

**Murphysboro City Council Meeting  
November 10, 2015**

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015. Mayor Stephens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Pastor Deb Rathert 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, Mark Costa, Russell Brown, Herb Voss, Gary McComb, Bill Pierson, Danny Bratton, John Erbes, Gloria Campos, Tom Ridings

**Absent:**

**Motion: To approve the minutes of the October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 council meeting. All aldermen received a copy of the minutes, 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**

**Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register #603 through November 6, 2015, accounts receivable through October 31, 2015 and payroll through October 31, 2015. 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 Brown

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

**Motion Carried**

## **REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Bruce Wallace informed the council that the Chamber office was moving to First Mid Bank effective 12/1/15 and invited everyone to a public forum on November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Davis-McCann Civic Center put on by the SIU Urban Design Studio.

## **COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS**

Building and Grounds Committee meeting of October 26, 2015.

Questions were raised if we should repair or replace the heating and cooling unit at MYRC. The bids submitted were for replacement. Replacement bids are as follows: Jacobs-\$9,229; Spears \$7,740; Voss \$11,858; Craine \$8,380; Heartland \$8,890. Alderman Bratton wants to check over the bids, qualify them and then hold a special city council meeting to decide which direction we would like to go.

**Motion: To approve holding the bids until we can compare and discuss at the November 23, 2015 special city council meeting.**

Motion by Alderman Bratton

Second by Alderman Hughes

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

**Motion Carried.**

Budget and Finance Committee meeting of October 26, 2015.

Alderman Costa inquired about the car decals. Chief Hollo stated that they were purchased with Seized Asset Fund money.

**Motion: To approve paying Accounts Payable Register #602 through October 26, 2015 including the \$700 to Emblem Authority.**

Motion by Alderman Hughes

Second by Alderman Campos

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

**Motion carried.**

**Motion: To approve the \$500,000 Line of Credit renewal at First Bank and Trust Co at 4.94%.**

Motion by Alderman Pierson

Second by Alderman McComb

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

**Motion carried**

Public Improvement Committee meeting of October 26, 2015.

**Motion: To approve renewing the current cemetery contract with Glen Aulgur d/b/a Heartland Lawn Care for a locked in price for two years.**

Motion by Alderman Bratton

Second by Alderman Pierson

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

**Motion Carried.**

Alderman McComb informed the council that the 20 acres that he would like to acquire from Mark Kennedy of property was worth about \$600 per acre.

**Motion: To approve applying the dollars received from the sale of properties toward the purchase of the Kennedy property.**

Motion by Alderman Bratton Second by Alderman McComb  
Ayes: Alderman Hughes, Alderman Brown, Alderman Voss, Alderman McComb, Alderman Pierson, Alderman Bratton, Alderman Erbes, Alderman Campos, Alderman Ridings

Nays: Alderman Costa

**Motion Carried.**

Community Relations meeting of October 26, 2015

Ian Ellison and Lee Spradling discussed with the council the Blip Proposal. Attorney Blake distributed an email from Brian Manwaring with an explanation of services. Council members Costa, Bratton, Voss, McComb and Campos voiced questions and concerns. Attorney Blake cited the Communications Act, ROW non-discrimination limitations.

**Motion: To approve Attorney Blake to answer legal questions and provide answers regarding the BLIP Proposal at the November 23, 2015 meeting.**

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

**Motion carried.**

Cherie and Gary Green of SPIN discussed the sewer issue with their property. They have a 10 year anniversary approaching and plan on holding a large fundraiser in April. Council members discussed prior issues and deadline extensions previously given to them.

**Motion: To approve a final six month extension, from this date, to SPIN with monthly reports provided to the council.**

Motion by Alderman Bratton Second by Alderman Campos  
Ayes: Alderman Hughes, Alderman Costa, Alderman Brown, Alderman Voss, Alderman McComb, Alderman Bratton, Alderman Erbes, Alderman Campos, Alderman Ridings

Nays: Alderman Pierson

**Motion carried.**

Public Safety meeting of October 26, 2015. .

**Motion: To deny the request for a stop sign on North 19<sup>th</sup> Street.**

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

**Motion carried.**

Public Works Committee meeting of October 26, 2015.

No action taken.

Personnel Committee meeting of October 26, 2015.

No action required.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Stephens informed the council of the following:

1. Reminder, Veterans Day is Wednesday, November 11, 2015. The administration office and public works building will be closed as we honor our veterans.
2. Budget discussion with department heads and Scott Evans have begun. A draft will be ready for review at the Budget and Finance Committee meeting.
3. The annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be on Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of Columbus Hall. All are welcome.

### **Motion: To approve the recommendation from the Joint Review Board for TIF District.**

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 2016 Motor Fuel General Maintenance Resolution.**

Motion by Alderman Bratton

Second by Alderman Pierson

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

**Motion carried.**

## **ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS**

Barb Hughes            Nothing

Mark Costa            Nothing

Russell Brown        Nothing

Herb Voss            Nothing.

Gary McComb        Indicated that he would like to obtain an estimate from ET Simonds to raise the street around courthouse and provide better handicap accessibility. He is also obtaining a quote for elevating the road to the WWTP

Bill Pierson           Nothing

Danny Bratton Glad to see that the four lanes to/from Carbondale are now open. He also advised that the old Venegoni building has sold.

John Erbes Stated that his neighbors' house had been broken into and they were very complimentary of the police department

Gloria Campos Happy Thanksgiving

Tom Ridings Asked the legalities of him talking to home owners regarding their trees and limbs being trimmed back from sidewalks?

<b>DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS</b>
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Richard Blake Nothing

Harold Sheffer Twenty percent done with WWTP

Steven Swafford Fire truck here on Thursday

Brian Hollo Info in packets

Eric Kennedy Nothing

Tim Lee Nothing

Brian Manwaring Nothing

Ron Manwaring Cautioned everyone for the potential severe weather tomorrow

Darrin Mills Nothing

Jim Stewart Nothing

**Motion: To go into executive session at 8:46 pm to discuss matters related to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2) regarding collective negotiating matters and the contract proposal between the city and 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5) regarding the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired.**

Motion by Alderman Hughes Second by Alderman Erbes  
Yeas: Alderman Hughes, Alderman Costa, Alderman Brown, Alderman Voss,  
Alderman McComb, Alderman Pierson, Alderman Bratton, Alderman Erbes,  
Alderman Campos, Alderman Ridings

Nays: None

**Motion Carried**

**Motion: To approve the union contract with Firefighters Local No. 3042.**

Motion by Alderman Costa

Second by Alderman Hughes

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

**Motion carried.**

**Motion: To approve the negotiation for property acquisition.**

Motion by Alderman Campos

Second by Alderman McComb

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

**Motion carried.**

**Motion: To adjourn**

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Bratton

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

**Motion Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.