

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 18, 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 Mrs. Graetz, who was in attendance at the council meeting regarding a drainage issue at Lambert Drive. Mayor Hudson stated himself and the council will look into the issue and consult with Street Department Superintendent Dave Easter.

Mayor Hudson stated the Holly Brook Development is on hold due to all the rainy weather and hopefully the work will continue soon.

Mayor Hudson announced the upcoming events for Fantastic Fourth Celebration and the Bi-Centennial Festivities. Some of the events are as follows:

SATURDAY, JUNE 30TH

11:00 am – 4:00 pm: Bi-Centennial Community Picnic at the City Park Shelter House
11:00 am – 1:00 pm: Free hot dogs/chips/drinks and cookies
11:00 am – 1:00 pm: Music by Doug Hawf and Rachel Hawf
11:00 am – 4:00 pm: Free Bounce House Fun
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm: Free Swim at the Mount Carmel Municipal Pool
8:30 pm – Free Family Movie Night at the Merchants Park

SUNDAY, JULY 1ST

11:00 am – 1:00 pm: Fifty-Fourth Rotary Corn Day at the Mabel Courter 4-H Center
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm: Freedom Celebration – Merchants Park

MONDAY, JULY 2ND

8:30 pm: Free Family Movie Night at Merchants Park

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4TH

7:30 – 9:30 am: Veterans "Thank You" Breakfast – Wabash County Senior Citizens Center
10:00 am: "An American Made Parade" on Market Street.
11:00 am: Veteran's Indoor Picnic at the VFW
11:00 am – 1:00 pm: Food Court in front of the Merchants Park
11:30 am – 1:00 pm: Free Concert at the Merchants Park – Dennis Stroughmatt's Cajun-Creole
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm: Free Swim at the Mount Carmel Municipal Pool
8:00 pm – 9:00 pm: Music at Riverview Stadium
8:45 pm: Star Spangled Banner
9:00 pm: Bi-Centennial Fireworks Over the Wabash

Mayor Hudson thanked everyone who has donated for the fireworks display and stated the city has already received \$3150.00 in donations.

Mayor Hudson stated Bi-Centennial events are still being planned and on September 8th, a birthday celebration will be held for the State of Illinois and for Wabash County as well as activities being held during the Homecoming Celebration on the weekend of September 22nd and September 23rd.

Mayor Hudson reported a Special Bi-Centennial Celebration will also be held on December 3rd, through coordination with the State of Illinois.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER ERIC IKEMIRE – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Ikemire reported in the last two weeks the street department mowed parks and ballparks; cleaned intakes; cleaned up from storm damage; cut low lying limbs after the recent storms; picked up loads of asphalt patch to be used for filling pot holes throughout the city; assisted the water maintenance department by hauling material from Second and Walnut Streets; and assisted the wastewater department by hauling material from the tank that was being repaired to a drying area.

COMMISSIONER JOE JUDGE – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

Commissioner Judge stated the Wabash County Senior Citizens Center is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and is a designated cooling center for the hot weather.

Commissioner Judge reported he has been working with Wabash County Senior Citizens Center Director Tracy Dunkel, as well as City Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman, on ways to increase the attendance at the center. Commissioner Judge stated beginning in July the center's name and logo will be abbreviated to the WC Cafeteria and Senior Citizens Center.

COMMISSIONER JUSTIN DULGAR – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Dulgar reported the water tower maintenance on Risley Avenue has been completed and the repair work on the West Third Water Tower should begin within a week, which will be the final stage of the water tower maintenance.

Commissioner Dulgar stated because the city is not moving forward with the regional water plant, Mount Carmel should look into building its own new water plant. Commissioner Dulgar reported the city should move forward in doing a revised preliminary engineering report as the State of Illinois has over a hundred million dollars in loan monies and over sixteen million in grant monies available.

Commissioner Dulgar reported work is still ongoing on the wastewater plant's digester; the aeration project is moving forward and all loan documents have been submitted to the State of Illinois for approval.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez reported in the last two weeks the fire department had eleven runs; two work details were held at the fire station; and helicopter safety training was held with Star Flight from Evansville.

Commissioner Rodriguez stated mosquito spraying is still ongoing and asked residents to please empty any areas with standing water to help with alleviating the mosquito problem.

Commissioner Rodriguez encouraged citizens to please thank the City of Mount Carmel Police Officers for their efforts and for keeping our community safe.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RUDY WITSMAN

City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated he received a letter from the Illinois Department of Commerce approving the city's request for the release of the revolving loan funds for up to two submitted projects. City Administrative Assistant Witsman reiterated the city is currently working on a plan to build a sidewalk along Oak Street from West Third Street to Ninth Street.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported Keith Moran was in attendance at the council meeting to discuss the development of TIF Seven, as TIF Two will expire at the end of 2018 and TIF

Three at the end of 2019. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated in order to facilitate the expansions of the Holly Brook and B & D Independence, TIF Seven needs to be developed. City Administrative Assistant Witsman acknowledged Mr. Moran to give a brief overview of the TIF Seven development. Mr. Moran stated when TIF Two is retired approximately \$250,000 will be released back into the tax rolls and approximately \$80,000 will be released when TIF Three is retired. Mr. Moran explained the TIF targets an area that needs development or an economic growth “boost” and in turn a redevelopment plan can be formulated. Mr. Moran stated in the end TIF Seven can assist with the recruitment of more retail establishments and/or restaurants. Mr. Moran reported a public hearing will be held to share the goals and objectives with the general public. Mr. Moran explained the council will have to approve Ordinance 1094 – Authorizing the Establishment of Tax Increment Financing Interested Parties Registries; approve Resolution R-641, declaring the intent to reimburse certain redevelopment project costs; and approve Resolution R-642, authorizing a feasibility study on the designation of areas as redevelopment project areas.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated, as was discussed by Commissioner Dulgar, the Preliminary Engineering Report is a requirement to make application to the USDA for grant or loan monies for the possibility of a new water treatment plant. City Administrative Assistant Witsman recommended, due to the time constraints, that the council act on the two proposals that were submitted for the report. City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported two proposals were submitted; one from Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick, which was formerly known as Lamac in the amount of \$12,000 plus \$3000 for the environmental review and one from Keys Hill Engineering in the amount of \$10,000 plus \$2000 for the environmental review. After discussing the proposals, the council voted to accept the Keys Hill Engineering proposal as they submitted the lowest bid.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported, within the consent agenda, is a request for water service from Ed Kieffer, who lives outside the city limits. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated the city’s water service line is approximately within a hundred yards of Mr. Kieffer’s home.

CITY ATTORNEY – KELLI STORCKMAN

City Attorney Storckman no report.

CITY INSPECTOR – MIKE GIDCUMB

City Inspector Gidcumb absent.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Ikemire seconded to accept the proposal from the Preliminary Engineering Report from Keys Hill Engineering LLC. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Mayor Hudson and the Council approved the Consent Agenda, as presented in the agenda dated June 18th, 2018. The consent agenda includes the Second Reading and Consideration for Approval Ordinance 1091 – Amending Chapter 18, Article II, Section 18-24 – Police Department Cost Recovery; Second Reading and Consideration for Approval Ordinance 1092 – Cable Franchise Fee – Now Called Service Provider Fee; First Reading, Waive Second Reading for Consideration for Approval Ordinance 1093 – Ascertaining Prevailing Rate of Wages; First Reading, Waive Second Reading for Consideration for Approval Ordinance 1094 – Authorizing the Establishment of Tax Increment Financing Interested Parties Registries; Approve Resolution R-641, Declaring an intent to reimburse certain redevelopment project costs; Approve Resolution R-642 for a feasibility study on the designation of areas as redevelopment project areas; Approve water service to Ed Kieffer, who is outside the city limits; approval of the minutes for the council meeting held on June 4th, 2018 and approval of paying all bills bearing the proper signatures.

Meeting adjourned 5:46 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk