Murphysboro City Council Meeting
May 8, 2012

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 8th day of May, 2012. Mayor Ron Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Pastor Phil Nordstrom led the council in prayer. Following the invocation, Mayor Williams lead the council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Mayor Williams then directed City Clerk Cottonaro to call the roll. The roll was called with the following

Present: Barbara Hughes**,** Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Sandra Bullar, Russell Brown

Absent: Danny Bratton, Mark Costa, Gary McComb

Motion: To approve the minutes of the April 10, 2012 council meeting. All aldermen received a copy of the minutes, for their review, prior to the meeting.
Motion by Alderman Bastien Second by Alderman Hughes
Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion Carried

Motion: **To approve the accounts payable, register #453 through May 4, 2012, accounts receivable through May 4, 2012 and payroll through May 4, 2012. All aldermen received a copy of the accounts payable, accounts receivable and payroll for their review, prior to the meeting.**
Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman Brown
Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion Carried

REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR

Marilyn Smerkin informed the council that the Beautify Murphysboro clean up went well and they cleaned up Riverside Park, Commercial Avenue and 20th street, etc.

Susan Birkner addressed the council regarding parking on Birkner Lane which is causing problems with driving. We will discuss at committee meeting. Eric is to get plats for the committee meeting.

Cathy Bailey addressed the council regarding hosting a church carnival in front of her non profit resale shop on Liberty Street between 14 & 15th Streets after NAPA closes. She requested to close the street for 4-5 hours on June 30th. Mayor instructed her to get a letter to us in writing requesting this.

Laura Wilcox addressed the council regarding robberies as did Janet Lee.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Alderman Ardrey read the minutes of the Budget & Finance Committee meeting of April 23, 2012.

Richard Blake informed the council that there is not a mechanism to refund /rebate Home Rule statuary funds. Now looking at discounting avenues. Jerry Wright is aware there is an issue.

Motion: **To approve accounts payable register #450 and #451 through April 20, 2012.**
Motion by Alderman Hughes Second by Alderman Bullar
Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion Carried.

Alderman Pierson read the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting of April 23, 2012.

Motion: **To approve hiring ESCA Consultants, Inc. to provide a proposal for structural engineering services for the proposed replacement of all weather access facility for sewage Pump Station No. 1 at the Murphysboro Wastewater Treatment Plant for a cost not to exceed $12,000.**
Motion by Alderman Ardrey Second by Alderman Pierson
Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion Carried.

Mayor Williams discussed the purchase of a new tractor and mower. Alderman Pierson will look at new rear housing and draw bar needed for the Case tractor in order to just get a new mower to fit the Case. He will discuss possibilities and

cost. If it is too costly then Verdonna should call and offer them $25,000 for both a new mower and tractor.

Alderman Bastien informed the council that fliers from Kroger and Rural King are still being distributed. Jeff Bock indicated the Murphysboro American is doing the distributing and he will go to their office tomorrow with ordinance in hand.

Mayor Williams informed the council that the title to the township truck will be signed over to us next week.

Motion: **To approve replacing the transmission in the Dodge truck for a cost of under $1000.**
Motion by Alderman Ardrey Seconded by Alderman Pierson
Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion Carried

Alderman Bullar read the minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting of April 23, 2012.

Motion: To approve Barry Concrete, the lowest bidder, for repairing the fire department ramp.
Motion by Alderman Bullar Seconded by Alderman Ardrey
Ayes: Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Sandi Bullar, Russell Brown
Nays: None
Abstain: Barb Hughes
Motion Carried

Motion: **To approve the addition of a street light by the southeast corner of Bridge and Bridgewood Streets.**
Motion by Alderman /Bullar Seconded by Alderman Brown
Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion Carried

Alderman Bastien read the minutes of the Public Improvement Committee meeting of April 23, 2012.

No action taken.

Alderman Hughes read the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of April 23, 2012.

No action taken.

Alderman Ardrey read the minutes of the Community Relations meeting of April 23, 2012.

No action taken. Richard Blake informed the council that since Joanie's stand is on private property we cannot require our peddler's license.

Alderman McComb read the minutes of the Building and Grounds meeting of April 23, 2012.

No action taken. Mayor Williams stated that he, Alderman Ardrey, and Ed Heller had met with Carl Favreau and John Medwedeff last week. John stated that he could try several proposals to make that solid and he is to get his proposal to us by June; however, plans are still being pulled together for replacing the walkways if we do not accept John's proposal.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Williams discussed the following:

Motion: **To approve changing the May 2012 committee meeting to Tuesday, May 29th.**
Motion by Alderman Hughes Seconded by Alderman Bullar
Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion Carried

Motion: **To approve an ordinance establishing inspection fees for manufactured homes and mobile homes**
Motion by Alderman Pierson Seconded by Alderman Brown
Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion Carried

Mayor Williams informed the council this was just to get our request before the EPA.

Motion: **To approve replacing the water lines from Stave Mill Road to 4th Street.**
Motion by Alderman Bastien Seconded by Alderman Pierson
Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion Carried

Mayor Williams discussed the correspondence received from IPRF regarding workers compensation; it was a loss control service visit.

ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Barbara Hughes	Kids playing basketball in 15th Street. Needs to be addressed. Property at Stecher and `15th Street needs mowing. United Methodist Pet blessing on 21st at 4 p.m.
Vicki Ardrey	No
Bill Pierson	No

Mike Bastien	Basketball also on 19th & 20th at Pine
Sandi Bullar	Basketball hoop on 16th Street, 600 block. Jeff to haul off hoops
Brown, Russell	No

DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Jeff Bock	No.
Richard Blake	No
Eric Kennedy	No
Brian Manwaring	No
Ron Manwaring	No
Steve Swafford	No
Otey, Verdonna	

Motion: To adjourn
Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman Bastien
Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion Carried
Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.