

**Murphysboro City Council Meeting  
June 12, 2012**

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012. Mayor Ron Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Alderman Ardrey 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, Danny Bratton, Russell Brown, Gary McComb

**Absent:** Mark Costa, Sandra Bullar

**Motion: To approve the minutes of the May 8, 2012 council meeting. All aldermen received a copy of the minutes, for their review, prior to the meeting.**

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

**Motion Carried**

The sign charge of \$1835 from Joey Mileur was questioned; it was determined that Verdonna may not be aware that there is a dollar limit she can approve without council permission and that she should be made aware of this rule. Questions were raised regarding the \$1515 charge to Hampton Lenzini & Renwick Inc. and the \$412.00 & \$167.59 checks written to Mann & Son Sporting Goods & Hick's Trading Station respectively for Phil Royster. Discussion followed; motion is to pass approvals less these three checks pending documentation.

**Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register #455 and #457 less \$1515, \$412 & \$167.59 checks, pending documentation, through June 7, 2012, accounts receivable through June 7, 2012 and payroll through June 7, 2012. All aldermen received a copy of the accounts payable, accounts receivable and payroll for their review, prior to the meeting.**

Motion by Alderman Bratton    Second by Alderman Brown  
Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried**

## REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Les Williams discussed the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Park. She stated it had been in existence since 1876 and in the 2009 storm there was a lot of tree damage and that the wall in front of the park needs work done. Also needed are benches, picnic tables and new playground equipment. She was requesting permission to form an informal group to see if any grant money is available. Lance Russell would be good to work with because he is very helpful with parks in the city. Mike Jones suggested she make a separate presentation to the Park Board, which meets on the third Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Rec Center at the park.

Susan Birkner addressed the council regarding Birkner Lane parking. Mayor Williams and Attorney Heller and Eric Kennedy will look into it.

Yard sale sign placement and removal was discussed. Sign may be put in yards but not in boulevard or on poles.

Follow up on the Murphysboro Complex was discussed. Mayor Williams indicated that department heads were to give citations; if it does not meet code we should shut down the building and proceed with condemnation process.

## COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Alderman Ardrey read the minutes of the Budget & Finance Committee meeting of May 29, 2012.

**Motion: To approve Fiscal Year 2011 Audit as presented by Kerber, Eck and Braeckel.**

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Bratton

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

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion: To approve accounts payable register #454 and #456 through May 29, 2012.**

Motion by Alderman Hughes

Second by Alderman Ardrey

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

**Motion Carried.**

Alderman Pierson read the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting of May 29, 2012.

No action taken.

Alderman Bullar read the minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting of April 23, 2012.

No action taken.

Alderman Bastien read the minutes of the Public Improvement Committee meeting of May 29, 2012.

No action taken.

Alderman Hughes read the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of May 29, 2012.

**Motion: To accept the resignation of David Ardrey from the Zoning and Appeals Board.**

Motion by Alderman Ardrey                      Seconded by Alderman Bratton  
Mayor Williams called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried**

Darby Ortolano and Carol Cobble will be present at the next standing committee meeting to be presented to and meet council members.

Alderman Ardrey read the minutes of the Community Relations meeting of May 29, 2012.

No action taken

Alderman McComb read the minutes of the Building and Grounds meeting of May 29, 2012.

No action taken.

<b>MAYOR'S REPORT</b>
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**Motion: To approve closing Liberty Street from 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> on June 30<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of the Heavenly Gateway to host a carnival for fundraising purposes.**

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

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion: To approve Prevailing Wage Ordinance.**

Motion by Alderman Bratton                      Second by Alderman Brown  
Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion: To approve Motor Fuel Maintenance Resolution for the 2012 Oil & Chip Program in the amount of \$55,000.**

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

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion: To approve body repairs to the sewer plant 1998 Dodge 4x4 truck in the amount of \$2488.03 by Stewart's Auto Body .**

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Pierson

Ayes: Barbara Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Russell Brown, Gary McComb

Nays None

Abstain: Danny Bratton

**Motion Carried.**

The request made by Ms. Kim Kalaher for financial assistance with the sidewalk repairs being made at the southwest corner of 20<sup>th</sup> & Walnut Street by E & D concrete was discussed. Mayor will talk with her about doing half and half as well as to Danny Pullis. No action taken at the present time.

There was a discussion for the forgiveness of Ronnie Brannon's Rehab Loan in the amount of \$2200. Mr. Brannon works at the WWTP and has cancer. He has been paying \$100 per month for some years. Alderman McComb made a motion to forgive but there was no second. It was determined we could suspend payment and interest and address it later.

**Motion: To approve suspending payment and interest on Ronnie Brannon's Rehab Loan of approximately \$2200 and address it later**

Motion by Alderman Ardrey

Second by Alderman Pierson

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

**Motion Carried.**

Mayor discussed the following:

Annual City Clean-Up will be Friday June 29<sup>th</sup> and Saturday June 30<sup>th</sup>. CWI was only one submitting a bid and the amount was \$6500. Advertisements will be put in the newspapers and a flyer will be included with the Water Quality Report being sent out the middle of this month.

The Murphysboro Park District is once again hosting the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities at Riverside Park. Festivities will take place on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> and will include the usual line-up of baseball games, live music, and concessions. The night will end with a spectacular fireworks show.

Berry Concrete is mid-way through with the Fire Department drive-way project.

Relay for Life was June 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-6a.m. Team Murphysboro raised approximately \$14,000 this year in the fight against cancer.

Flag Day Event was Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at the John A. Logan Museum ground.

Clarkes are playing vintage baseball under the Arch in St. Louis on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at noon. Clarkes would appreciate having some local support.

**ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS**

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| Barbara Hughes | Basketball hoops still up on 15 <sup>th</sup> Street. Questioned if the sidewalks being done on Walnut & 9 <sup>th</sup> are in house and was told yes. Questioned the status of the Old Depot building, is there a building permit and are they working on it. Eric stated probably no active permit at this time. Debbie Tindall has a volunteer group who are willing to cover the windows. |
| Vicki Ardrey   | No   |
| Bill Pierson   | No   |
| Mike Bastien   | Thank police for the quick response and help they gave on the break in at his house.   |
| Danny Bratton  | Requested other council member to make a list of things they want done and bring it to the committee meeting so we can get it done.  |
| Brown, Russell | No   |
| Gary McComb    | Discussed the Wingerter property and the Shoe Factory  |

**DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS**

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| Jeff Bock      | No. |
| Ed Heller      | No  |
| Eric Kennedy   | No  |
| Ron Manwaring  | No  |
| Steve Swafford | No  |

**Motion: To adjourn**

Motion by Alderman Bratton Second by Alderman Brown  
Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.