

**Murphysboro City Council Meeting  
May 10, 2011**

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011. Mayor Ron Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the council was 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 Deputy City Clerk Ripley to call the roll. The roll was called with the following

**Present:** Barbara Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Dan Bratton, Mark Costa, Sandra Bullar, Gary McComb

**Absent:** Russell Brown

**Motion: To approve the minutes of the April 12, 2011 council meeting. All aldermen received a copy of the minutes, for their review, prior to the meeting.**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register #399 and #400 through May 6, 2011, accounts receivable through May 6, 2011, and payroll through May 6, 2011. 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 Bullar  
Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried**

## REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR

John Harris addressed the council regarding a five to seven year plan for community service, which includes handicapped accessibility. The plan involves the whole community. He is also concerned with federal housing and when the power is out the elevators do not work and people cannot get out except by the stairs. He wants help from the city to address these issues with federal housing and with federal codes.

Mayor Williams welcomed the government class of the high school.

Marilyn Smerken thanked the city for protecting the water system from the flood and also requested the council meeting agenda and minutes be posted on the web page again. It had been done but was no longer available. Mayor Williams apologized, stating we had transferred the person doing that job to another department and that we would be getting back on track with it shortly.

Rachel and Blaine Ensor are chairing a group to begin cleaning up Murphysboro with volunteers and city support. There are still coordinators needed for wards 2 and 3. There will be a meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. at Longfellow Park. Mayor Williams stated that this is an applaudable effort and will help all of us.

## COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Alderman Ardrey read the minutes of the Budget & Finance Committee meeting of April 25, 2011.

**Motion: To approve paying account payable register #398 through may 11, 2011.**

Motion by Alderman Costa

Second by Alderman Bratton

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 25, 2011.

We will hold on the approval of the request by the City of Ava to purchase water meters on the Ava Road at \$300 per meter, for a total of \$6900 until we can speak with Kinkaid and Oraville Water Districts and also inform customers of what is occurring.

**Motion: To approve the purchase of dialers for the lift stations at Wal Mart and Jackson Square for a price of \$6200.61.**

Motion by Alderman Bratton

Second by Alderman Pierson

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

**Motion Carried**

Chief Bock indicated that Peggy Reiman had talked to Judge Solverson and the judge feels our ordinance is in order and she will impose fines and also require the city be reimbursed for costs for cleanup.

**Motion: To approve to use our street department personnel to perform clean up work at properties cited for violations.**

Motion by Alderman Bullar Second 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 25, 2011.

**Motion: To approve to erect three (3) No Stopping, No Standing, No Parking-signs on the east side of Watson Road from Shawnee Drive north the General John A. Logan Attendance Center property.**

Motion by Alderman Bratton Seconded by Alderman Bullar

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion: To approve to erect stop signs on the north and south sides at 9<sup>th</sup> and Hanson. This will now be a four-way stop**

Motion by Alderman Bullar Seconded by Alderman McComb

Mayor called for a voice vote.

Yeas: Barbara Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Dan Bratton, Sandra Bullar, Gary McComb

Nays: Mark Costa

**Motion Carried**

Mayor Williams read the minutes of the Building & Grounds Committee meeting of April 25, 2011.

No action taken.

Alderman Costa read the minutes of the Community Relations Committee meeting of April 25, 2011

No action taken

Mayor Williams read the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of April 25, 2011.

No action taken.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor stated the following:



