced city hall will be closed Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated the city dump and brush harbor will be closed Saturday, May 27th and Monday, May 29th however both will be open on Tuesday, May 30th.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported

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 May 22nd, 2017. The consent agenda approved Ordinance 1073 – Increase in charges and rates for water service, Second Reading; Ordinance 1074 – Increase in utility fee rates and charges, Second Reading; Resolution R632 – MFT expenditures; approved the minutes for the council meeting held on May 8th, 2017 and approved paying all bills bearing the proper signatures.

Meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk