

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 20, 2017

5:00 pm

Invocation was given by Joy Sherman.

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

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Hudson brought the city council meeting to order.

Mayor Hudson acknowledged Terry Beckerman, who was speaking to the council regarding the Christmas Uptown Event on Friday, December 1st. Mr. Beckerman asked the council's permission to close the East Fourth Street Intersection Side of Market Street on Friday morning; the three hundred block of Market Street at noon on Friday; the four hundred block of Market Street at 4:00 pm on Friday as well as the Third and Market Street intersection at 3:30 pm. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated the street closures are being addressed due to previous council concerns regarding the safety of those attending the festival and the traffic flow as well.

Mayor Hudson wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Mayor Hudson thanked the street department for putting up the Christmas decorations along Market Street.

Mayor Hudson thanked Mount Carmel Public Utility for quickly restoring the power during the storms last Saturday.

Mayor Hudson asked residents to please mulch or bag their leaves and please do not rake them to the curb.

Mayor Hudson stated he is asking the council to make a decision on the amphitheater stage project on the two different outlays that had been presented at previous council meetings. After discussing the projects, the council voted to approve the proposal submitted by Market Street MTC Group Spokesman Terry Beckerman. City Administrative Assistant Witsman echoed the council discussion regarding the proposal by Cory Casburn and stated the council will attempt to accommodate Mr. Casburn in the future, if he does get his project going.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER ERIC IKEMIRE – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Ikemire reported in the last two weeks the street department cleaned intakes; ran the street sweeper; continued to pick up bagged leaves; installed the flood closure A and removed the South Mulberry Street flood closure; did maintenance on the street sweeper and the dump truck; and began the preparation of installing the Christmas trees along Market Street.

COMMISSIONER JOE JUDGE – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

Commissioner Judge reported the city is paying their bills and the city finances are looking good.

COMMISSIONER JUSTIN DULGAR – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Dulgar reported the water treatment plant personnel finished cleaning the basins and clarifiers, which is part of their regular duties. Commissioner Dulgar stated a boil order was implemented for Janeway and Meadowbrook Drives today. Commissioner Dulgar reported the water maintenance department completed winterizing the city pool house, the Fourth Street Ball Fields, the old street department building and the amphitheater; began checking the fire hydrants for the

winter and worked all day on the water leak at Janeway and Meadowbrook Drives. Commissioner Dulgar stated the wastewater plant has been assisting Mount Carmel Public Utility with tree and brush removal near the plant. Commissioner Dulgar announced a special meeting will be held on November 27th regarding the wastewater plant's loan application.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez reported in the last two weeks the fire department responded to six runs; responded to an oil spill clean-up at 800 Block on West Ninth Street; participated in a refresher course in hazmat training and had training on a new type of tourniquet.

Commissioner Rodriguez wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving on the behalf of the fire department. Commissioner Rodriguez asked citizens to please practice safety while burning candles and to change your batteries in smoke and carbon dioxide detectors.

Commissioner Rodriguez reiterated that residents should mulch or bag their leaves.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RUDY WITSMAN

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission would be willing to administer all paperwork regarding the Revolving Loan Fund as the State of Illinois has abolished that program and the monies leftover in the fund may be used for no more than two projects within the city, per certain stipulations. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission has the expertise and knowledge to satisfy the application process, however they do charge an administrative fee of seven percent. City Administrative Assistant Witsman recommended to the council to allow the planning commission to administer this service.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated various wastewater lift stations alarms throughout the city that rely on the telephone scada system are getting old and are unreliable. City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported he is seeking authority from the council to advertise for bids for the type of system the city needs in order to eliminate the telephone lines at all the wastewater lift stations.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman announced at the next council meeting the yearly meeting dates and times will need to be approved and asked if the council wished to continue meeting on Mondays at 5:00pm. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated he will prepare and present at the next council meeting for approval the 2018 meeting dates.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported a special meeting will be held at City Hall on Monday, November 27th at 4:00 pm in which public hearings will be held; one is related to a loan application for the construction at the wastewater plant and the other is related to the five- year renewal of the \$150,000 bond.

CITY ATTORNEY – KELLI STORCKMAN

City Attorney Kelli Storckman no report.

CITY INSPECTOR – MIKE GIDCUMB

City Inspector Gidcumb absent.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

Commissioner Dulgar motioned and Commissioner Ikemire seconded to approve the proposal previously submitted by Terry Beckerman regarding improvements related to the old theater property. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Commissioner Dulgar motioned and Commissioner Ikemire seconded to approve Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission (GWRPC) to provide administrative services for the Revolving Loan Grant related to the Mount Carmel Revolving Loan Fund. Administration fee will be no more than seven percent. All present voted Aye by roll call vote except Commissioner Judge, who abstained because he is President of the GWRPC Board.

Mayor Hudson and the Council approved the Consent Agenda, as presented in the agenda dated November 20th, 2017. The consent agenda includes approval of the minutes for the council meeting held on November 6th, 2017; and approval of paying all bills bearing the proper signatures.

Meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk