

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 3, 2018

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 asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Firefighter Philip Kingsbury, who recently passed away. Mayor Hudson stated Mr. Kingsbury had served as a volunteer fireman and assistant fire chief

Mayor Hudson reported the Christmas Uptown Event was a great success and thanked all involved for their efforts. Mayor Hudson stated the Christmas Parade on Saturday was also a great event and announced the city council received the grand marshal award. Mayor Hudson thanked Wabash Valley College for the Christmas Concert, which was held on Sunday, December 2nd. Mayor Hudson expressed his gratitude to everyone that participated and to everyone that supported the festivities.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER ERIC IKEMIRE – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Ikemire absent.

COMMISSIONER JOE JUDGE – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

Commissioner Judge stated the city is doing well on paying its bills. Commissioner Judge reiterated the WC Cafeteria and Senior Center is available for rent for holiday parties, etc. and stated this year it has been booked for more get-togethers than in the past several years. Commissioner Judge thanked everyone for utilizing the center as it helps out financially and helps to keep the center open.

Commissioner Judge reported Mayor Hudson and himself met with City Comptroller Mick Mollenhauer to discuss the tax levy. Commissioner Judge stated the city is pleased to report the tax levy amount will be going down this coming year by \$339.00 and emphasized even though the decrease is a small amount, it is better than having an increase. Commissioner Judge thanked all the departments in their efforts in staying within their budgets.

COMMISSIONER JUSTIN DULGAR – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Dulgar reiterated the water treatment plant has cleaned the sediment basins and the clarifiers.

Commissioner Dulgar reported the engineering study is still ongoing for a new water treatment plant and reported possible locations have been narrowed down to three sites. Commissioner Dulgar stated hopefully a location will be picked by the end of the year, per council approval and at that time the city's review can be submitted to Rural Economic Development.

Commissioner Dulgar reiterated the Wastewater Plant's Mulberry Street Lift Station had issues with a pump and stated a new pump as well as controls have been purchased to alleviate the problem.

Commissioner Dulgar reported the aeration and digester projects at the wastewater plant are progressing nicely and should be completed by February, 2019. Commissioner Dulgar stated a dump truck was purchased for the wastewater plant and the city should take possession in a few weeks.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez honored Firefighter Butch Kingsbury by stating Butch became a volunteer fireman at the age of sixteen; he became a full-time firefighter for the Mount Carmel Fire Department in October, 1964; and Butch retired from the fire department on February 15, 2003. Commissioner Rodriguez gave his condolences and prayers to the family. Commissioner Rodriguez thanked Mr. Butch Kingsbury for the service he performed as a firefighter and stated he will be missed.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RUDY WITSMAN

City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated the city will be advertising for the mowing of the city cemeteries within the next two weeks and the submitted bids will be opened at the first meeting in January, 2019. City Administrative Assistant Witsman reported the city is looking at the possibility of bidding the mowing as well as the possibility of the city performing the mowing inhouse and stated a decision will be made once all the bids have been received.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman announced, since the last council meeting, Mr. Donald Kensell has picked up a petition for city commissioner.

City Administrative Assistant reported this meeting constitutes the first reading of the tax levy.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated the schedule of council meeting dates for 2019 is included in the consent agenda as well as the approval of the subdivision of property owned by C. Michael Witters.

CITY ATTORNEY – KELLI STORCKMAN

City Attorney Storckman no report.

CITY INSPECTOR – MIKE GIDCUMB

City Inspector Gidcumb absent.

STREET DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT – DAVE EASTER

Street Department Superintendent Dave Easter no report.

FIRE CHIEF – FRANCES SPETH

Fire Chief Frances Speth no report.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

Mayor Hudson and the Council approved the Consent Agenda, as presented in the agenda dated December 3rd, 2018. The consent agenda included approval of the subdivision of the property belonging to C. Michael Witters; approval of the council meeting dates for 2019; approval of the minutes for the council meeting held on November 19th, 2018 and approval of paying all bills bearing the proper signatures.

Meeting adjourned 5:09 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk