

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 19, 2017

5:00 pm

Invocation was given by Reverend Tony Hodgson.

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

Also, Present: City Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman, City Attorney Kelli Storckman

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Hudson brought the city council meeting to order.

Mayor Hudson acknowledged Reverend Tony Hodgson who invited the residents of the City of Mount Carmel and Wabash County to a religious service on Sunday, July 2nd at 6:00 pm, which be held the amphitheater.

Mayor Hudson acknowledged Amanda Medler who was seeking council approval for the Fly Like an Eagle 5K Walk/Run Fundraiser at Wabash Valley College for Judy Neikirk on Saturday, June 24th. Mayor Hudson advised Ms. Medler to contact the police department with the race route.

Mayor Hudson wished all the fathers a "Happy Belated Father's Day".

Mayor Hudson announced the former Warren Building has been demolished; the lot has been covered with dirt and seeded with grass.

Mayor Hudson reported the city swimming pool will be closed today and tomorrow due to repairs to the circulator pump. Mayor Hudson stated the once the repairs are made, the water has to be circulated for twenty-four hours so the pool should be reopened on Wednesday, June 21st.

Mayor Hudson thanked everyone who placed their flags out on Flag Day June 14th, it was very appropriate and looked very nice.

Mayor Hudson announced the events for the upcoming July 4th holiday and weekend. The Fantastic Fourth Celebration will be held from Saturday, July 1st through Tuesday, July 4th. Mayor Hudson stated "Fantastic Fourth" t-shirts are available to purchase for \$10.00 each. Mayor Hudson reported on July 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th open golfing will be available at the city's golf course for \$27.00, which includes cart rental and eighteen holes of golf. Mayor Hudson reported on Sunday, July 2nd the Fifty-Third Annual Rotary Corn Day Event will be held from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Mabel Courter Youth Center and the Freedom Celebration Worship Service will be held at the amphitheater from 6:00 to 7:00 pm later that same evening. Mayor Hudson stated free family movie nights will be held on Saturday, July 1st and Monday, July 3rd at the amphitheater each evening starting at 8:30 pm. Mayor Hudson continued by announcing the events scheduled for Tuesday, July 4th; a Veteran's Breakfast will be held at the Wabash County Senior Citizens Center from 7:30 am to 9:30 am; the "Star Spangled Fourth" Parade will start at 10:00 am beginning at Tenth and Market Streets with the parade ending at Third and Market Streets; from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm the food court will be open at the amphitheater; also beginning at 11:00 am on July 4th a Veterans Indoor Picnic will be held at the VFW; from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm free swim at the city pool; at 8:45 pm the Star Spangled Banner with the fireworks display following a dusk.

Mayor Hudson read a "thank you" from the Mount Carmel Public Library for the assistance from the police department as well as Wabash County EMA at the 5K Walk/Run Event.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER ERIC IKEMIRE – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Ikemire reported in the last two weeks the street department continued to mow city properties; cleaned up and burned the brush pile; dug up and repaired storm sewers; took down the signal lights and poles at Third and Market Streets; worked on the continuing maintenance of the levee approaches; cleaned up the boat ramp; continued to line and prepare the Little League ballfields.

COMMISSIONER JOE JUDGE – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

Commissioner Judge absent.

COMMISSIONER JUSTIN DULGAR – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Dulgar reported the water treatment plant has been busy cleaning the sediment basins and the clarifiers, which is part of their monthly routine maintenance. Commissioner Dulgar stated he had attended a water conference meeting in Nashville, Illinois hosted by Suez, which presented different options pertaining to the handling of old water lines.

Commissioner Dulgar announced the Wabash Valley Regional Water Commission meeting went very well last week. Commissioner Dulgar reported Lamac Engineering presented three options for consideration regarding the potential water treatment facility. Commissioner Dulgar stated the next water commissioner meeting will be held at Mount Carmel City Hall on Tuesday, June 27th at 5:00 pm. Commissioner Dulgar emphasized the importance of area citizen's attendance at the meeting to give their input and opinions regarding their water source for many years to come.

Commissioner Dulgar stated the water maintenance department installed a new control valve at the Oak Street Booster Station; dug up and repaired water main leaks; used the jet truck to clean out sewer mains located in the Village of Keensburg; back washed and refilled the city pool; performed their standard routine maintenance.

Commissioner Dulgar reported the air conditioning had to be replaced with a new unit at the wastewater plant; the dump truck had the fuel pump replaced; and a new speed reducer was installed in the #1 clarifier.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez reported in the last two weeks the fire department had nine runs.

Commissioner Rodriguez announced the fire and police departments will be grilling at the Wicked Wheels Car Show, which will be held at Wabash Valley College on July 8th and all the proceeds will be used for the Shop with a Cop/Fireman Program.

Commissioner Rodriguez acknowledged Fire Chief Francis Speth, who reported the fire department will be conducting fire safety checks at area businesses throughout the city.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RUDY WITSMAN

City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated the city is still accepting donations for the July 4th Fireworks Display and any donation will be greatly appreciated.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported this council meeting constitutes the first reading of Ordinance 1076 and Ordinance 1077, which entails the fines for illegal parking. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated it was brought to his attention by Police Chief John Lockhart that the current fine, which has been in place for many years, is \$6.00 and it costs more to issue a ticket than the actual recovery amount from the fine. City Administrative Assistant Witsman received a recommendation from Police Chief Lockhart to increase the fine to \$25.00.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman presented Ordinance 1078 to the council, which allows the serving of alcoholic beverages at package liquor stores which will allow them to obtain gaming machines at their establishments, per State of Illinois Statutes. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated this meeting constitutes the first reading of Ordinance 1078. City Administrative Assistant Witsman reiterated the council had accommodated liquor establishments by changing liquor ordinances for the benefit of those selling alcoholic beverages and he asked the council to possibly “step back, let the ink dry and let the dust settle” for a while on any future liquor ordinance changes or requests.

CITY ATTORNEY – KELLI STORCKMAN

City Attorney Kelli Storckman 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 June 19th, 2017. The consent agenda contained the first readings of Ordinances 1076 and 1077- Parking Violation fines; the first reading of Ordinance 1078 – allowing package liquor stores to serve alcohol so they can obtain gaming machines; approved the minutes for the council meeting held on June 5th, 2017 and approved paying all bills bearing the proper signatures.

Meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk