

MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 15, 2018
5:00 pm

Invocation was given by Reverend Tony Hodgson.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Bill Hudson Commissioners – Eric Ikemire, Joe Judge,
Justin Dulgar

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 stated the street department has been very busy trying to clean the city streets. Mayor Hudson asked residents to please check on their neighbors during the very cold weather, especially the elderly.

Mayor Hudson thanked the organizers for the successful Honor Guard fundraiser that was held over the weekend as well as the organizers for Police Chief John Lockhart fundraiser, which was also very successful.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER ERIC IKEMIRE – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Ikemire reported in the last two weeks the street department worked on servicing the mowers for the Parks Department; plowed and salted the city streets; repaired some maintenance issues on the snow plow trucks; hauled sand to blend in with the salt for the city streets; and assisted the water maintenance department with the filling in of a hole on Division Street.

Commissioner Ikemire thanked the Street Department Crew for all their hard work and the long hours they have put in trying to keep the streets clean from the snow and ice. Commissioner Ikemire thanked residents for their patience as one of the snow plow trucks was down for repairs last Friday.

Commissioner Ikemire stated both of the cemetery mowing bidders had submitted the “specs” revolving around their individual bids, as was discussed at the last council meeting. Commissioner Ikemire reported the council will review the submitted information and make a decision at the next council meeting.

COMMISSIONER JOE JUDGE – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

Commissioner Judge reported he had spoken with Illinois State Representative Davis Reis twice regarding the Wabash County Senior Citizens Center and Representative Reis in turn contacted the State of Illinois Comptroller’s Office. Commissioner Judge stated that resulted in monies owed the center for the 2017 fiscal year being released by the State of Illinois, however “cuts” still had to be implemented at the center. Commissioner Judge clarified that the City of Mount Carmel does help fund the center and those monies are being used to supplement the center to allow it to continue to function until hopefully the State of Illinois releases more funds.

COMMISSIONER JUSTIN DULGAR – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Dulgar reported the water department has had some issues with the water wells; repairs are being made on Well #1 and Well #2. Commissioner Dulgar stated full operation is currently coming from Well #3, until the other two wells are back in service. Commissioner Dulgar reported Lead Operator Keith Reed will be working on a new chemical trial with the water supply, beginning January 29th.

Commissioner Dulgar stated the water maintenance department has been busy assisting the fiber optics company; repairing busted water lines; and working out in the “elements” trying to keep the water utilities running smoothly.

Commissioner Dulgar reported Wastewater Plant Lead Operator Josh Peach has submitted the annual fiscal report to the Illinois EPA; the upgrade equipment needed for the Pecan Lift Station has been ordered and should arrive in early February. Commissioner Dulgar stated the wastewater plant upgrade project will finally be starting and City Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman will be reporting on the funding details.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez absent.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RUDY WITSMAN

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported city hall was notified by Republic Services this morning, that due to the weather conditions the trash service was not operational today, so in turn the trash pickup will be a day late all this week. City Administrative Assistant Witsman emphasized the residents should please put their trash out the night before their pickup day to ensure the trash gets picked up.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman announced the city is still accepting donations for an informational plaque for the USS Wabash Bell located at the amphitheater. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated the city is in hopes to have the plaque in place by the July 4th holiday and any donations are greatly appreciated.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated within the consent agenda are two items; one is the ordinance authorizing the loan agreement with the Illinois EPA for the wastewater plant project. City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported the ordinance is a mandatory requirement and is one of the first steps in the process of getting all the loan paperwork to the State of Illinois. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated the ordinance authorizes the borrowing of monies up to two-million dollars for the wastewater plant’s EPA mandated improvement related to our NPDES permit. City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported the other item is an inducement resolution for the development of property located in the City of Mount Carmel by Holly Brook/Reflections Memory Care Phillips Investments LLC Mount Carmel Series. City Administrative Assistant Witsman reiterated the city will provide assistance for the development using TIF funds generated from the development. Sixty percent of the revenues generated from the increase in real estate taxes related to the development will be returned to the developer. The reimbursement will last no more than twelve years. City Administrative Assistant reported the developer will also receive a one-time payment of \$100,000 from TIF funds upon completion of the project. City Administrative Assistant Witsman informed the Council a formal TIF agreement will be presented for their approval at a later date.

CITY ATTORNEY – KELLI STORCKMAN

City Attorney 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 January 15th, 2018. The consent agenda includes the First Reading of Ordinance 1084, authorizing a loan agreement with IEPA for the wastewater plant; approval of Resolution R-636, an Inducement Resolution to Holly Brook/Reflections Memory Care; approval of the minutes for the council meeting held on January 2nd, 2018 and approval of paying all bills bearing the proper signatures.

Meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk