

## MAYOR'S MINUTE NOVEMBER 2012

Well first let me congratulate Brian Muska, Cheryl Marak and Steve Vanek for winning the city council election held this month. I know all of them will work hard for the city and do a great job.

The November meeting was held on Monday November 5 as to not conflict with the before mentioned election. We approved the Code of Ordinances which if you remember amended and updated all the city ordinances. They now are up to legal speed with the correct State and Federal codes that supersede them and language has been corrected, a few ordinances were dropped. Nothing changed any ordinance the city had in place, only corrected language.

Approved and extended a couple of businesses regarding the grease trap. We discussed amending Animal Control ordinance but took no action. This is still a work in progress.

We had a great discussion on the rate study for water and wastewater. Received 3 bids for this study and are getting a couple of things cleared up and some references from other cities before we approve this study next month. I can not tell you how important this study is. The city never has fully known the exact cost is to deliver water to your home nor what the exact cost is to remove and treat your wastewater. Water rates were always increased or decreased during budget to justify cost associated with this area. This study will provide this cost information as well as impute the cost associated with updating our infrastructure looking out 5, 10 20 years from now. This will affect your water rates some way.....my guess water rates will be higher but in order to replace our aging system of pipes and sewers this is necessary..... there are places in this city that the pipes are close to 100 years old.... We'll have a number of public meetings down the road on this subject... study will take 6-8 months.

Chamber and area businesses are making plans for Ccechmas program which will start November 30....I have roped some of my friends into helping install new lights in the downtown area..... many thanks to my (prior) good friends!.... City will look more festive this year at Christmas thanks to donation by Westfest for the lights!!! Please make plans to attend the Chamber event this year as businesses will be open late, there will be a market in the Theater and Santa will be in town on Saturday. This will run a number of weeks in December as well.

Also coming up next week will be the Community Thanksgiving dinner at the Community Center Thanksgiving Day. This is a free Thanksgiving lunch so if you don't have plans please attend. Meals will be delivered to regular seniors that morning. For more information on this contact Donald Cernosek 254-826-7380. Big Thank you to Donald for helping with this project!

We have so much to be thankful for in this community and I feel honored to be your Mayor and send my best wishes to each of you on this Thanksgiving Season.