

**Murphysboro City Council Meeting
October 8, 2013**

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 8th day of October, 2013. Mayor Stephens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Reverend Charlie Allen 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: Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Danny Bratton, Mark Costa, Sandra Bullar, Russell Brown, Gary McComb

Absent: Barb Hughes, Ron Nolan

Motion: To approve the minutes of the September 10, 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 #508 through October 4, 2013, accounts receivable through October 4, 2013 and payroll through October 4, 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 Brown

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

Motion Carried

REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR

Claude Stearns who had a problem with his neighbor and trash and tall grass reported to the council the problems had been taken care of and he wanted to thank the council for their assistance.

Cathy Norton stated she was worried about the buildings up town and when they were inspected by the fire department. Where are we, what is our five year plan? Stated the Youth & Rec Center was in very bad shape. Mayor Stephens advised she make an appointment with him and he would be happy to discuss the situation with her.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Public Improvement Committee meeting of September 23, 2013

No action taken.

Building & Grounds Committee meeting of September 23, 2013

Motion: To authorize Attorney Heller to respond to Bryan Cave reiterating the terms of our September letter.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Costa

Yeas: Vicki Ardrey, Dan Bratton, Sandi Bullar, Mark Costa, Gary McComb,
Russell Brown, Bill Pierson

Nays: Mike Bastien

Motion Carried

Community Relations Committee meeting of September 23, 2013.

Motion: To approve closing the Chestnut Block between 11th & 12th Street on October 11th & 12th at 5 p.m. for the grand opening of Brew's Brother Tap Room.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Bullar

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

Motion Carried.

Public Safety Committee meeting of September 23, 2013.

Motion: To approve repairs to the red generator not to exceed \$10,000.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Seconded by Alderman Bratton

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

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve creating a written application with a \$100 fee for run/walk fund raiser requests.

Motion by Alderman McComb Seconded by Alderman Costa
Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Public Works Committee meeting of September 23, 2013.

Harold Sheffer informed the council regarding the progress of the Walnut Street water main and the sewer plant project. He is checking with the EPA and the Walnut Street water main project can close down on November 1st through April 1st.

Mayor Stephens stated that he is looking into a \$100,000 grant to use to enlarge the Industrial Park Road.

Motion: To approve the bid of \$1250 + \$215 for stump removal at 1516 Elm Street from Midwest.

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

Motion Carried.

Budget & Finance Committee meeting of September 23, 2013.

Motion: To approve accounts payable register #507 through September 23, 2013.

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

Motion Carried.

Personnel Committee meeting of September 23, 2013

Alderman Ardrey informed the council that the fire fighters had not ratified the agreement yet so we need to table until they do and then we can accept the fire fighters agreement.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Stephens:

- Update on police chief applications-we have 15-16 applications from around the area, whittle them down to 5-6 and then alderman who want to be on committee will be told
- Commended staff and council members for their help at Community Night Out.
- Have vacant lot property on Clarke Street
- Middle School is holding a Veteran's Day Concert on November 5th at 6 p.m. at the Middle School Auditorium.

The original resolution only included labor and equipment, this includes the concrete.

Motion: To approve Motor Fuel Resolution in the amount of \$15,000 for sidewalk removal and replacement.

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

Motion Carried.

Seniority issue with laborers will be advised in a letter to clarify.

Motion: To approve Laborers and Clerical bargaining agreement.

Motion by Alderman Bratton Second by Alderman McComb
Yeas: Vicki Ardrey, Mike Bastien, Dan Bratton, Sandi Bullar, Mark Costa, Gary McComb, Russell Brown, Bill Pierson

Motion Carried

ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Vicki Ardrey Feed the team is on Friday the 18th at the high school; she is passing around a sign up sheet. Kim Grammer of the Murphysboro Middle School Bike club has about 20 students to do community work for about one hour. Give information to Alderman McComb to address. Flyers tossed into yards again; have Ed Heller to send a copy of the ordinance to those businesses.

Bill Pierson 19th & 20th Gartside-they are having a perianal yard sale for at least a month now. Need to talk to the folks and tell them about the ordinance prohibiting this.

Mike Bastien Nothing

Danny Bratton Nothing

Mark Costa Public works project doing a great job

Sandi Bullar Two basketball goals in street on Candy Lane

Russell Brown Nothing

Gary McComb Sandra, Leslie and Jim Stewart ran Relay for Life golf tournament and did a great job. He wants to compliment Darren Mills on the sidewalks.

DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Ed Heller Nothing

Eric Kennedy	Nothing
Tim Lee	Nothing
Ron Manwaring	Nothing
Darrin Mills	Nothing
Ed Reiman	Two guys graduate on the 26 th should be ready in two weeks.
Verdonna Otey	Nothing
Sandra Ripley	Thanks for help at Community Night Out
Jim Stewart	Nothing
Steve Swafford	Nothing
Harold Sheffer	Nothing

Motion: To adjourn

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

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.