Citizens Advisory Committee Notes – 7 March 2017

Mayoral Debate

Members present: Anthony Mack, Mary Balte, June Kraemer, Janet Breuer

Guests: open public forum

- Meeting called to order 4:00 p.m.
- Introduction of Citizens Advisory Committee Members
- 10 Minute introduction from each candidate for Mayor
    - Barry Nelson given floor first
        - Military experience
        - Cited private industry experience and success
        - Serves on multiple advisory committees
        - Married to Manitowoc native for 25 years
    - Mayor Justin Nickels
        - Born/raised in Manitowoc
        - Served last eight years as mayor
        - Served previous four years as common council member
        - When he took office in 2009 76.6 million in debt
        - Now, city debt is at 50 million
        - Every budget would pay off more than it would incur
- 30 Minutes Questions from the audience for the candidates for Mayor
    - Questions asked by general public and read by committee chair
        - What will be your #1 priority after you start your term?
        - Mr. Nelson has stated that Manitowoc is a dying community. What is your specific plan to change this and move the city forward? If your plan has multiple items, which are the top three priorities?
        - If you are unsuccessful in your quest for Mayor, would you consider serving on the city council for your district?
        - Mr. Nelson, what exactly did you do in the service? With whom did you work? What did you do? You worked on projects, what projects?
        - Mayor Nickels, what about streets being paid for by the city and not the home owner?
        - Can we get more arts in the community and the expansion of the farmer's market? What can we do about trucks with double decibel mufflers racing around at night? Can we get a toxic chemical pickup in the city?
        - Mr. Nelson, could you clarify your position on the Baymont property?
        - Mr. Nelson, you say that you believe in term limits but you don't want to run against an incumbent council member. Do term limits not apply to council members?
        - Both candidates, I see the handicapped and elderly being care for, I feel this will be done in the future, but will they be known or accepted here?
- 5 Minutes Floor Open to the Audience for Clarification
- 5 Minute Closing statement from each candidate for Mayor

    - Mayor Nickels closing
    - Mr. Nelson closing
- Meeting adjourned 5:07 p.m. by committee chair

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Mack
Committee Chair
7 March 2017
6:16 p.m.