

**Murphysboro City Council Meeting  
December 10, 2013**

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2013. Mayor Stephens called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and Mayor Stephens led the council in prayer. Following the invocation, Mayor Stephens led the council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Mayor Stephens then directed Deputy City Clerk Ripley to call the roll. The roll was called with the following

**Present:** Barb Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Danny Bratton, Mark Costa, Sandra Bullar, Russell Brown, Gary McComb

**Absent:** Ron Nolan

**Motion: To approve the minutes of the November 12, 2013 council meeting. All aldermen received a copy of the minutes, 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**

**Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register #515 through December 6, 2013, accounts receivable through December 6, 2013 and payroll through December 6, 2013. 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

Mike Ran discussed the alley at 903 N. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thirty years is has been used for trash service, family reunions, and he requests to not vacate alleys.

Bill Ryan distributed to everyone the plat survey.

Bob Marfio stated this is only a 7 foot alley and they are driving on personal property.

Blaine Ensor-commended council on demolition of burnt house in his neighborhood.

## COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Public Improvement Committee meeting of November 18, 2013

Attorney Heller requested the issue to change the ordinance allowing distribution of handbills as long as agreed to special rules or adhered to be tabled for more discussion at committee meetings.

Attorney Heller indicated this is a bigger issue than Mr. Marfio states. Mr. Marfio is blocking the alley with cones. Alderman Bratton requested to remove cones.

**Motion: To deny the request by Bob Marfio to vacate the alley next to 903 North 23<sup>rd</sup> Street.**

Motion by Alderman Bratton                      Seconded by Alderman Costa  
Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried**

Building & Grounds Committee meeting of November 18, 2013

**Motion: To approve the bid of \$10,000 from Big Muddy Brewing for the purchase of Lots 16 & 18 in the Industrial Park**

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

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion: To approve the transfer of the property at 1914 Clarke Street to Habitat for Humanity.**

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

**Motion Carried**

Community Relations Committee meeting of November 25, 2013

**Motion: To approve the request of Patty Bateman for a Dog Day 5K Run/Walk on October 4, 2014.**

Motion by Alderman Bastien Second by Alderman Bullar  
Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried.**

Public Safety Committee meeting of November 18, 2013.

No action taken.

Public Works Committee meeting of November 18, 2013.

**Motion: To approve the purchase of WWTP Testing Equipment in the amount of \$4675.50 from Hach Company.**

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

**Motion Carried.**

Budget & Finance Committee meeting of November 25, 2013.

**Motion: To approve accounts payable register #513 through November 25, 2013.**

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

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion: To approve assessing a late fee on the total water and sewer billing.**

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

**Motion Carried.**

Personnel Committee meeting of November 18, 2013

**Motion: To approve closing the administration office from 7-8 a.m. with only the drive-thru open.**

Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman Hughes  
Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried.**

Budget Committee meeting of December 2, 2013.

No action taken.

Budget Committee meeting of December 10, 2013.



Gary McComb            Complaining about ordinance violations; mowing and leaves in street, harming storm drains. Walking down middle of street, get people out of street.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS**

Brian Manwaring    Nothing

Brian Hollo            Nothing

Sandra Ripley

Steve Swafford      Nothing

Ed Heller             Nothing

Eric Kennedy         Nothing

Tim Lee                Nothing

Ron Manwaring      Nothing

Darrin Mills          Nothing

Jim Stewart          Nothing

Harold Sheffer      Nothing

**Motion: To adjourn**

Motion by Alderman Costa

Second by Alderman Bratton

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

**Motion Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.