

REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR

Shannon Woodworth, Director of the Du Quoin Fair, addressed the council regarding a Veteran's Appreciation Day scheduled for 9/1/14 at the fair. There will be a VIP tent, free parking, free food and free entertainment. This is the 91st year of the fair, which started in 1923.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Building & Grounds Committee meeting of March 17, 2014.

Motion: To approve accepting the bid from Baine Roofing in the amount of \$26,820 for the replacement of the administration building roof.

Motion by Alderman Bratton

Second by Alderman Costa

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

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve Wright Building Center's proposal to install new door closers on the west side doors at the administration building in the amount of \$422.

Motion by Alderman Bullar

Second by Alderman Brown

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

Motion Carried

Alderman McComb commented on the fact that only Sweet Gum qualified for the cemetery maintenance contract since bidders were required to have two years cemetery mowing experience. Several alderman thought the bid submitted by Sweet Gum was high and we should not accept it; we should rebid. Alderman Bratton stated that when we spec bids we should stick to them for everyone's interest. Alderman Bratton stated that when we rebid he would like one adjustment, which is they are required to include the names of the cemeteries they had mowed. Mr. Jerry Koonce addressed the council and informed them he had experience. It was determined we could place an ad on Sunday the 13th and discuss the bids at the standing committee meeting on the 28th.

Motion: To approve to rebid the cemetery mowing contract.

Motion by Alderman Costa

Second by Alderman Bullar

Mayor called for a voice vote.

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

Nays: Alderman Bratton, Alderman McComb

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve paying \$422.16 to Jackson County for Andre Johnson's taxes on the Washington School property when Mr. Johnson signs the property over to the city.

Motion by Alderman Bratton Second by Alderman McComb

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

Motion

Community Relations Committee meeting of March 24, 2014.

Mr. Lamporte's request for street closures on Cruise Night was discussed. We will put on the agenda for the standing committee meeting on the 28th and the special city council meeting that same night.

Motion: To approve the request from Immanuel Lutheran School for a 5 K on May 10, 2014, using the Walnut Street route.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Second by Alderman Hughes

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

Motion Carried.

Public Works Committee meeting of March 24, 2014.

No action taken

MAYOR'S REPORT

Motion: To approve moving the standing committee meetings to the 4th Monday of each month.

Motion by Alderman Bratton Second by Alderman Bullar

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

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve the Motor Fuel Resolution for 2014 paint program in the amount of \$3500.

Motion by Alderman Pierson Second by Alderman McComb

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

Motion Carried.

Mayor Stephens discussed the traffic on Gartside Street. We need a stop sign at 19th & Gartside.

ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Barbara Hughes Nothing

Vicki Ardrey Nothing

Bill Pierson Nothing

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| Mike Bastien | Encourage everyone to come to the meeting on the 3 rd Monday for the banner discussion. |
| Danny Bratton | Gumballs discussed. |
| Mark Costa | 17 th Street cars are growing. According to Eric Kennedy Mr. Cripps has purchased the northern portion of Cox Trucking and will be storing the cars there. |
| Sandi Bullar | Nothing |
| Russell Brown | Nothing |
| Gary McComb | Thank Darrin for work done. |

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| DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS |
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| Ed Heller | Nothing |
| Sandra Ripley | Relay for Life Dinner Fund Raiser at participating restaurant this evening. |
| Bill Center | On 17 th Street on the north side of Blankenship's there is a Johnson Trucking Company sign up. |
| Steve Swafford | Nothing |
| Brian Hollo | He will be monitoring motorcycles and loud stereos. |
| Eric Kennedy | Nothing |
| Ron Manwaring | Nothing |
| Brian Manwaring | Nothing |
| Darrin Mills | Nothing. |
| Jim Stewart | Nothing |

Motion: To go into executive session at 8:12 pm to discuss matters related to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or general counsel for the public.

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| Motion by Alderman Bratton | Seconded by Alderman Bullar |
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Yeas: Barb Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Danny Bratton, Mark Costa, Sandi Bullar, Russell Brown, Gary McComb

Nays: None

Motion Carried

