

## **MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, July 3, 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

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Hudson brought the city council meeting to order.

Mayor Hudson acknowledged Police Chief John Lockhart, who introduced to the council the city's three new police officers; Kyle Adams, Zachary Fitzgerald, and Cody Wall. Police Chief Lockhart stated the gentlemen are replacing officers that the city has lost due to retirement and the joining of the state police force. Mayor Hudson welcomed the new police officers.

Mayor Hudson wished everyone a Happy Fourth of July. Mayor Hudson stated the activities over the past weekend went very well and were also very well attended. Mayor Hudson reported tonight there will be a family movie night at the amphitheater. Mayor Hudson stated tomorrow will be a great day with the Senior Citizens Veteran's Day breakfast beginning at 7:30; the "Star Spangled 4<sup>th</sup>" Parade starting at 10:00 am; and the scheduled activities will continue on throughout the day ending with the fireworks display at dusk.

Mayor Hudson stated the city is looking very patriotic especially with all the flags on display.

### **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; poured concrete where the traffic lights were located at Third and Market Streets; cleaned up and cut trees; poured alley approach at Seventh and Chestnut Streets; repaired equipment; ran the arm mower along the north end of the levee and continued patching potholes.

#### **COMMISSIONER JOE JUDGE – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS**

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

Commissioner Judge reported the city's budget is looking positive from last year because of spending reductions by the department heads despite the fact that state income revenues are a problem. Commissioner Judge stated the budget is a "mixed bag" due to the combination of the negative/positive figures. Commissioner Judge commended the employees for their hard work and staying within their budgets.

#### **COMMISSIONER JUSTIN DULGAR – WATER AND SEWER**

Commissioner Dulgar reported the water maintenance department repaired water leaks; checked service lines; used the jet truck at various locations; backwashed the city swimming pool; repaired water meters; and performed routine maintenance. Commissioner Dulgar stated the Scada System at the Third Street Water Tower has been repaired; the transfer switch was replaced on the water treatment plant's generator; and the water treatment plant personnel also cleaned the sediment basins.

Commissioner Dulgar announced the Wabash Valley Regional Water Commission will be meeting again on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.

Commissioner Dulgar stated the new air conditioner unit was put in at the wastewater plant; the number two clarifier was inspected, cleaned and a new drive and sprockets were installed.

Commissioner Dulgar thanked Commissioner Rod Rodriguez for his donation to the Little League "End of the Season" Swim Party.

### **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 urged residents to be cautious with fireworks, etc. while celebrating the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday.

Commissioner Rodriguez announced the fire department and the police department will be having a cookout at the Wicked Wheels Car Show on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at Wabash Valley College. Drinks will be available for purchase beginning at 8:00 am and food purchases should be available at 10:00 am. The proceeds will be donated to the Shop with A Cop/Fireman Program.

Commissioner Rodriguez stated the mosquito spraying is still ongoing however the sprayer truck was down one day for repairs.

Commissioner Rodriguez wished everyone a safe and Happy Fourth of July.

### **CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RUDY WITSMAN**

City Administrative Assistant Witsman presented to the council the proposals regarding the replacement of ten golf carts. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated the golf course has been having several problems with the existing golf carts including the batteries, which is an expensive endeavor. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated, after reviewing the proposal, leasing gas powered golf carts for forty-eight months would be the most cost effective.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association, which is the insurance company that supplies all the city's liability insurances, workman's compensation, vehicle insurance, etc. has sent an intergovernmental agreement requesting the signatures of the mayor and himself committing to the continued use of their services by the city for the next year.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated within the consent agenda is a zoning board recommendation authorizing a setback variance for Lamac Engineering for the location of a new building being built adjacent to their existing building.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported this meeting constitutes the second reading of Ordinance 1078, which allows package liquor stores to serve alcohol and in turn allows them to apply with the State of Illinois for a liquor license to have gaming machines at their establishments.

### **CITY ATTORNEY – KELLI STORCKMAN**

City Attorney Kelli Storckman absent.

### **CITY INSPECTOR – MIKE GIDCUMB**

City Inspector Gidcumb absent.

### **BUSINESS MOTIONS**

Commissioner Ikemire motioned and Commissioner Dulgar seconded to approve the lease agreement with Cunningham Golf Carts for ten Yamaha golf carts. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Ikemire seconded to approve the signing by the Mayor and City Clerk of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract with the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association regarding insurance coverage for the City of Mount Carmel.

Commissioner Dulgar motioned and Commissioner Ikemire seconded to approve Ordinance 1078, an ordinance amending Chapter 4, Alcoholic Beverages Article III, Licenses. Motion was approved

by 3 – Aye (Commissioners Dulgar, Ikemire, and Judge); 2 – Nay (Mayor Hudson and Commissioner Rodriguez).

Mayor Hudson and the Council approved the Consent Agenda, as amended in the agenda dated July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. The consent agenda contains the second reading of Ordinance 1076 and Ordinance 1077, the parking violation ordinances; approval of the zoning board recommendation for Lamac Engineering; approval of the minutes for the council meeting held on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and approval of paying all bills bearing the proper signatures.

Meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk