

**Murphysboro City Council Meeting
December 13, 2011**

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 13th day of December, 2011. Mayor Ron Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Alderman Ardrey 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, Dan Bratton, Mark Costa, Russell Brown, Gary McComb

Absent: Mike Bastien, Sandra Bullar

Motion: To approve the minutes of the November 8, 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 Brown

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

Motion Carried

Alderman McComb inquired as to the status of Citgo payments and was told they are behind for the month of October; however, they are still paying late. Committee had agreed there would be late charges if paid late and we are not assessing those late charges. Mayor will instruct Leslie McComb to go back about a year and determine the amount of the late charges due, prepare an invoice and Mayor Williams will write a letter stating unless paid on time he will be suspending their license. Richard Blake will look at the language in the ordinance to include in the letter and Mayor Williams will have Chief Bock deliver the letter and invoice to Citgo.

Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register # 431 and #432 through December 9, 2011, accounts receivable through December 9, 2011 and payroll through December 9, 2011. All aldermen received a copy of the accounts payable, accounts receivable and payroll for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman Costa

Second by Alderman Bullar

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor. **Motion Carried**

REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR

Johnnie Harris inquired if the city has a warming center in case of a power outage. He was told the Red Cross has signed agreements with certain buildings to use for warming centers if they have power. We also have the annex building and the Youth & Rec Center. He inquired about transportation to those warming centers and was told we could use the Senior Citizens' van and church vans. He inquired who were Ward 1 representatives and was told Barbara Hughes was one and the other person elected had moved out of the area and at this time no one had been appointed to fill that vacancy.

Bruce Wallace spoke to the council regarding the position of economic development coordinator. He would like the city to consider creating and then hiring him in this position. Mayor Williams stated he should development a document showing the path he would be developing to promote and keep jobs in the city, the tools he would use, timeframes, etc.

Steve Thayer of SIMEC addressed the council regarding his energy plan and getting the referendum for this on the March ballot. His company would pay the cost for placing the referendum on the ballot. They will do print ads, direct mail and three open town hall meetings to educate the voters. Mayor Williams said we would not consider allowing them to pay for the cost of putting the referendum on the ballot as that may look to voters as improper and may seem to obligate us to use them as our broker for electricity .

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Alderman Hughes read the minutes of Public Improvement Committee meeting of November 28, 2011.

No action taken.

Alderman Costa read the minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting of November 28, 2011.

Motion: To approve updating our NIMS policy to bring it into compliance with the federal policy.

Motion by Alderman Costa

Seconded by Alderman Bratton

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

Motion Carried

City Council Meeting at 5:15 pm with the standing committee meeting at 5:30 pm.

3. Community Christmas Dinner will be on Sunday, December 25th from 11 a.m. until 1:30 pm. at the Knights of Columbus Hall

ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS
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Barbara Hughes	Thank the fire department for help with the fire at her brother's house.
Vicki Ardrey	Nothing
Bill Pierson	Nothing
Dan Bratton	Nothing
Mark Costa	Stop all this energy talk at these meetings.
Brown, Russell	Nothing
Gary McComb	Nothing

DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Blake, Richard	Nothing
Bock, Jeff:	Nothing
Kennedy, Eric	Nothing
Lee, Tim	Nothing
Manwaring, Brian	Nothing
Manwaring, Ron	Nothing
Verdonna Otey	Street sweeper. Key Equipment thinks it just needs a pump installed and filter and oil change. Cost approximately \$1200. She was told to proceed.
Ripley, Sandra	Nothing
Steward, Jim	Mayor inquired about the chlorine flow at the sewer plant.
Swafford, Steve	Nothing
Youngman, Jay	Nothing

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Motion: To adjourn

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

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.