



put into demolition he doesn't agree with that; however, he thinks we should contact the Smysor Trust and get their input on how to spend the \$15,000.00. Mayor Stephens will contact the Smysor trust and get their approval.

Scott Evans presented the following financial reports: Schedule of Operating Expenses by Department vs. Budget, Summary of GF IPTIP Receipts, Schedule of Healthcare Costs, Comparison of Budgeted vs. Actual Payroll, Schedule of Sales/HR Tax Receipts, Schedule of State Income Tax Receipts Vouchered, Schedule of Certificates of Deposit, and Schedule of Costs Related to WWTP Construction.

Jim Stewart informed the council that the new WWTP would be on line possibly in mid-September.

Health insurance renewal was discussed. There is an increase of approximately \$314,000. This is with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois. Sandra is going to get additional health quotes but in order to do that she has to have health applications completed by the employees. She is waiting on those now and once she receives them they will proceed with getting quotes from other insurers.

Public comment: Judy Bost asked if that is the reason the real estate taxes went up that much. Mayor responded those costs did not affect the real estate taxes.

Mayor Stephens opened the Building and Grounds Committee Meeting.

Attorney Blake gave an update on the franchise agreement with Ameren. We made provisions to their model so we can use their poles. Revisions are made; however, he wants to go over Ameren's wordage with Brian Manwaring to make sure everything is okay with him. After his meeting with Brian they will send the agreement to Ameren. This is in regard to attachments to Ameren's equipment.

Discussion was held regarding bidding out maintenance services for heating and air. Our agreement now is basically a hand shake, no formal agreement. Mayor Stephens thinks we need a formal agreement. Attorney Blake stated we do need to add prevailing wage language to what we are proposing. Aldermen think that if we didn't have a formal agreement we do need one.

**Motion: To approve the bidding out of maintenance services for heating and air and to use the bid specifications with the inclusion of the prevailing wage requirement.**

Motion by Alderman Pierson

Second by Alderman Hughes

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

No public comment.

Mayor Stephens opened the Community Relations Meeting.

Council members determined that was no support for instituting a fee for street closures.

Water drainage issues on North 16<sup>th</sup> Street & Roberta Drive. Mayor Stephens stated we will budget dollars for it. Bill Center stated that when we had a grant it was all set then one resident out there would not allow the crossing of his property and that is the only way it can be corrected so the issue was dropped. Cleaning out the ditch will help lessen the problem. He will check with Billy Knowles to see what cost might be.

Banner placement /17<sup>th</sup> Street banner poles issue was discussed. Mayor inquired about length of poles and was told they should be at least 40' poles to do job. Mayor stated he had poles but someone needs to pick them up and then we will have Mike Clutts set them.

Fee for the Class P liquor license was discussed. It would cost \$825 for two separate licenses. Mayor suggest it at \$750, the same as for a Class A license.

**Motion: To approve the fee of \$750 for a Class P liquor license.**

Motion by Alderman Hughes Second by Alderman McComb

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

**Motion carried.**

The Ryan vs Marfio alley litigation and approval of the settlement proposal was discussed. Mr. Marfio will dedicate that part that is his to the city. Mr. Whiteside will prepare the legal description, plat and stake the location, the city pay up to \$1500 for Mr. Whiteside's services. No attorney fees paid by the city for Ryan's or Marfio's.

**Motion: To approve the settlement proposal on Ryan vs Marfio alley litigation as follows: Mr. Marfio will dedicate to the city the alley on his property; Ray Whiteside will prepare legal description, plat and stake the alley; the city will pay up to \$1500 for Mr. Whiteside's services; Mr. Ryan will pay all attorney fees for Ryan and City.**

Motion by Alderman Pierson Second by Alderman Erbes

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

**Motion carried.**

Chief Hollo gave an update on the back to school traffic issue. A new route was developed and presented to the new principal. It was instituted and there are no issues now. Cars come in on 14<sup>th</sup> and go out on Candy Lane. Alderman Campos is concerned about all the traffic on 16<sup>th</sup> Street and this new route will make that worse. She wants a stop sign. Chief Hollo indicated that he would be glad for her to ride with him and then see there is not really a problem with speed. He thinks there would be different concerns caused with stop signs.

No public comment.

Alderman McComb opened the Public Improvement Committee Meeting.



Alderman Pierson opened the Public Works Committee Meeting.

There was no old or new business and no public comment.

Mayor Stephens opened the Public Safety Committee Meeting

There was no old or new business and no public comment.

Alderman Hughes opened the Personnel Committee Meeting.

Mayor Stephens informed the council that Mark Brittingham had delivered the final contract for the public works and clerical union employees and that he had signed the papers.

Mayor Stephens stated that the city, with the assistance of Mark Brittingham, will be starting negotiation with FOP shortly.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor reminded everyone that the last Sunset Concert at Town Center Park will be on Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 pm. He also asked to keep the family of Bill Alstat in their prayers.

#### **ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS**

Barb Hughes            Please keep the Kennedy family in your prayers. Inquired if anyone had been contacted regarding Feed the Team Night.

Linda Porter-Smith    There are several big potholes on Hanson from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Can we patch them? Darrin agrees the potholes are bad but patching is pointless, the road needs to be resurfaced. Also the intersection of 9<sup>th</sup> & Hanson, there is no drain and lots of standing water. Darrin indicated there are no drains in that area, it is the old side of town and they just didn't put them in. What is the status of Washington School? Mayor Stephens stated Washington School is part of the TIF district and when they get underway with the development we could use those funds to clean up that property. A fence should be erected and clean up the area; however, we could fence off that property now. Mayor will investigate.

Herb Voss                Nothing

Gary McComb            Nothing.

Bill Pierson              He will be sitting on the Carbondale side for the Carbondale Murphysboro football game only because his son-in-law is the coach.

