

Citizens Advisory Committee Notes – 3 October 2017

Members present: Theresa Collins, Anthony Mack, Mary Balte, June Kraemer, Erin Schultz, Rhienna Gabriel

Guests: Ralph Kramer, Naomi Raddatz, Debra Jones, Tony Fodden

- Meeting called to order 4:00 p.m.
- Mayor Nickels update
 - Budget will be presented October 16th
 - City of Manitowoc department heads
- Priorities for the city
 - Downtown
 - 4,100 parking spots downtown
 - No immediate need for parking structure
 - Downtown master plan is underway
 - Blight program to remove properties that priorities
 - Open library back on Thursdays
 - Continue to lower debt
 - Recommend to switch from concrete to asphalt for residential
 - Concrete thoroughfares
 - Complete Dewey construction for 2018
 - 2019-2020 Waldo Blvd. construction
 - Focus on parks and trails
 - Restaffing cut departments
 - Slight increase is to be expected in tax rate
 - Overall debt \$50 million down from a high of \$76 million
 - Need to get it down to \$40 million which would be on par with other municipalities of our size
 - Four homes along with Birch Creek Inn have been purchased and will be demolished to make way for Panera
- Clipper City Co-op
 - For profit, full-service grocery store
 - Why shop?
 - Owner based
 - Equal say in how co-op runs
 - Community oriented
 - Visualizing coffee shop, hot bar, meeting rooms, kitchens
 - Idea for local growers to be involved in the process
 - Work with local/regional producers
 - 120 communities nationwide
 - Three stages of development
 - Minimum retail space – 3,100 square feet
 - Local impact
 - Job creation
 - Local economy

- Innovation
 - Community hub
- 1st annual ownership drive
 - Oct. 24
- Site selection
- 20 properties, minimized down to 16
 - Cutting site selection down every two weeks
 - Four places by November for recommendation to the board
- Need to get word out to drive membership
- 323 owners right now, want to get to 500 by the end of the year
- Potential speakers:
 - Boys and Girls Club
 - Agricultural Center representative
 - Drug Court
 - Mental Health Issues – Paul Tittl
 - Painting Pathways
- Next meeting Nov. 7th
- Meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Mack
Committee Chairperson
3 October 2017
7:04 p.m.