# Murphysboro City Council Meeting February 8, 2011

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011. Mayor Ron Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Reverend Charles Waldon of First Presbyterian led the council in prayer. Following the invocation, Mayor Williams lead the council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Mayor Williams then directed City Clerk Cottonaro to call the roll. The roll was called with the following

**Present:** Barbara Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Mark Costa, Gary McComb

**Absent:** Dan Bratton, Sandra Bullar, Russell Brown,

Motion: To approve the minutes of the January 10, 2011 council meeting. All aldermen received a copy of the minutes, for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Hughes Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

#### **Motion Carried**

Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register #388 and #389 through February 4, 2011, accounts receivable through February 4, 2011, and payroll through February 4, 2011. All aldermen received a copy of the accounts payable, accounts receivable and payroll for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman Bastien Second by Alderman Ardrey Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor. **Motion Carried** 

#### REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR

Kevin Baity, Assistant City Manager for Carbondale passed out a map regarding the proposed boundary between Carbondale and Murphysboro. They are holding public hearings during their next city council meetings and are hoping we reach an agreement with them. Mayor Williams informed them we had a counter proposal and he would delivering the transmittal letter and map to Carbondale city hall tomorrow.

Mr. Campbell addressed the council regarding rental property he has here and an unpaid water bill. His renters have not paid their rent and now he has a four month water bill to pay. He wants the city to reduce the bill from four months to two months.

## COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Alderman Ardrey read the minutes of the Budget & Finance Committee meeting of January 24, 2011.

Motion: To approve paying account payable register #387 through January 24, 2010.

Motion by Alderman Hughes Second by Alderman Ardrey Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

## **Motion Carried**

Motion: To approve Letter of Commitment to KEB for FY 2010 Audit.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey

Second by Alderman McComb

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Alderman Pierson read the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting of January 24, 20100.

No action taken.

Alderman Bastien read the minutes of the Public Improvement Committee meeting of January 24, 2011.

Attorney Heller gave information regarding the boundary issue and the Industrial Park question. He informed the council that the covenant he had for the Industrial Park did not show a time limit for development. In paragraph 3.02 it says that after construction commences must proceed to complete timely. We will have to search covenants and see if there is a newer one that Reed, Heller & Mansfield do not have.

Motion: To approve letter to Illinois Housing authority for proposed project by John & Greg Budslick.

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Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Bastien Mayor Williams called for a voice vote.

Ayes: Barbara Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Gary McComb Abstain: Alderman Costa

## **Motion Carried**

Alderman McComb read the minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting of January 24, 2011.

No action taken.

Alderman Pierson read the minutes of the Building & Grounds Committee meeting of January 24, 2011.

No action taken.

Alderman Costa read the minutes of the Community Relations Committee meeting of January 24, 2011

No action taken

Alderman Hughes read the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of January 24, 2011.

Motion: To approve union contract with administration staff with at 4% increase for 5/1/10 to 4/30/11 and a 2% increase for 5/1/11 to 4/30/12. The employees agree to pay \$50 toward their insurance premium if the other unions agree

Motion by Alderman Hughes Second by Alderman Pierson Mayor Williams called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

#### **Motion Carried**

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor stated the following:

- 1. Cole Equipment in Springfield is doing repairs on vactor truck. There were several issues with the pump. The cost was \$32,000 to repair the pump but everything else was fine.
- 2. DuQuoin and Herrin have been helping us out with their pump but we had to rent a Jet Pump from Cole Equipment at a cost of \$750 per week. We have rented it for one week and will return it when we pick up the vactor truck
- 3. Due to the larger sign requirements we must purchase new dies for letters and numerals for the new style street signs. We are replacing signs as they come due.
- 4. Mayor Williams would like to explore possibilities of a TIF District and discuss at the next committee meeting. He would like to explore what they do, what we could use for, etc.

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- 5. February Committee Meeting date will be changed to Monday 2/21/11 at 5:30 pm.
- 6. Council members received a complimentary copy of Weekend in Murphysboro; if you want additional copies they are on sale for \$20.

Motion: To approve the request for street closures for St. Patrick's Day Festivities to be held on Saturday, March 19, 2011.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Seconded by Alderman Hughes

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried** 

# **ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS**

Barb Hughes Nothing

Vicki Ardrey Nothing

Bill Pierson Nothing

Mike Bastien Nothing

Mark Costa Nothing

Gary McComb Nothing

# **DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS**

Bock, Jeff: Nothing

Heller, Ed Nothing

Kennedy, Eric Nothing

Manwaring, Ron Nothing

Verdonna Otey Nothing

Ripley, Sandra Taste of Home tonight at local restaurants; a percent of

proceeds go to the Murphysboro Cancer Teams. NIMS training dates announced. Best for council members was

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Swafford, Steve Nothing

Harold Shaeffer Waste water treatment plant financing meeting tomorrow

here at council chambers; and we have applied to Rural

Development.

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Motion: To adjourn

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Se Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor. Second by Alderman Bastien

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.