

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**CITY HALL, PLANNING/ENGINEERING CONFERENCE ROOM (WEST)**  
**Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 4:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

Present: Mayor Justin Nickels, Pat Chermak, Jerry Censky, Linda Hunter, June Kramer, Anthony Mack, Chuck Stangel

Absent: Alder Chris Able

Guest(s): Lt. Jeff Olson

Minutes: Submitted by Linda Hunter, Secretary

- I. Meeting called to order at 4:00pm.
- II. Update from Mayor Nickels
  - a. The City budget is available for viewing on the City's website. A handout was distributed showing minimal changes to specific allotments. The tax rate will have a 1.74% increase, about \$12.00 a year on a \$100,000 home. The tax statement will probably come out before Christmas depending on the County budget.
  - b. The Mayor and Common Council hope to increase money to the Fire Department and the Library in their 5-Year Plan.
  - c. The owner of the Mirro building and the City finalized an agreement with the owner providing a \$50,000 licensed bond plus \$25,000 in cash. All the Mirro buildings should be demolished by 2015. The City is putting pressure on the J.C.Penney mall owner to demolish that building for which he paid \$200.00.
  - d. The Salvation Army property was rezoned to be consistent.
- III. Guest Speaker – Lt. Jeff Olson, Salvation Army
  - i. Lt. Olson gave a presentation listing and explaining all of their services. He was especially concerned with the increases in the need for services such as food. They serviced 15,024 meals to children in the summer program for children. The food pantry has almost 2000 increase in people using it this year over last. Their average is 80 families a week served. They also provide Social Services, Coats for Kids, Emergency Disaster Relief and Prison After Care.
  - ii. The Salvation Army has added a free medical clinic at the site on Tuesdays staffed by volunteers who make referrals to various additional services.
  - iii. They are hoping to build a youth center. They have a grant from the Packer Foundation however they need more space.
  - iv. Their most important fund raising source is the Red Kettle Campaign. If they don't get enough money they have to cut services.
- IV. Next meeting will be Tuesday, 01.07.2014, beginning at 4:00pm at the City Hall, Planning/Engineering Conference Room (West.)
- V. Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm