

**Murphysboro City Council Meeting
July 8, 2014**

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 8th day of July, 2014. Mayor Stephens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Pastor Charles Walden 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, Russell Brown, Gary McComb

Absent: Sandi Bullar, Ron Nolan

Mayor Stephens informed the council that the Murphysboro Elk's Lodge had raised more money for Elks Children than any other lodge in the State of Illinois. He congratulated them on raising \$18,671.00.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the June 10, 2014 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

Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register #543 through July 2, 2014, accounts receivable through July 2, 2014 and payroll through July 2, 2014. All aldermen received a copy of the accounts payable, accounts receivable and payroll for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman Bastien

Second by Alderman McComb

Motion Carried

REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Ridings inquired how long we would have milky water. Harold Sheffer informed the council that it should be flushed out soon. It had been tested to 5th Street and all was okay. They are now making taps. The sidewalks and road will be done at the same time. Alderman Bratton inquired about time frames. Mr. Sheffer will check and let the council know.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Public Works Committee meeting of June 23, 2014.

Motion: To approve the tree removal at 2032 Herbert Street by Roberts Tree Service for a cost of \$1200.

Motion by Alderman Costa

Second by Alderman Pierson

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

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve the purchase in October of a cinder spreader at a cost of up to \$6,000 from Woody's Municipal Supply Company.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey

Second by Alderman Bratton

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

Motion Carried.

Alderman Ardrey stated that she had made some contact with an insurance adjuster and had received information and also enlightenment. She had made a list of some other names and she had talked to Ed Heller about the legal issues. Our insurance doesn't cover this kind of situation because we have immunity from this situation. If we have advance notice of a problem and we have time to fix it and don't we are responsible, but if we don't have advance notice we are immune from a lawsuit. Mark Tincer had this same problem in 2008 and he filed a lawsuit which he stopped because the law gives us immunity. She thinks we should be a little careful stepping outside our insurance company and that is it more prudent and safer to follow the legal avenue.

Motion: To not retain an insurance adjuster to determine value of Doris Wright and Cheryl Wright's claims and deny paying.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Pierson

Ayes: Barb Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mark Costa, Russell Brown, Gary McComb

Nays: Mike Bastien, Danny Bratton.

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve the Prevailing Wage Ordinance.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Bratton

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

Motion Carried.

Alderman Pierson requested to table the purchase of a nozzle for the vacor truck from Coe Equipment Inc. for a cost of \$1995.00 until Tim Lee could address the council.

Motion by Alderman Bratton

Second by Alderman McComb

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

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve the cost of \$3425 for Vandevanter Engineering to switch the lift station dialers from AT&T to Verizon.

Motion by Alderman Bratton

Second by Alderman Ardrey

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

Motion Carried.

Budget & Finance Committee meeting of June 23, 2014.

Motion: To approve paying Accounts Payable Register #540, #541, and #542 through June 23, 2014.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey

Second by Alderman Hughes

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

Motion carried.

Community Relations Committee meeting of June 23, 2014.

Ed Heller questioned the fact that the final route and notification for nodes agreement was up in the air; however the technical specifics for installation agreement was okay.

Alderman Bratton requested the issue be tabled. After discussion Alderman Bratton rescinded his motion to table and Alderman Costa seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Motion: To approve ExteNet Systems, Inc. agreement-Dark Fiber Agreement and Right of Way Agreement pending attorney approval.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey

Second by Alderman Hughes

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

Nays: Danny Bratton, Mark Costa

Motion carried.

Motion: To approve a 5K run on August 9th by the Committee for the Moving Wall.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey

Second by Alderman Bullar

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

Motion carried.

Building & Grounds Committee meeting of June 23, 2014.

No action taken.

Public Improvement Committee meeting of June 23, 2014.

No action taken. Mayor Stephens reminded the aldermen to take a look around their wards and take photos and addresses for sidewalk replacement. Alderman Pierson inquired if there are only repairs would it cost home owners. Mayor Stephens stated just look to see about replacement. He wants to mitigate our liability with these dollars. He stated we would be using the money for Walnut Street sidewalks also.

Public Safety Committee meeting of June 23, 2014

Motion: To approve \$425 for Chief Hollo to attend a grant writing seminar.

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

Motion Carried

Personnel Committee meeting of June 23, 2014

No action taken.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Stephens informed the council that Mickey Korando does live inside the city limits, and he would like to appoint her to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Motion: To approve appointing Mickey Korando to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Motion by Alderman Costa Seconded by Alderman Hughes
Alderman Bastien called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Change orders for the Walnut Street Water Main Relocation Project were discussed. Change order #6 in the amount of \$4811.20. Change #6 due to mandated shutdown on November 15 by IDOT so it was necessary to install temporary 8" concrete patches at various locations in Walnut Street. They want the concrete paid for on Walnut Street because the State of Illinois required it; however, it was pointed out that they knew this. Mayor Stephens also questioned change order #2 for \$3,567.70 which was for the cost of lowering the existing 8" sanitary sewer that was scheduled to be replaced and was originally to be replaced at same elevations. The exiting main was installed at a slope below minimum allowable so they lowered the sewer main 1.7 feet in order to achieve a slope minimum allowable. Harold stated that their laser was off when they shot the grades that is why they didn't know about it.

Motion: To approve change order for Walnut Street Water Main Relocation Project with the exception of #2 for \$3567.70 and #6 for \$4811.20.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Seconded by Alderman Ardrey

Ayes: Barb Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Mike Bastien, Mark Costa, Russell Brown, Gary McComb

Nays: Danny Bratton, Bill Pierson

Motion carried.

ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Barbara Hughes	Nothing
Vicki Ardrey	Nothing
Bill Pierson	Nothing
Mike Bastien	Nothing
Danny Bratton	Asked Harold Sheffer: Do you have an on site observer at all times. Mr. Sheffer replied yes. The cost of the person was included in the bid. Inquired of the fire chief as to where the new fire truck was being lodged. Chief stated they will move their bunker gear racks and should work. Inquired why we haven't advertised vacant lot yet-just lots with houses to be taken down. Was informed we will be advertising those lots. Where are we on annexation?
Mark Costa	Nothing
Russell Brown	Nothing
Gary McComb	We voted to get two high school kids for summer help; we hired Overturn and James Ridings. One of them is a 30-40 year old guy who will file for unemployment. How did we get this guy? Mayor Stephens approved the hire-it was a judgment call on his. We said summer help would be two high school kids; we want to stay away from unemployment help. Mayor Stephens said it was a scheduling problem with the people he had in front of him so he made a decision to change. Agree he didn't follow motion.

DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Ed Heller	Nothing
Sandra Ripley	Requests to pursue investigation of a new health insurance provider and requests council members on the committee to

help. Alderman Hughes and Alderman Ardrey will help. There are issues with the current insurance provider.

Harold Sheffer Nothing

Steve Swafford Nothing

Brian Hollo Nothing

Eric Kennedy Nothing

Ron Manwaring Nothing

Brian Manwaring He is working on the cable to connect the police and public works.

Darrin Mills Nothing

Jim Stewart Agrees with Sandra we need to do something about the insurance. They are not doing what they said.

Mayor Stephens informed the council that he had received 6 bids on pathways for the park. There will be a special city council meeting next week to include police union laborer's contract. Meeting will be on the 17th at 5:30 p.m.

Motion: To adjourn

Motion by Alderman Hughes Second by Alderman Bratton

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

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.