

## **MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, September 11, 2017

5:00 pm

Invocation was given by Reverend Tony Hodgson.

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 Kelli Storckman,  
City Inspector Mike Gidcumb

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Hudson brought the city council meeting to order.

Mayor Hudson acknowledged Mount Carmel Lion's Club Member Don Mains, who was in attendance at the council meeting seeking approval for the club to collect donations at the designated intersections on October 13<sup>th</sup> and October 14<sup>th</sup> for their annual fundraiser.

Mayor Hudson acknowledged John Acree with Lamac Engineering, who gave an update regarding the financing for the wastewater plant's outfall project and the upgrade at the plant itself. Mr. Acree reported he was notified by the EPA that they do not have any funds available for lending until possibly June of 2018. Mr. Acree stated the outfall project's permits expire in March of 2018. Mr. Acree acknowledged City Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman, who stated he has been in contact with local lending institutions as well as Rural Development and within a month's time he and Mr. Acree will present to the council plans/options for discussion to hopefully remedy this issue.

Mayor Hudson asked citizens to please keep Texas and Florida residents in their thoughts and prayers after the recent hurricanes that have passed through these areas.

Mayor Hudson announced Mount Carmel High School is celebrating "Homecoming" and several activities have been planned throughout the week for the event.

Mayor Hudson reported today marks the sixteenth year of the 911 tragedy and asked residents to please remember those affected by the devastation to our country.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

#### **COMMISSIONER ERIC IKEMIRE – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS**

Commissioner Ikemire reported in the last two weeks the street department mowed city properties; patched pot holes; mowed yard abatements; tore out and replaced roadway sections on Empire Street; performed maintenance on the street sweeper; repaired storm sewer intake along Michael Avenue; hauled sand to the wastewater plant; and cleaned up the bucket truck for the annual testing. Commissioner Ikemire stated several trees have died in the past year that are located on city right of ways and asked residents to please be patient with the street department crew on getting those trees tended to.

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

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

Commissioner Judge reported the city should be receiving some sales tax receipts from the State of Illinois and hopefully at the next council meeting he will be able to report how the city is doing regarding this budget year.

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

Commissioner Dulgar reported the water maintenance department replaced a faulty sewer main; fixed water leaks; used the jet truck at various locations; as well as performing standard maintenance. Commissioner Dulgar stated the water treatment plant collected lead and copper

water samples as required every three years by the EPA and also collected the monthly bacterial and organic carbon samples. Commissioner Dulgar reported the wastewater plant cleaned the drying beds and inspected the sand filters.

Commissioner Dulgar stated the Wabash Valley Regional Water Commission met on Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> and received the preliminary draft report from Lamac on the regional water treatment plant. Commissioner Dulgar announced the next meeting will be held at the City of Albion on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Commissioner Dulgar emphasized all those involved here at the city have been working diligently on making the best decision regarding the regional water plant and the City of Mount Carmel.

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

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

Commissioner Rodriguez stated the mosquito spraying is still ongoing.

Commissioner Rodriguez announced October 2<sup>nd</sup> through October 6<sup>th</sup> is the Fall Fix-Up/Clean-Up Week. Commissioner Rodriguez stated items Republic Services will not pick up are construction materials/lumber, appliances, televisions, and electronics.

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

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reiterated the city will not pick up “loose” leaves this year, so please do not rake the leaves to the curb and leave them in the gutter. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated leaves will be picked up by the city’s brush crew if they are bagged or residents may take the leaves to the city brush harbor or residents may mulch their leaves.

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

City Attorney Kelli Storckman reported she and City Inspector Mike Gidcumb have been discussing and reviewing various properties in the city. City Attorney Storckman stated plans are being finalized to take the necessary course of action on the properties and hopefully she will have an update at the next council meeting.

### **CITY INSPECTOR – MIKE GIDCUMB**

City Inspector Gidcumb no report.

### **BUSINESS MOTIONS**

Mayor Hudson and the Council approved the Consent Agenda, as amended in the agenda dated September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The consent agenda contains approval of the minutes for the council meeting held on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and the approval of paying all bills bearing the proper signatures.

Meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk