

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 16, 2018

5:00 pm

Invocation was given by Reverend Tony Hodgson.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Bill Hudson Commissioners – Eric Ikemire,
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 thanked all the committees that helped with the Fourth of July Weekend and stated it was one of the best celebrations in a long time. Mayor Hudson thanked all the citizens, as well, for their participation in all the activities.

Mayor Hudson announced the Wicked Wheels Car Show and the Mission Softball Tournament were held over the past weekend and both events were very well attended. Mayor Hudson stated the events are very beneficial for the city as out of town individuals are attending and patronizing the businesses in town, especially the restaurants and hotel.

Mayor Hudson reported the weather has improved and the Holly Brook Development Site is coming along very well.

Mayor Hudson thanked Wayne and Mary Lou Walden for the thirty plus years of their business, "The Corner". Mayor Hudson reported Erika Kieffer has purchased the building and is moving her business, "The Eclectic Boutique" to that location.

Mayor Hudson reiterated at the last council meeting a discussion was held regarding the new sidewalk along Oak Street between West Third and West Ninth Streets, presumably on the west side of Oak Street and opened the meeting again for further discussion. Mayor Hudson acknowledged City Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman, who reported he had spoken with representatives from Mount Carmel Public Utility regarding the placement of the sidewalk on the east side rather than the west side. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated he was advised by the utility company that according to code, the utility poles have to be at least three feet from the sidewalk and therefore if the poles were moved they would then be on private property because of the limited amount of right of way on the east side. City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported Mount Carmel Public Utility would then look to the city to purchase the required property from the rightful owners and also if environmental issues arose while digging along the former Snap-On property to set poles, Mount Carmel Public Utility would look to the city for any expenses that arose there, as well. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated it is possible to place the sidewalk on the east side but it would come with some possible unknown expenses. After further discussing the placement of the sidewalk, the council voted to construct the new sidewalk on the West Side of Oak Street.

Mayor Hudson acknowledged Street Department Superintendent Dave Easter, who gave an update on the "Adopt a Spot" Program along Cherry Street. Mr. Easter stated his crew has repaired the sub-base and Tim Wiser of Wiser Landscapes has started filling the area with sand in preparedness for the brick.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER ERIC IKEMIRE – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Ikemire reported in the last two weeks the street department mowed the parks and ball parks; cleaned intakes; cleaned up storm damage; performed yard abatements; worked on patching streets in preparedness for this year's chip/seal program; tore out a section of the street in

the eight hundred block of Cherry and repaired the sub-base for the “Adopt a Spot” Program for the brick laden Cherry Street; hauled golf carts uptown and set out barricades for the July 4th Parade/Festivities and prepped the football field parking area for the fireworks display as well as the putting out the “No Parking” signs for the area.

Commissioner Ikemire reminded residents, whose yards are getting higher than the standard height per city ordinance, to please mow their yards so the city will not have to mow it for them.

COMMISSIONER JOE JUDGE – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

Commissioner Judge absent.

COMMISSIONER JUSTIN DULGAR – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Dulgar reported the Third Street Water Tower maintenance is still ongoing for possibly the next six to eight weeks and reminded residents that this can have an affect on the water pressure in that area of the city.

Commissioner Dulgar stated when the sewer main smoke tests were conducted; the maintenance department discovered a significate hole in the sewer line on Highway One North which has now been repaired. Commissioner Dulgar stated the smoke testing had positive results and later in the coming year more testing may be conducted in other parts of the city

Commissioner Dulgar reiterated the wastewater plant is still waiting on the final numbers regarding the urgent issues with the digester and an inspection will be done this Wednesday, July 18th.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez reported in the last two weeks the fire department had twelve runs; a business meeting was held on July 9th and a battery operated heavy hydraulic ramp was purchased.

Commissioner Rodriguez stated the Wicked Wheels Car show was a great success and all the proceeds will be donated to the Shop with the Cop/Fireman Program.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RUDY WITSMAN

City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated Airport Manager Chad Hill has requested the issuance of a credit card with a \$500.00 credit limit, which would allow him to make purchases for the airport. City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported, currently Chad uses his own personal credit card and is then reimbursed for the purchases.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported within the consent agenda is an ordinance regulating the filling in of a ditch on an individual’s premise, as a problem had arisen with this type of issue. City Administrative Witsman stated a permit has been developed with guidelines that an individual is required to meet and an inspection of the area will be required. City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported this meeting constitutes the first reading of Ordinance 1095.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated, also within the consent agenda is an ordinance providing for jurisdictional transfer of a part of Oak Street from the county to the city. City Administrative Witsman reported when that part of Oak Street was built a portion of the roadway was in the county and the city has maintained it. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated this issue was brought to the city’s attention by the State of Illinois because the city had planned on spending MFT monies to asphalt that area. City Administrative Assistant Witsman explained the county will have to do the same type of jurisdictional transfer, as well.

CITY ATTORNEY – KELLI STORCKMAN

City Attorney Storckman no report.

CITY INSPECTOR – MIKE GIDCUMB

City Inspector Gidcumb absent.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

Commissioner Ikemire motioned and Commissioner Dulgar seconded to approve the issuance of a credit card for the airport to be used for expenses. It is to have a credit limit of \$500.00. All present voted Aye by roll call vote. Commissioner Judge was absent.

Commissioner Dulgar motioned and Commissioner Rodriguez seconded to approve the location of a new sidewalk on the west side of Oak Street from Third to Ninth. All present voted Aye by roll call vote. Commissioner Judge was absent.

Mayor Hudson and the Council approved the Consent Agenda, as presented in the agenda dated July 16th, 2018. The consent agenda includes the First Reading of Ordinance 1095, an ordinance to regulate ditch enclosure; the First Reading of Ordinance 1096, an ordinance providing for the jurisdictional transfer of part of Oak Street from the county to the city and waive the second reading; approval of the minutes for the council meeting held on July 2nd, 2018 and approval of paying all bills bearing the proper signatures.

Meeting adjourned 5:18 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk