

**Murphysboro City Council Meeting
November 10, 2014**

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 10th day of November, 2014. Mayor Stephens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Mayor Stephens 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 Deputy City Clerk Ripley to call the roll. The roll was called with the following

Present: Barb Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Danny Bratton, Sandi Bullar, Russell Brown, Gary McComb

Absent: Ron Nolan, Mark Costa

Motion: To approve the minutes of the October 14, 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 McComb

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

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register #554 and #555 through November 7, 2014, accounts receivable through November 7, 2014 and payroll through October 31, 2014. All aldermen received a copy of the accounts payable, accounts receivable and payroll for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman Bratton

Second by Alderman McComb

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

Motion Carried

REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no requests or comments from the audience.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Budget & Finance Committee meeting of October 29, 2014.

Motion: To approve paying Accounts Payable Register #553 through October 21, 2014.

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

Motion carried.

Motion: To approve the renewal of a Line of Credit at First Bank and Trust for \$500,000; borrowing would require the signatures of the mayor, the deputy city clerk and the city clerk.

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

Motion carried.

Community Relations Committee meeting of October 29, 2014.

No action taken.

Public Works Committee meeting of October 29, 2014

Motion: To approve the change orders for the Walnut Street Waterline Project.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Second by Alderman Hughes
Mayor Stephens called for a roll call vote.

Yes – Hughes, Ardrey, Pierson, Bastien, Bullar, Brown

No – Bratton, McComb

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve \$8750 for one half of costs associated with the purchase and installation of hydrants with shut off valves for JCHA with JCHA paying their one half before the items are ordered.

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

Motion Carried.

Motion: To deny the request for Groundwater Ordinance from Environmental Management, Inc. at 2200 Walnut.

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

Motion Carried.

Building and Grounds Committee meeting of October 29, 2014

Motion: To approve the \$2188.80 bid from Tom Lawless for landscaping at Smysor Plaza.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Bullar

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

Motion Carried.

Public Improvement Committee meeting of October 29, 2014.

No action taken.

Public Safety Committee meeting of October 29, 2014

Motion: To approve placing a Dead End sign at 23rd and Clay Street.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Seconded by Alderman Bullar

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

Motion Carried

Motion: To table borrowing \$80,000 for the purchase of a fire truck.

Motion by Alderman Bratton Seconded by Alderman McComb

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

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve \$2000 for Crime Stoppers.

Motion by Alderman Bastien Seconded by Alderman Pierson

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

Motion Carried

Personnel Committee meeting of October 29, 2014

Motion: To approve the Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance Plan effective 1/1/15.

Motion by Alderman Hughes Second by Alderman Ardrey

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

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve the hiring of a full time telecommunicator.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Bullar

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

Motion Carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- 1) Mayor Stephens stated that he had met with Bob Eaton regarding serving on the Murphysboro Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Eaton had advised that he was willing to do so and looked forward to being involved.

Motion: To approve the appointment of Bob Eaton to the Murphysboro Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Bratton

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

Motion Carried.

- 2) Mayor Stephens presented information regarding the request to add property to the Enterprise Zone. Although this property is not located within the jurisdiction of the City of Murphysboro, the Murphysboro City Council along with the Jackson County Board and City of Carbondale all must agree to add property to the Enterprise Zone.

Motion: To approve an ordinance to authorize adding property to the Enterprise Zone, as proposed and described in the attachment.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Ardrey

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

Motion Carried.

- 3) Mayor Stephens opened the sidewalk bids for improvements to various locations throughout town. The Bids received were as follows:

- a. Laster - \$6,400
- b. One Source - \$11,785
- c. SAMRON - \$16,500

This item was not on the agenda for approval, therefore, a special meeting would be called before the next Committee meeting.

ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS
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Barbara Hughes Stated that the previous committee meetings were extremely long and not everyone stayed. Was wondering if we could alternate the committees so that everyone would stay engaged.

Vicki Ardrey nothing

Bill Pierson nothing

Mike Bastien nothing

Dan Bratton Stated that he is happy about the pending nursing home sale and advised that the bids for the surplus properties are due December 9th

Sandi Bullar Stated that she has received several calls regarding the intended use of the nursing home property and the residents are asking if the City can stop the sale.

Russell Brown nothing

Gary McComb Advised everyone that he was opening up the storage yard on Saturday, November 15th from 9a to 1p.

DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Richard Blake Nothing

Sandra Ripley Nothing

Harold Sheffer Nothing

Steve Swafford Nothing

Brian Hollo Distributed a handout regarding the ICICLE program that he would like to establish. Asked each Alderman to select one individual from their ward to be on the committee

Eric Kennedy Nothing

Tim Lee Nothing

Brian Manwaring Nothing

Ron Manwaring Nothing

Darrin Mills Nothing

Jim Stewart Nothing

Motion: To adjourn
Motion by Alderman Bratton Second by Alderman Bullar
Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.