

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