

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 18, 2017

5:00 pm

Invocation was given by Reverend Tony Hodgson.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Bill Hudson Commissioners – 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 welcomed Bobe's Pizza, Mount Carmel's newest business, which recently opened and congratulated them on their fantastic response from the community.

Mayor Hudson announced, with much pleasure, that Unique Homes located in Charleston, Illinois, has purchased property from Haase Farms for the construction of a multi-million-dollar facility, which will be located west of the Super 8 Hotel on outer West Ninth Street. Mayor Hudson stated the development will be known as the "Villas of Holly Brook" and the developer intends to build a dual-purpose facility with fifty units being utilized for assisted living and twenty-four units will be utilized for memory care. Mayor Hudson reported this facility is in addition to the many existing facilities that Unique Homes has located throughout the State of Illinois and Unique Homes envisions hiring forty-five full time employees as well as twenty-five part time employees. Mayor Hudson stated the developer has asked for TIF assistance from the city, however as the TIF for that anticipated area is due to expire in 2019, the city's consultant, Moran Development suggested the city consider developing a new TIF to include the proposed development area. Mayor Hudson reported once the final version for the new TIF development agreement is complete; it will be presented to the council for its consideration. Mayor Hudson stated he is very pleased that Unique Homes has chosen Mount Carmel to expand its business.

Mayor Hudson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER ERIC IKEMIRE – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Ikemire reported absent.

COMMISSIONER JOE JUDGE – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

Commissioner Judge reported the city received notification from the Southeastern Illinois Area Agency on the Aging that the funding was not coming through from the State of Illinois to assist in the funding of the Wabash County Senior Citizens Center. Commissioner Judge stated the monies received equal approximately \$132,000 a year and that funding helps support the meals program at the center. Commissioner Judge reported if funding is not received by the end of January; hours of operation, unfortunately, will be reduced. Commissioner Judge stated some internal adjustments will be made as far as work hours for employees, etc. to help "stretch out" how long the center can remain open. Commissioner Judge encouraged citizens to please contact the necessary State of Illinois Congressmen.

COMMISSIONER JUSTIN DULGAR – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Dulgar stated City Employee Dustin Avery, who is filling in for another employee on medical leave, has completed his training at the water treatment plant. Commissioner Dulgar reported the routine monthly bacteria samples have been collected and sent in for testing.

Commissioner Dulgar announced the Wabash Valley Regional Water Commission meeting will be held tomorrow evening, December 19th at the City of Albion at 5:00 pm. Commissioner Dulgar stated Illinois EPA Regional Manager Jon Lam will be attendance to answer questions.

Commissioner Dulgar reported the Illinois EPA conducted a bi-annual inspection of the wastewater plant and the results should be reported back to the city soon. Commissioner Dulgar stated the resolution for the issues at the Pecan Avenue lift station are being taken under advisement and will be reported once the best solution is determined.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez announced the Shop with a Cop/Fireman will be held on Tuesday, December 19th at Shopko. Commissioner Rodriguez reported thirty-one children will be shopping and each child is allotted \$200 to spend with \$100 of the money to be used for clothing.

Commissioner Rodriguez stated, on behalf on the fire department and himself, he wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RUDY WITSMAN

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reiterated at the last council meeting he reported bids were received on a new Scada System for the waste water plant. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated at this time, those bids are still being evaluated.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman requested that the council make a recommendation at the next meeting regarding the cemetery mowing bids, as Commissioner Ikemire is absent at tonight's meeting.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman announced that city hall will be closed on Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th for the Christmas holiday and the city brush harbor will be closed over the weekend. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated the trash pickup service will be running a day late due to the holiday, as well.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated this council meeting constitutes the second reading of Ordinances 1080, 1081, and 1082. City Administrative Assistant Witsman presented each of the three ordinances, individually, for council approval.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman presented to the council Ordinance 1083, an ordinance adopting a policy prohibiting sexual harassment within the workplace at the City of Mount Carmel. City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported this ordinance has been mandated through State of Illinois statues and has to be enacted by January 16th, 2018. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated this meeting constitutes the first reading of Ordinance 1083.

CITY ATTORNEY – KELLI STORCKMAN

City Attorney Storckman no report.

CITY INSPECTOR – MIKE GIDCUMB

City Inspector Gidcumb absent.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Dulgar seconded to approve the Ordinance 1080, an ordinance authorizing the City Council to seek bids for the city owned real estate commonly known as 615 E. Fourth Street. All present voted Aye by roll call vote. Commissioner Ikemire was absent.

Commissioner Dulgar motioned and Commissioner Rodriguez to approve Ordinance 1081, an ordinance providing for the issuance of \$150,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2017, of the City of Mount Carmel, Wabash County, Illinois for the purpose of financing public

safety equipment and other capital expenditures for said City; providing for the levy and collection of direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. All present voted Aye by roll call vote. Commissioner Ikemire was absent.

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Dulgar seconded to approve Ordinance 1082, an ordinance setting the tax levy for the City of Mount Carmel's fiscal year May 1, 2017 thru April 30, 2018. All present voted Aye by roll call vote. Commissioner Ikemire was absent.

Mayor Hudson and the Council approved the Consent Agenda, as presented in the agenda dated December 18th, 2017. The consent agenda includes approval of the consulting service agreement with Hanson Engineering for airport snow removal equipment, approval of the minutes for the council meeting held on December 4th, 2017 and approval of paying all bills bearing the proper signatures.

Meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk