

MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 10, 2022
5:00 pm

Mayor Judge brought the City Council meeting to order.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Joe Judge Commissioners – Eric Ikemire,
Justin Dulgar, Susan Zimmerman

Also, Present: City Administrative Assistant Ryan Turner and City Attorney Brady Waldrop

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Judge requested a motion to approve the minutes of the last council meeting.

Commissioner Dulgar motioned and Commissioner Ikemire seconded to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 28, 2021. All present voted by roll vote. Commissioner Ikemire, Dulgar and Zimmerman voted Aye. Commissioner Meeks absent.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Judge opened the meeting with a moment silence for Wayne County Deputy Sean Riley, whose life was taken in December. Mayor Judge thanked Police Chief McWilliams and the officers that attended the visitation and funeral. Mayor Judge stated prayers are sent out to Sean Riley's family and friends.

Mayor Judge announced there is a preconstruction meeting for the removal of the bridge on Cherry Street/Hwy 1 with Sierra Bravo, the construction company, on January 18th at 10:00 am by teleconference. Mayor Judge stated Sierra Bravo will be advising of the construction timeline for the shutting down of Cherry Street at that location and also will be working with Sierra Bravo as well as the State of Illinois on the alternate routes for traffic.

Mayor Judge reported the City of Mount Carmel submitted an application for the Rebuild Downtown and Main Street Capital Grant with the grant request being \$1,400,923.00. Mayor Judge stated, if awarded, the grant monies will be for sidewalks from Third to Sixth along Market Street as well as landscaping, benches and other improvements.

Mayor Judge acknowledged City Administrative Assistant Turner, who requested council approval to enter into an agreement with Public Utility, WCETSB 911 Board, Wabash County Board at a cost of \$27,472.28 to help the county with the funding of new GIS Mapping.

Mayor Judge stated several complaints have been received regarding a "bad" area on Oak Street that needs repaired. Mayor Judge affirmed the repairs will begin this Wednesday with that area of Oak Street being closed to one lane of traffic until possibly the end of this month in order to complete the repairs. Mayor Judge reminded residents to please call the police department or city hall with non-emergency concerns or complaints regarding street issues.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER TOM MEEKS – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS

Commissioner Meeks absent.

COMMISSIONER ERIC IKEMIRE – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

Commissioner Ikemire stated the city's finances are holding steady and the balances are doing well so far, this fiscal year.

COMMISSIONER JUSTIN DULGAR – WATER AND SEWER

Commissioner Dulgar reported the water treatment plant had a good report of the routine water samples and next month will be the quarterly disinfection by-product sampling. Commissioner Dulgar stated the kick-off meeting for the new water treatment plant will be January 20th with discussion regarding demolition of the old storage building as well as prepping the area for new construction.

Commissioner Dulgar stated the number one and two clarifier drives were taken down at the wastewater plant; flushed, oiled and turned back on. Commissioner Dulgar reported there was a broken motor in the chlorine contact tank and a new one has been ordered. Commissioner Dulgar reiterated a capital project plan was done for the plant for future upgrades that need to be considered and he will readdress the projects at a later date once the council has time to review the plan.

COMMISSIONER SUSAN ZIMMERMAN – FIRE, HEALTH & SAFETY, GARBAGE, CITY HALL AND CIVIL DEFENSE

Commissioner Zimmerman reported the crew is working on servicing the mowers in preparedness for the spring and helping tear out the bleachers at Fourth Street Ball Park so they can be replaced at a later time.

Commissioner Zimmerman stated the recycling/dump site will be closed Monday, January 17th due to the holiday, however it will be open this Friday and Saturday.

Commissioner Zimmerman reported during the last two weeks the fire department responded to seven runs and announced a new member has been added to the fire department.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RYAN TURNER

City Administrative Assistant Turner reported, within the consent agenda, is the vacating of Ordinance 2063, which is being replaced with Ordinance 2064. City Administrative Assistant Turner stated the information passed out by the State of Illinois regarding the gaming rates was confusing therefore the city has backed down the rates to the original fee amount of \$25.00.

City Administrative Assistant Turner reiterated trash pick-up by Republic Services will run on Monday, January 17th as scheduled, however the city's brush harbor and recycling site will be closed for the Monday holiday.

City Administrative Assistant Turner stated the city will be offering for bid a 2009 Patriot Sport Jeep with bids will be accepted until January 24th at 3:00 pm and the bids will be opened at the council meeting that same evening.

CITY ATTORNEY – BRADY WALDROP

City Attorney Waldrop no report.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR – MIKE GIDCUMB

Public Works Director Gidcumb absent.

POLICE CHIEF – MIKE MCWILLIAMS

Police Chief McWilliams reiterated the police department represented well at the funeral service for Wayne County Deputy Sean Riley and decided to hold a 50/50 drawing to assist Sean Riley's family. Police Chief McWilliams thanked Corwin Printing for the donation of the tickets which are \$5.00 each and the drawing will be on January 31st.

Police Chief McWilliams reported starting in June of 2021 a record has kept of how many hours the police officers volunteer in their spare time.

Police Chief McWilliams reminded residents to please renew their golfcart/UTV stickers for the 2022 year.

FIRE CHIEF – FRANCES SPETH

Fire Chief Speth introduced Bobbie Clark, who was recently hired as a firefighter for the Mount Carmel Fire Department. The council congratulated Mr. Clark and welcomed him to the city’s fire department.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

Commissioner Dulgar motioned and Commissioner Ikemire seconded to enter into an agreement with Public Utility, WCETSB 911 Board, Wabash County Board at a cost of \$27,472.28. All present voted by roll call vote. Commissioner Ikemire, Dulgar, Zimmerman voted Aye. Commissioner Meeks absent.

Commissioner Ikemire motioned and Commissioner Dulgar seconded to approve the street sweeper purchase at a cost of \$169,650.00 financed by First National Bank. All present voted by roll call vote. Commissioner Ikemire, Dulgar, Zimmerman voted Aye. Commissioner Meeks absent.

Commissioner Ikemire motioned and Commissioner Zimmerman seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. The consent agenda included to vacate Ordinance 2063 with Ordinance 2064 – Change Video Gaming Fees and the approval of the paying of all bills bearing the proper signatures. All present voted by roll call vote. Commissioners Ikemire, Dulgar, Zimmerman voted Aye. Commissioner Meeks absent.

Commissioner Dulgar motioned and Commissioner Zimmerman seconded to adjourn the meeting. All present voted Aye by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 5:31 pm

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk