

Alderman Hughes inquired as to:

#722 page 4 Dean Bush Construction – how are we reimbursed for? This is for the pipe, been told the city will be made whole.

Alderman Campos inquired as to:

#722 page 14 Repair for \$400? For work truck driver's seat.

Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register #722 through November 13, 2018, accounts receivable through October 31, 2018, and payroll through October 31, 2018. All aldermen received a copy of the accounts payable for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Bratton

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

Motion Carried

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Alderman Pittman opened discussion for Budget & Finance related items.

Old Business: Nothing at this time.

New Business:

Presentation of Financial Reports by Budget Officer, Scott Evans: Presented the city-wide Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement through September, 2018.

Alderman Bratton inquired as to the status of: police console – paid in full; backhoe – will be paid off in July; street sweeper – paid off in 1-1/2 years. Mr. Evans stated he is meeting with the department heads on Wednesday, November 14 and the budget meeting will be November 29. Alderman Pittman asked about the CD's, if we are taking advantage of the rising rates? Yes. Alderman Bratton asked what the interest rate on payments is? 2%.

Consideration of Renewal of Line of Credit at First Bank & Trust: Ms. Ripley stated it is due in December, the bank is agreeable and interest will go from 4.94% to 5%.

Motion: To renew the city's line of credit at First Bank & Trust.

Motion by Alderman Hughes

Second by Alderman Brown

Alderman Pittman called for a voice vote. All were in favor, Alderman Pittman abstained.

Motion Carried

No public comment.

Alderman McComb opened discussion for Building & Grounds related items.

Old Business: Nothing at this time.

New Business:

Discussion regarding city-owned properties: Alderman McComb stated he is willing to talk to the neighbors regarding adjoining property purchase where the city had torn down houses and now mow. Cost of \$600? Attorney Blake stated the city would have to follow procedure. Alderman McComb stated that will cost more, once the law firm is paid for that work. Alderman Pittman asked if they could all be advertised at the same time? Attorney Blake stated they can all be done at the same time. Alderman Bratton asked if they can be listed by the street address or the legal description. Attorney Blake replied by the legal description. Alderman Hughes asked if the council had established a year ago that it would cost so much to advertise they decided not to do it? Alderman Voss asked what is paid in labor to mow the properties? Alderman Pittman added that the taxes would then be paid by the private owner. Alderman Campos asked if the publication can be in the County Journal? It might be less expensive. Attorney Blake stated that would be fine. Alderman McComb asked if the city gives the property away on Mow To Own, is there a legal fee? Attorney Blake stated that is different. Alderman McComb stated there are people who want to Mow To Own. Attorney Blake stated the city would be establishing it's own procedure. Mayor Stephens then stated we need to pull the file of what has already been published and compare it to the current listing. Even if it costs the city some money, it will continue to cost to mow. Mr. Kennedy stated he has a list. Alderman McComb stated just a list of the lots the city mowed, for the next meeting.

No public comment.

Alderman Erbes opened discussion for Community Relations Committee related items.

Old Business: Nothing at this time.

New Business:

Discussion regarding Tina Moore accident/request: Alderman Erbes stated it was submitted to the city's insurance. Mayor Stephens stated it was denied and asked for it to be placed on the agenda. Alderman McComb stated the only thing to do is re-submit it. The city has never paid anything the insurance has denied. Alderman Pittman asked why it was denied. Mayor Stephens answered because the city did not know about it in advance. He went on to state that he sympathizes with the Moores. With the issue with the backed up sewer, there was something the citizen could have done. There was nothing they could have done to prevent this. Mrs. Moore stated that it collapsed underneath them and that it looked like there was plywood with asphalt on top of it. Alderman Campos stated that the city is liable. Alderman Erbes asked Mr. Lee for his opinion. Mr. Lee stated that the sewer main collapse ultimately caused this. You should not expect the street to collapse under you. Alderman Pittman stated that the insurance is only there for negligence and Alderman Erbes agreed. Mayor Stephens asked if their claim was for \$971.13? Mrs. Moore stated yes, just for the mechanics. They are not

beneficial. Alderman Voss suggested asking Mr. Evans for suggestions as to where the city might find those funds. Alderman Bratton would like to wait until the budget is settled first, really does not want to take from the demo fund. Alderman Bastien stated he would like to add North 19th Street to the map. Mayor Stephens stated that makes sense. He then stated he would like the council to continue to think about it and will hold it on the agenda. Alderman Pittman then added that promoting buildings and businesses would help save on demo's.

New business: Nothing at this time.

No public comment

Alderman Bratton opened discussion for Public Works related items.

Old business:

Update on Sewer Main Repairs at Hotel Site: Mayor Stephens stated there was a meeting held today regarding this issue and the best solution is to relocate that section of main 50 feet to the west. It would take an incredible amount of work to stabilize. Mr. Sheffer stated that hopefully this will alleviate the problem. There will need to be two more manholes and approximately 450 feet of pipe. Mr. Lee stated it is the most cost efficient solution. Mr. Stewart agreed. Alderman McComb asked if the current manholes are staying? Yes. Alderman Bratton asked if it will be put out for bid? When can it start? Is Joe Koppeis still willing to reimburse the city for the cost? Mayor Stephens stated it is an emergency repair, will let Bush continue to make the repair, hopefully starting Monday. Alderman Bratton asked if a motion is needed? Attorney Blake stated since the costs are unknown, it would be considered a change order. Alderman Bratton asked Mr. Sheffer to draw it up, submit it and contact Bush Construction. Mayor Stephens stated he will impress upon Mr. Koppeis the importance of coming to a council meeting. Alderman McComb asked if Mr. Sheffer has to wait until the next meeting? Mr. Lee stated it is a change order, we do the work then submit the bill. Attorney Blake stated we need to vote to give Mr. Sheffer the ok to proceed with submitting the paperwork for an emergency permit.

Motion: To give Mr. Sheffer permission to proceed with submitting the paperwork for an emergency permit.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Brown

Alderman Bratton called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Road Project: Mr. Sheffer stated it is down to 1.3 acres. Will have to buy three times that amount, at \$27,000 per acre, added to the original cost. Will need a new permit. Alderman Bratton asked if that was his recommendation? Mr. Sheffer stated they have marked trees and Mr. Stewart will get a bid on cutting the trees.

Alderman Hughes opened discussion for Personnel related items.

Old business:

Discussion regarding Family Ride-Along Policy for all City Departments: Alderman Hughes asked if there were any new developments? Mayor Stephens stated he had emailed the Southern Illinois Mayor's Association and had not heard back so he called the office. The secretary had been in the hospital so will send out the inquiry tomorrow. Mayor Stephens reiterated that there is insurance coverage. Alderman Hughes stated this item will be tabled until new information is received.

New business:

Consideration of Ordinance amending the policy prohibiting sexual harassment: Attorney Blake stated this is required by state law, it contains a new requirement for the time for filing a claim. This amends the previous ordinance.

Motion: To adopt the Ordinance amending the policy prohibiting sexual harassment.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Brown

Alderman Hughes called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

No public comment.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Update on Mobile Ranch Mobile Home Park: Mayor Stephens stated he has spoken to the manager who plans on attending the next meeting. Mr. Kennedy stated that they are starting to tear down another trailer. He will contact the manager and will send a letter concerning more tear downs. Mayor Stephens then encouraged the council to drive through the trailer court to see the conditions for themselves. Alderman Hughes asked how many need to be torn down? Mr. Kennedy replied it was on the list he had provided at a previous meeting.

Consideration of Settlement of Pending Complaint to make safe and secure Brown Shoe Factory property: Attorney Blake has spoken with the attorney and sent him the letter of city approval of Rawson Excavation and the request that the cost of the title work be added to the amount to be repaid. The client has agreed and Attorney Blake has asked for the title work be prepared today. Alderman Bratton asked if there is any way it can be set up so no more liens can be taken out against the property? Attorney Blake answered that mortgages have first priority. Alderman Bratton then asked if there is a lien already? Attorney Blake stated that one property is in the name Carl Hohlman and our mortgage will be against her interest in that property. Alderman Bratton then asked the amount of the mortgage? \$44,500 plus title work and recording fees.

Consideration of Moving the December City Council meeting to 12/6 and 12/20:

Motion: To move the December City Council meetings to December 6th and 20th.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Bratton

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

Motion Carried

Approval of Ordinance establishing an Enterprise Zone in Jackson County: Mayor Stephens explained that it expires in 2020 so we pay 1/3 of the cost to re-apply, then go to the next step.

Motion: To Approve an Ordinance establishing an Enterprise Zone in Jackson County.

Motion by Alderman Bratton

Second by Alderman McComb

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

Motion Carried

Approval of Ordinance authorizing the City of Murphysboro to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Jackson County and City of Carbondale for Enterprise Zone:

Motion: To Approve an Ordinance authorizing the City of Murphysboro to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Jackson County and the City of Carbondale for an Enterprise Zone.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Pittman

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

Motion Carried

ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS
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Barb Hughes Nothing

Jance Curry-Witzman Nothing

Russell Brown Nothing

Herb Voss Nothing

Gary McComb Nothing

John Erbes Asked if the house on South 14th Street is still standing? Mr. Kennedy stated there is a 40-yd. dumpster there. Attorney Blake said Attorney Heller stated the owner is working on it this week.

Dan Bratton Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

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