

Murphysboro City Council Meeting
March 11, 2014

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 11th day of March, 2014. Mayor Stephens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Alderman Hughes 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, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Danny Bratton, Mark Costa, Sandra Bullar, Gary McComb

Absent: Russell Brown, Ron Nolan

Motion: To approve the minutes of the February 11, 2014 council meeting. All aldermen received a copy of the minutes, for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman Bullar

Second by Alderman Costa

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

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register #524 through March 7, 2014, with the exception of the check to Drury Company until Alderman Bratton inspects the roof and receives the lien waivers, accounts receivable through March 7, 2014 and payroll through March 7, 2014. 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

Mayor Stephens welcomed members of the Boy Scout to the meeting.

Jane Williams Casleton had e-mailed Alderman Bastien and indicated she had spoken to Mayor Stephens as well regarding a request for a street light on the corner coming into the Big Muddy Assisted Living facility. This will be placed on the committee meeting agenda.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Building & Grounds Committee meeting of March 18, 2014.

Motion: To approve writing the specs and soliciting bids for roof replacement on the Daum Administration Building.

Motion by Alderman Bullar

Second by Alderman Bratton

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

Motion Carried

Mayor Stephens had pricing information for meters and expected revenue for parking meter spaces. Also discussed was if there had been any solicitation regarding monthly rental of the spaces. Alderman Costa indicated that if we rented monthly it would need to be for a 7-day time period. It was determined we should table until it could be discussed further in committee meeting.

Motion: To table the motion for enforcement of two hour parking on the parking lot south of the Daum Administration Building.

Motion by Alderman Costa

Second by Alderman McComb

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

Motion Carried

Public Improvement Committee meeting of March 18, 2014.

Discussion of Chamber of Commerce banner proposal request of \$1900. Alderman Bastien inquired if Tourism had been approached regarding sharing of banner cost. Alderman Bratton inquired if the chamber had explored avenues of pre-selling these spots. Alderman Costa inquired if the chamber had solicited businesses for sponsorship. Mayor Stephens and Alderman Hughes think it is important to purchase new banners for display as the present ones are in poor condition. It was determined that the chamber would inquire as to the suggestions presented and then bring that information back to the committee. We will table the issue for 30 days until Mr. Wallace can see who might sponsor; however, Mayor Stephens indicated a design should be selected so that Mr. Wallace can present this to possible sponsors. Alderman Hughes indicated we should solicit designs from local graphic artist

Motion: To recommend to council to table the Chamber of Commerce banner proposal at a cost of \$1900.

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

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve the amendment to handbill ordinance as written with the same guidelines as approved at the 11/18/13 Public Improvement Committee meeting with the inclusion of a \$60 peddler's license fee.

Motion by Alderman Bastien Seconded by Alderman Hughes
Mayor called for a voice vote.

Ayes: Alderman Hughes, Alderman Pierson, Alderman Bastien, Alderman McComb

Nays: Alderman Ardrey, Alderman Bratton, Alderman Costa, Alderman Bullar
Mayor broke the tie with an aye vote.

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve to solicit bids for city wide trash hauling for private residences only and for four city wide pickup days.

Motion by Alderman McComb Seconded by Alderman Hughes
Mayor called for a voice vote.

Ayes: Alderman Hughes, Alderman Ardrey, Alderman Pierson, Alderman Costa, Alderman Bullar, Alderman McComb

Nays: Alderman Bratton, Alderman Bastien

Motion Carried

Public Safety Committee meeting of February 18, 2014.

Motion: To approve the ordinance regarding an administrative fee for vehicles towed and impounded in connection with specific crimes.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Seconded by Alderman Bratton
Mayor called for a voice vote.

Ayes: Alderman Hughes, Alderman Ardrey, Alderman Pierson, Alderman Bastien, Alderman Bratton, Alderman Bullar, Alderman McComb

Nays: Mark Costa

Motion Carried

Chief Hollo indicated lateral moves gave us three avenues for a larger pool of candidates for officer hires.

Motion: To approve lateral moves for officers from another jurisdiction.

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

Motion Carried.

Eric Kennedy informed the council that the structural engineer would be in town tomorrow and that would complete EPA requirements.

Motion: To approve Eric Kennedy to issue an emergency demo order, with the current owner's signature, up to \$1,000 on the Washington School property.

Motion by Alderman Costa

Seconded by Alderman Bratton

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

Motion Carried

Personnel Committee meeting of February 18, 2014

Motion: To approve hiring a firefighter to replace Steve Dailey who will be retiring.

Motion by Alderman Costa

Second by Alderman Bratton

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

Motion Carried.

Budget & Finance Committee meeting of February 24, 2014.

Motion: To approve accounts payable register #523 through February 24, 2014.

Motion by Alderman Costa

Second by Alderman Bullar

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

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve using Joe Helleny's web site for online payment processing.

Motion by Alderman Pierson

Second by Alderman Bratton

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

Motion Carried.

Community Relations Committee meeting of January 27, 2014.

Motion: To approve the request from St. Peters Church to use Smysor Plaza on April 20th for Easter Sunrise Services.

Motion by Alderman Bullar

Second by Alderman Costa

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

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve the request from Master Gardeners to use Smysor Plaza on April 26th for a flower sale.

Motion by Alderman Bullar

Second by Alderman Bratton

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

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve the request from First Baptist Church for the Second Annual Color Run on Saturday, September 6th using the Riverside Park Route.

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

Motion Carried

The Chamber of Commerce requested an amendment to the original street closure request for St. Patrick's Day. They requested to close Chestnut Street between 11th & 12th from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. for a craft beer tasting event which is scheduled from 12-3 p.m. The parade will require closure at 10:30 or 10:45 a.m.

Motion: To approve an amendment to the Chamber of Commerce original street closure request for St. Patrick's Day closing Chestnut Street between 11th and 12th Street from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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

Motion Carried.

Public Works Committee meeting of February 24, 2014.

Alderman Bastien stated there was some confusion regarding personnel requests at the Personnel Committee meeting and then in the Public Works Committee meeting.

Motion: To approve the hiring of a part-time street department laborer.

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

Ayes: Alderman Hughes, Alderman Ardrey, Alderman Pierson, Alderman Bastien,
Alderman Bratton, Alderman Costa, Alderman Bullar

Nays: Alderman McComb

Motion Carried

Labor Committee meeting of February 24, 2014.

Alderman Ardrey informed the council that the firefighters' contract agreement is at the signature point.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Stephens discussed Brew's Brother's request to close the street in front of their business on Friday night, April 4th; it is already closed on that Saturday night for Cruise night.

Motion: To approve closing Chestnut Street between 11th and 12th Street on April 4th.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey

Second by Alderman Bullar

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

Motion Carried.

ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Barbara Hughes	It has been a hard winter and she thanked the department heads for what they had done.
Vicki Ardrey	Discussed the possibility of holding all committee meetings on the same night; it could be the 4 th Monday.
Bill Pierson	Inquired if Brian had heard anything about the grant. Brian indicated that the state had figured the cost of using a helicopter and they had submitted that with the letter.
Mike Bastien	Nothing
Danny Bratton	Nothing
Mark Costa	Nothing
Sandi Bullar	Thank Darrin again, appreciate what you have done.
Gary McComb	People on South 20 th would like to close the street off for a block party sometime in April from South 20 th to Division. Suggested someone come to committee meeting to discuss possibilities.

DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Ed Heller	Status of alley on 23 rd Street and stakes that Bob Marfio placed.
Sandra Ripley	Nothing.
Bill Center	Nothing
Steve Swafford	Nothing
Brian Hollo	He has 14 police officers with 16 positions allotted. Does he have to go through committee first on allotment he already has. Mayor Stephens requested he run through committee.
Eric Kennedy	Nothing

Ron Manwaring Nothing

Brian Manwaring Nothing

Darrin Mills Nothing.

Jim Stewart Nothing

Motion: To adjourn

Motion by Alderman Bastien

Second by Alderman Bratton

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

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.