Murphysboro City Council Meeting
February 9, 2016

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 9th day of February 2016. Mayor Stephens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Alderman Hughes 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, Mark Costa, Herb Voss, Gary McComb, Bill Pierson, Danny Bratton, John Erbes, Gloria Campos, Tom Ridings

Absent: Russell Brown

Mayor Stephens informed the council that demolition of the Apple Tree Inn and surrounding properties will start on February 22, 2016.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the January 12, 2016 council meeting. All aldermen received a copy of the minutes, for their review, prior to the meeting.
Motion by Alderman Voss Second by Alderman Hughes
Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion Carried

Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register #616, #617, #618 and #619 through February 9, 2016, accounts receivable through February 9, 2016 and payroll through February 9, 2016. 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 Pierson
Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion Carried

REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Green of SPIN gave an update on the organization. They are progressing with their fund raising. They will be raffling off a Harley motorcycle on April 30, 2016.

Susan Birkner and Robert Ostrom addressed the council regarding issues on Birkner Lane. Trucks tearing up road, need a weight limit. Also an issue about notifying when we shut water off.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Budget and Finance Committee meeting of January 25, 2015.

Motion: To approve paying Accounts Payable Register #614 and #615 through January 25, 2016.
Motion by Alderman Hughes Second by Alderman Bratton
Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion carried

Motion: To approve updated license and permit fee increases as presented.
Motion by Alderman Bratton Second by Alderman Campos
Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion carried.

Motion: To approve the purchase of a power supply battery backup as budgeted.
Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Bratton
Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion carried.

Building and Grounds Committee meeting of January 25, 2016.

Motion: **To approve to vacate North 1st Street, a portion of Murphy Street and alley.**
Motion by Alderman Hughes Second by Alderman Pierson
Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion Carried.

Community Relations Committee meeting of January 25, 2016.

Mayor Stephens inquired if we had received a response from Media Com by February 8, 2016. Attorney Blake stated there had been no correspondence received from Media Com by the due date. Mayor Stephens indicated then we can assume there are no objections.

Motion: **To approve the use of Smysor Plaza on October 1, 2016 by JC Home Extension.**
Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Bratton
Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion Carried.

Public Improvement Committee meeting of January 25, 2016.

No action taken.

Public Works Committee Meeting of January 26, 2016.

Motion: **To approve the resolution for the 7th Street Reconstruction Project**
Motion by Alderman Bratton Seconded by Alderman Campos
Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion Carried

Public Safety Committee meeting of December 28, 2015.

Mayor Stephens inquired about the status of the fee inquiry and Attorney Blake informed the council that a letter had been sent to the Chief Judge and we were awaiting a response regarding fee collections.

No action taken.

Personnel Committee meeting of January 25, 2016.

Motion: To approve to advertise internally for the Street Department laborer position.
Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Bratton
Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion Carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor informed the council that February 15, 2016 was President's Day and the administration office and public works department would be closed.

Motion: To approve Street closures for St. Patrick's Day Celebration on March 19, 2016.
Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Bratton
Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve appointment of Scott Satterlee to the Historic Preservation Commission
Motion by Alderman Costa Second by Alderman Bratton
Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve the appointment of Amy Novara-Murphy to the Plan Commission
Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Bratton
Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve appointment of Kyle Fager to the Tourism Commission.
Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Erbes
Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve resolution for the Jackson County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.
Motion by Alderman Campos Second by Alderman McComb
Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion Carried.

Lease will start on March 1, 2016.

Motion: To approve resolution authorizing the City to enter into a lease with the Murphysboro Park District for the property at 1818 Walnut Street
Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Hughes
Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion Carried.

Mayor Stephens informed the council regarding the Illinois Public Risk Fund's letter regarding the IPRF Loss Control Service Visit of January 14, 2016 which indicated a loss analysis of 1 per cent, which is extremely good.

ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Tom Ridings	Nothing
Gloria Campos	15th Street, Gartside and Liberty Street needs repair. Darrin indicated it needed to be milled and repaved.
John Erbes	Nothing
Danny Bratton	Sewer plant and lift station project going along good. It is taking shape and they are doing a good job.
Bill Pierson	Nothing

Gary McComb	Nothing
Herb Voss	Nothing
Mark Costa	Nothing
Barb Hughes	

DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Richard Blake	Nothing
Sandra Ripley	Reminder about opening bids for the communication tower at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mayor Stephens opened the bids and they were as follows: High Tech Tower Inc., Gibson City, IL $55,833 FMC Fricke Management & Contracting $53,000 Mayor instructed Brian Manwaring to look at the bids and we would discuss at the committee meeting.
Harold Sheffer	They will be starting on the pump station project 20th Street lift station next week.
Steven Swafford	#11 in shop, repairs will cost approximately $2500
Brian Hollo	Nothing
Eric Kennedy	Nothing
Tim Lee	Happy to discuss the boil water policy and notice procedures
Brian Manwaring	Nothing
Ron Manwaring	Nothing
Darrin Mills	Nothing
Jim Stewart	Nothing

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.