## Murphysboro City Council Meeting July 9, 2013

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013. Mayor Stephens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Alderman Nolan led the council in prayer. Following the invocation, Mayor Stephens led the council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Mayor Stephens then directed City Clerk Cottonaro to call the roll. The roll was called with the following

**Present:** Barb Hughes, Ron Nolan, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien,

Danny Bratton, Mark Costa, Sandra Bullar, Russell Brown, Gary

McComb

#### Absent:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the June 11, 2013 council meeting. All aldermen received a copy of the minutes, for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Bullar

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

#### **Motion Carried**

Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register #499 and #500 through July 3, 2013, accounts receivable through July 3, 2013 and payroll through July 3, 2013. All aldermen received a copy of the accounts payable, accounts receivable and payroll for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Bratton

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

**Motion Carried** 

### REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR

Brenda Fox inquired about Select Energy Partners LLC, Homefield Energy, the 19 month agreement and details about the proposal. It was stated you could only opt out now. Mayor Stephens indicated he would give them the phone number to call and they could pick up informational packets at the annex.

## COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Budget & Finance Committee meeting of June 24, 2013

Motion: To approve accounts payable register #498 through June 24, 2013 except for #720412 payable to Wright Building Center.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Bratton

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

**Motion Carried.** 

Motion: To approve the Prevailing Wage Ordinance as it stands.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Second by Alderman Bratton

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

**Motion Carried.** 

Public Works Committee meeting of June 24, 2013

Motion: To approve a sidewalk program fee of \$450 for 50 foot of sidewalk 4" deep and 4' wide.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Brown

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

**Motion Carried.** 

Motion: To table the issue of city maintenance to Niemann Lane pending further review of the jurisdiction of the road.

Motion by Alderman Pierson Second by Alderman Bratton

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

**Motion Carried.** 

Motion: To solicit additional bids for installation of an underground feeder to the River Lift Pumping Station.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Second by Alderman Bratton

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

**Motion Carried.** 

Motion: To approve the maintenance proposal from Vandevanter Engineering to the Ritter Street Lift Station when they are in the area at a cost of \$2013.

Motion by Alderman Pierson Second by Alderman Bratton

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

**Motion Carried.** 

Public Improvement meeting of June 24, 2013.

No action taken.

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Public Safety Committee meeting of June 24, 2013.

Motion: To add a handicap parking space on the south side of the west side parking lot of the administration building.

Motion by Alderman Bullar Seconded by Alderman Bratton

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

**Motion Carried** 

Building & Grounds Committee meeting of June 24, 2013

No action taken. Alderman Bratton informed the council that the roof at the annex does leak when it rains hard. One solution that was suggested was to put a diverter on higher roof and use rubber strip on seams on storage building. It will be on the agenda at the standing committee meeting on July 22<sup>nd</sup> for discussion.

Community Relations Committee meeting of June 24, 2013.

No action taken.

Personnel Committee meeting of June 24, 2013

Motion: To approve the Communication Policy.

Motion by Alderman Bastien Second by Alderman Pierson

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

**Motion Carried.** 

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

# Motion: To approve to renew Open Line of Credit with First Bank & Trust Company.

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

**Motion Carried.** 

Harold Sheffer from J. T. Blankinship, Inc. gave an update on the new Waste Water Treatment Plant. We are waiting on facility plan approval from IEPA and then finalize loan funding. The IEPA is presently reviewing the Facility Plan which establishes final design parameter and plant effluent parameter.

Mayor Stephens discussed the Logan Mural on Terry Cottonaro's building. Cost to redo is \$1200. The Tourism Commission would split the cost with thecity. Mayor Stephens would like to do this.

Motion: To approve to pay \$600 for painting of the Logan Mural.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Brown

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

**Motion Carried.** 

## **ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS**

Barb Hughes Nothing

Ron Nolan Nothing

Vicki Ardrey Nothing

Bill Pierson Nothing

Mike Bastien Curwood and tall grass issue. Eric stated they are to start

digging there soon.

Danny Bratton Nothing

Mark Costa Nothing

Sandi Bullar Handicap space at Daum Building looks good.

Russell Brown Nothing

Gary McComb 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> are the city's clean up days. He will help any

elderly person if he is informed of who needs help.

# DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Jeff Bock Nothing

Ed Heller Nothing

Eric Kennedy Nothing

Tim Lee Nothing

Brian Manwaring Nothing

Ron Manwaring Nothing

Verdonna Otey Nothing

Sandra Ripley Nothing

Jim Stewart Nothing

Steve Swafford Nothing.

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Motion: To go into executive session at 7:45 pm to discuss matters related to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) regarding litigation.

Motion by Alderman Hughes

Seconded by Alderman Bratton

Yeas: Barb Hughes, Ron Nolan, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Danny

Bratton, Mark Costa, Russell Brown, Sandi Bullar, Gary McComb

Nays: None **Motion Carried** 

Motion: To come out of executive session at 8:20 p.m.

Motion by Alderman Bullar

Seconded by Alderman McComb

Yeas: Barb Hughes, Ron Nolan, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Danny

Bratton, Mark Costa, Russell Brown, Sandi Bullar, Gary McComb

Nays: None Motion Carried

Motion: To adjourn

Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman Brown

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

**Motion Carried** 

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.