

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CITY HALL, PLANNING/ENGINEERING CONFERENCE ROOM (WEST)
Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 4:00 PM

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Justin Nickels, Mary Balte, Grace Brandl, Pat Chermak, Linda Hunter, June Kramer, Gloria Wallace

Excused: Alderperson Chris Able, Janet Breuer, August Krieser, Anthony Mack, Edward Rappe, Joanne Vogds, Anne Marie Wood

Minutes: Submitted by Linda Hunter

- I. Meeting called to order at 4:06pm
- II. City Update from Mayor Justin Nickels
 - a. 2016 Budget - City budget passed with no real change other than 1.4% increase or \$11.00 for a \$100,000 home.
 - b. Committee Inquiries
 - i. Restaurant Update – Noodles and Company has its permits in place but there has been no opening date announced. Cousins Subs is closer to being ready to open. There is a new Japanese sushi and steak restaurant open as well.
 - ii. Committee Membership – Committee member suggested more members be added to this Committee. The Mayor requested nominations from the Committee be forwarded to his Office.
 - iii. Ice Rink – The proposed location is in the southwest quadrant of the parking lot across from the library. Boards and a liner have been purchased for installation. The hours will be that of a regular park remaining open until 11:00pm.
 - iv. Mirro demolition will start in 2016 with requests for proposals. The City still does not own the property, but the current owner is “out of the picture.”
 - v. Mid-city mall will be cleared by the end of the year including lighting and the tire store.
 - vi. The marine sanctuary will take about two years to be finished.
 - vii. The sex offender law was changed to refuse to accept people who are not from Manitowoc.
 - viii. Guest Speaker Suggestions:
 1. Nilaksh Kothari, MPU – He is nationally known for his efforts to conserve energy.
 2. Representative from “Spirit of the Rivers” project to provide update.
 - ix. Out Sourced Collection Agency – A member had an unpleasant experience with the City’s outsourced collection agency. The invoice received was for \$250.00 to which payment of \$50.00 a month was made for two months, at which time notification was received that the bill was turned over to a collection agency. The agency was unresponsive to the member’s explanation of charges and need for payment plan. The Mayor took notes on this and will address.
- III. Next meeting will be Tuesday, 01.05.16, beginning at 4:00pm at the City Hall – Planning/Engineering Conference Room (West), 900 Quay Street, Manitowoc, WI 54220.
- IV. Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm