

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 12, 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, 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 Rodger Beard, who was in attendance at the council meeting representing the Eagles Club. Mr. Beard introduced Jeff Thompson, Acting Manager and Chairman to the Trustees of the Mount Carmel Eagles Club. Mr. Thompson represented a donation check to the council in the amount of \$4040.00 for the Wabash County Senior Citizens Center. The donation was made possible through a fundraising event that was held at the Eagles Club.

Mayor Hudson acknowledged Brianna Witsman, with the Mount Carmel High School Business Communication Class, whose students designed a logo for the bi-centennial celebration this year. Mrs. Witsman introduced Scotty Brown, who created the winning logo design and who was in attendance to present the design to the council.

Mayor Hudson stated all the freezing and thawing this winter has made it difficult for the street department with keeping up with the repairing of the city streets. Mayor Hudson thanked the street department for all their efforts and hard work

Mayor Hudson reported more events and activities will be forthcoming throughout the year for the Bicentennial Celebration. Mayor Hudson stated the biggest event will be during the July 4th holiday, as both events will be combined into one festivity and one parade.

Mayor Hudson stated he is in hopes to make an announcement within the next two months regarding an asset to the city, which will mean progress for Mount Carmel.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER ERIC IKEMIRE – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Ikemire reported in the last two weeks the street department worked on servicing mowers for the parks department; salted streets; cleaned and salted sidewalks at city hall as well as the senior citizens center; worked on the rebuilding the side booms for the street sweeper; cut and cleaned up one tree; assisted with the moving a generator from the wastewater plant to the airport; and converted one of the city trucks with hook ups for the snow plow.

Commissioner Ikemire commended the street department, as well, for their hard work and long hours during all the snow and ice storms so far this winter.

COMMISSIONER JOE JUDGE – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

Commissioner Judge reported on Friday, February 9th, himself as well as City Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman and City Comptroller Mick Mollenhauer met with Josh Downs, from the State of Illinois Comptroller's Office, regarding where the state is at on making its "payments" to the city. Commissioner Judge stated the State of Illinois is paying eight months in arrears to facilities such as the senior citizens center. Commissioner Judge reported Illinois State Representative David Reis sent two appeal letters to the state comptroller's office and in turn the city received a partial

payment of \$4037, which was due from October, 2017 for the senior citizens center. Commissioner Judge stated the city also received the December, 2017 monies for the center from the federal government. Commissioner Judge thanked the Eagles Club for its donation to the Wabash County Senior Citizens Center, as well as the tremendous efforts throughout the community for the center, which now has enough funds to hopefully continue to be operational until the first week of April.

Commissioner Judge announced the Wabash County Senior Citizens Center will have a chili supper fundraiser on Tuesday, February 20th from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

COMMISSIONER JUSTIN DULGAR – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Dulgar reported Wastewater Plant Lead Operator Josh Peach submitted the semiannual report to EPA; conducted site visits for both companies that had submitted bids for the Scada System project; Wastewater Plant Employee Stephen Roe has signed up to attend a five-day wastewater training class in May; and the upgrade for the Pecan Avenue Area Lift Station is nearing completion.

Commissioner Dulgar stated the water treatment plant is continuing with the new trial water treatment process. Commissioner Dulgar reiterated the water treatment facility is trying to be more efficient with the chemicals used for the treatment process.

Commissioner Dulgar reported the Wabash Valley Regional Water Commission met on February 1st and approved the preliminary engineering report. Commissioner Dulgar stated based on the information in the report; the time is nearing for the City of Mount Carmel to make a decision regarding the regional water treatment facility. Commissioner Dulgar reported additional costs will be incurred, if the city does decide to move forward with the project, such as an environmental study for the facility site and additional engineering expense. Commissioner Dulgar anticipates asking the council for a decision at the March 12th meeting.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez announced the Bellmont Fire Department is having its 25th Annual Chili Fundraising Dinner on Saturday, February 24th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Commissioner Rodriguez also announced the 14th Annual Guns and Hoses Event will be held on Sunday, March 11th. Commissioner Rodriguez stated the proceeds from the Guns and Hoses fundraiser will be donated to the Wabash County Senior Citizens Center.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RUDY WITSMAN

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported himself and City Comptroller Mick Mollenhauer will attend a state sponsored workshop in Mount Vernon, Illinois concerning the revolving loan fund program. City Administrative Assistant Witsman reiterated the state had discontinued the revolving loan fund program, which the city had participated in and this workshop will enlighten the city on how to use the remaining funds in that account for future projects throughout the City of Mount Carmel.

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 logo for the Mount Carmel Bicentennial as presented by the MCHS Business Communication Class. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Mayor Hudson and the Council approved the Consent Agenda, as presented in the agenda dated February 12, 2018. The consent agenda includes approval of the minutes for the council meeting held on January 29th, 2018 and approval of paying all bills bearing the proper signatures.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk