

**Murphysboro City Council Meeting
October 14, 2014**

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 14th day of October, 2014. Mayor Stephens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Alderman Ardrey 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, Mark Costa (late arrival), Sandi Bullar, Russell Brown, Gary McComb

Absent: Danny Bratton, Ron Nolan

Motion: To approve the minutes of the September 9, 2014 council meeting and the September 22, 2014 special 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

Alderman McComb inquired about the Haier Plumbing/Heating bill for \$174,889.16 and if we should be deducting our costs plus interest for this bill.

Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register #552 through October 10, 2014, accounts receivable through October 10, 2014 and payroll through October 10, 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 Hughes

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

Motion Carried

REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR

David and Debbie Tremble discussed issues of safety, vandalism and robbery within the city limits and how citizens no longer feel safe and are moving from Murphysboro. Potentials/attributes of a Neighborhood Watch were discussed.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Budget & Finance Committee meeting of September 22, 2014.

Motion: To approve paying Accounts Payable Register #551 through September 22, 2014.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey

Second by Alderman Pierson

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

Motion carried.

Community Relations Committee meeting of August 25, 2014.

Motion: To approved the request of Brews Brothers Taproom to close the Chestnut block between 11th and 12th Street in order to host “Learn to Homebrew Day” on November 1st from 12-8 pm.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey

Second by Alderman Bastien

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

Motion carried.

Public Works Committee meeting of September 22, 2014

Motion: To approve asking anyone in the immediate area of the vacant property if they want to purchase the property and if not then to advertise.

Motion by Alderman Bullar

Second by Alderman Ardrey

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

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve giving the park district the properties adjacent to the park district along South 24th Street and vacating the platted street behind that.

Motion by Alderman Bullar

Second by Alderman Brown

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

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve purchasing the North 19th Street pump station property and necessary easements from John and Janet Lee for a purchase price of \$1,000.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Pierson

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

Motion Carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Alderman Costa arrived.

Motion: To approve vacating the right-of-way at 1190 North 19th Street.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Seconded by Alderman Hughes

Mayor Stephens called for a roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve moving the November City Council meeting from Tuesday, November 11th to Monday, November 10th due to the regular meeting falling on Veteran's Day.

Motion by Alderman Bullar Seconded by Alderman Brown

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

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve the appointment of Carl Stoker to the Southern Illinois Airport Authority Board.

Motion by Alderman McComb Seconded by Alderman Costa

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

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve the contract change order for time extension for the Walnut Street Water Main Replacement project.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Seconded by Alderman Bastien

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

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve the request from Doerr Auction & Realty, Inc. to close Edith Street starting from the corner of 19th past the home at 1841 Edith and continuing to the middle of the block on Tuesday, November 11th from 6 am until 11 pm. for the purpose of conducting an onsite auction for the Estate of Joe and Judy Grissom.

Motion by Alderman McComb Seconded by Alderman Costa

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

Motion Carried

We will still advertise for bids at the stated minimum bids.

Motion: To approve the minimum bid for four pieces of property: 815 Maple-\$700; 114 North 14th Street-\$2500; 1915 Walnut Street-\$2500; 2239 Commercial -\$900.

Motion by Alderman McComb Seconded by Alderman Bullar

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

Motion Carried

ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Barbara Hughes	Nothing
Vicki Ardrey	We will be feeding the football team again on 10/24/14 and she is requesting volunteers.
Bill Pierson	Thank the helpers and council members for the success of the Night Out event. There were lots of people out for it.
Mike Bastien	Wishing Sandra to have a wonderful vacation
Mark Costa	Nothing
Sandi Bullar	Nothing
Russell Brown	Nothing
Gary McComb	Nothing

DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Ed Heller	Nothing
Sandra Ripley	She has a request from Haunted Hayride for auxiliary officers. They want six officers on October 23, 24, 25 from 6:30-10:30. This is quite expensive. After discussion it was determined it would be at the chief's discretion; he could possibly offer four officers with a suggestion that if they want to donate that's good. Council needs to discuss a charge for requests of this sort. Suggestions were \$100 per night.
Harold Sheffer	Nothing
Steve Swafford	Regarding the fire engine grant and his wishes for a custom cab, etc., he will be bring that to the next safety committee meeting.
Brian Hollo	Nothing
Eric Kennedy	Nothing
Tim Lee	Nothing
Darrin Mills	He will be purchasing the spreader since it is now October.
Jim Stewart	Nothing

Motion: To adjourn

Motion by Alderman Bullar

Second by Alderman Costa

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

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.