

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 23, 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 acknowledged Ribberfest Spokesman Terry Beckerman, who was in attendance asking if the intersection of East Fourth Street and Market Street could be closed on the afternoon of Thursday, April 26th to allow for the setting up of the “stage” for the festival. Mr. Beckerman had attended a previous council meeting requesting street closures on Friday, April 28th.

Mayor Hudson thanked the Rotarians, Toyota Manufacturing, and all the volunteers who helped with the citywide clean-up on Saturday, April 21st. Mayor Hudson stated thirty-two big heavy bags of trash were collected and he thanked Commissioner Judge for hauling the bags to the city's trash site.

Mayor Hudson thanked Dr. Todd Gill on the organization of the softball tournament extravaganza this past weekend. Mayor Hudson stated thirty-one teams participated from an approximate seventy-five-mile radius.

Mayor Hudson announced the CEO Program Event is being held tonight at the Parkview Church and encouraged everyone to attend.

Mayor Hudson reported swimming pool employment applications are available for the manager, ticket booth, concessions and life guard positions. Mayor Hudson reiterated the applications may be picked up at City Hall between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm on Monday through Friday and should be turned back in by Monday, April 30th.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER ERIC IKEMIRE – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Ikemire reported in the last two weeks the street department filled potholes in city streets; mowed parks and ballparks; cleaned intakes; cut up and cleaned up ten trees throughout the city; worked on getting the ballparks ready for the softball tournament; and performed maintenance on one of the city's mowers.

COMMISSIONER JOE JUDGE – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

Commissioner Judge reiterated the city is projecting a \$1930.00 deficit ending for the 2017-2018 budget year and the 2018-2019 budget is showing a \$88,650.00 deficit, as was discussed at the budget meeting prior to this council meeting.

Commissioner Judge thanked Michael Coslett and his Eagle Scout Troop, on behalf of the Wabash County Senior Citizens Center, for the landscaping work around the center. Commissioner Judge reported Michael was earning an Eagle Scout Badge and stated the landscaping looks very nice.

Commissioner Judge reported the city had an opportunity to purchase a new/used mower at a very good price and he thanked Street Department Superintendent David Easter for driving five hours to pick up the mower. Commissioner Judge stated the mower purchase was a huge asset and savings for the city.

COMMISSIONER JUSTIN DULGAR – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Dulgar reported the water treatment plant has added the consumer confidence report to the city's website for public viewing and the website link is noted on the back of the current water bills. Commissioner Dulgar stated the Risley Avenue Water Tower maintenance is ongoing.

Commissioner Dulgar reiterated the water maintenance department will be conducting the sewer smoke tests in the near future and residents in those areas will have a pink notification tag with instructions hung on their doors.

Commissioner Dulgar stated the wastewater department cleaned the contact tank in preparation for the seasonal cleaning coordination. Commissioner Dulgar reported Fearheiley Lumber Company is preparing a quote on new door latch mechanisms for the plant and Jeff Guisewite is preparing a quote to finish the clearing, levelling and seeding of the area outside of the fence by the wastewater plant.

Commissioner Dulgar reported the Wabash Valley Regional Water Commission is considering having the engineering study for the regional water plant reviewed by another engineering firm. Commissioner Dulgar stated he is seeking council approval for the City of Mount Carmel's portion of that expense, which could be up to one-thousand dollars to assist in finalizing the engineering study. After a lengthy discussion, the council decided to table a decision at this time.

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 this council meeting constitutes the first reading of Ordinance 1087, which is an ordinance relating to the water tap fees for the City of Mount Carmel. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated the actual cost on all materials for water taps have increased over and above the city's current costs. City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported he is seeking council approval to change the water tap ordinance to read that the tap fees will be the current costs for the materials related to the associated size tap necessary to provide water to either an individual or cooperation.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated within the consent agenda is the second reading of Ordinance 1086 – 2018/2019 Budget and explained if approved by the council it will then become the budget for the new fiscal year; also included is Ordinance 1088 – an ordinance that amends the 2017/2018 budget, which expires on April 30th, 2018 and within the amendment is a change to the police pension and to the fire pension. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated these changes are necessary to hopefully keep the city in compliance for the future audit. City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported also included is Resolution 640, which was required by the State of Illinois and is the authorization of the assumption of the Revolving Loan Fund. City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported Resolution 641 is an inducement resolution for Evans and Marcum Investments LLC, which is the company that owns the building that houses B & D Manufacturing. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated Evans and Marcum is looking to expand their present facility and have asked for TIF benefits, which would be available through the newly proposed TIF. City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported the resolution states the benefits will be made available to Evans and Marcum under the proposed TIF agreement that will come before the council at a later date. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated the proposal states they will receive sixty percent of the revenues generated by the property for a period not to exceed twelve years or up to a maximum reimbursement amount of \$100,000.00.

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 April 23rd, 2018. The consent agenda includes the second reading of Ordinance 1086 – 2018/2019 Budget; Ordinance 1088 – an ordinance to amend the 2017/2018 Budget; Resolution 640 – Takeover of the Revolving Loan; Resolution 641 – Evans and Marcum; approval of the minutes for the council meeting held on April 9th, 2018 and approval of paying all bills bearing the proper signatures.

Meeting adjourned 5:27 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk