

**Murphysboro City Council Meeting
June 10, 2014**

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 10th day of June, 2014. Mayor Stephens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Alderman Hughes 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 City Clerk Cottonaro to call the roll. The roll was called with the following

Present: Barb Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mark Costa, Sandra Bullar, Russell Brown, Gary McComb

Absent: Mike Bastien, Danny Bratton, Ron Nolan

Mayor Stephens read a letter of thanks he had received from a French citizen regarding Gene Riseling, a soldier from Murphysboro, who he meet when we liberated France.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the May 13, 2014 council meeting. All aldermen received a copy of the minutes, for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman Costa

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

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve the minutes of the May 30, 2014 special council meeting. All aldermen received a copy of the minutes, for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman Costa

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

Motion Carried

There was a discussion regarding the bills submitted by Always Landscaping; he is to notify us when he mows and he is to be paid a flat fee for each time he mows the entire cemetery, not a fee for each time he has to come out to complete an entire mowing. We should pay for three mowings for the month of May for Tower Grove cemetery, not six mowings. It was determined that we should direct Attorney Heller to draft a letter stating that he notifies us when he mows or he doesn't get paid, just as the contract stipulates.

Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register #535, #536 & #537 through June 6, 2014, less two \$800 mowings by Always Landscaping, accounts receivable through June 6, 2014 and payroll through June 6, 2014. All aldermen received a copy of the accounts payable, accounts receivable and payroll for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Pierson

Ayes: Barb Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Sandra Bullar, Russell Brown, Gary McComb

Nays: Mark Costa

Motion Carried

REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR

Doris Wright of 1916 Edith addressed the council regarding her costs when the sewer collapsed. We will handle this at the standing committee meeting.

Mr. Ridings stated that the water department did a great job lowering a water valve in his yard and he thanked the department.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Public Safety Committee meeting of May 22, 2014

Motion: To declare the adult female, brown in color, rat terrier mix dog named "Dixie" residing at 519 North Street and owned by Kathleen L. Satterwhite as vicious as per Ordinance 3-4-1.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Costa

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

Motion Carried.

Budget & Finance Committee meeting of May 27, 2014.

Motion: To approve the audit for Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2013 as prepared by Kerber, Eck, and Braeckel.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey

Second by Alderman Bullar

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

Motion carried.

Motion: To approve paying Accounts Payable Register #534.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey

Second by Alderman Bullar

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

Motion carried.

Community Relations Committee meeting of May 27, 2014.

Motion: To approve a donation of \$500 to the Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra.

Motion by Alderman Costa Second by Alderman Bullar

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

Motion carried.

Motion: To approve blocking off Oak Street between 16th & 17th Street from Noon to 4:00 p.m. on June 28th, 2014.

Motion by Alderman Hughes Second by Alderman Bullar

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

Motion carried.

Public Works Committee meeting of May 27, 2014.

Motion: To approve the removal of the dead tree at 16th & Oak Street by Roberts Tree Service for a price of \$750 with the City hauling the debris away.

Motion by Alderman Hughes Second by Alderman Pierson

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

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve the development of a Contractor Bid Request Registration.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Second by Alderman Brown

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

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve the completion of the necessary paperwork to advertise the properties recently acquired that would allow for a bidder to demolish the structure and acquire the deed following clean-up of the property.

Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman Costa

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

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve reimbursing Frank Edwards for the culvert removed on his property.

Motion by Alderman Hughes Second by Alderman Pierson

Ayes: Barb Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mark Costas, Sandra Bullar, Russell Brown

Nays: Gary McComb

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve the proposed 2014 Motor Fuel Oil & Chip Program.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Second by Alderman Bullar

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

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve the grant modification to change the scope of work from the water line project to sidewalk improvements.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey

Second by Alderman Bullar

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

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve closure of the driveway by installing curbing at 1914 Clarke Street.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey

Second by Alderman Bullar

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

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve the replacement of the gate valve and construction of a hatch at the terminal lift station by Red Dot Construction.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey

Second by Alderman Pierson

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

Motion Carried.

Building & Grounds Committee meeting of May 27, 2014.

This is being paid by the Smysor Trust.

Motion: To approve the bid of \$11,214.95 from Murphysboro Lawn and Garden for the landscape maintenance of Town Center Park.

Motion by Alderman Costa

Second by Alderman Hughes

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

Motion Carried.

Public Improvement Committee meeting of May 27, 2014.

This included recycling.

Motion: To approve preparation of the formal Request for Proposal for City-Wide Trash Hauling.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey

Second by Alderman McComb

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. Alderman Bastien opposed.

Motion Carried.

Public Safety Committee meeting of May 27, 2014.

Motion: To approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Kinkaid-Reeds' Creek Conservancy District subject to the proposed changes.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey

Second by Alderman Hughes

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

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve creation of an ordinance authorizing the Murphysboro Fire Department personnel the ability to cite violations.

Motion by Alderman Bullar

Second by Alderman Brown

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

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve continuing the research of a City Camera System.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey

Second by Alderman McComb

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

Motion Carried.

Personnel Committee meeting of May 27, 2014

No action needed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Chief Hollo requested to hire one additional person for the police department to replace Kurt Ehlers. They did the interview process May 28th.

Motion: To approve hiring one additional person for the police department

Motion by Alderman Pierson

Second by Alderman Costa

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

Motion Carried.

ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS
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Barbara Hughes Nothing

Vicki Ardrey Nothing

Bill Pierson Nothing

Mark Costa Please put crosswalks back after the work is done on Walnut Street

Sandi Bullar Thank Brian for helping out with the computers at the Senior Citizens Center

Russell Brown Nothing

Gary McComb He has no helpers right now but if you know of anyone who needs help turn their name into Sandra.

DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Ed Heller	Nothing
Sandra Ripley	Friday is Relay for Life at 6 pm at the High School
Bill Center	Nothing
Steve Swafford	Nothing
Brian Hollo	Nothing
Eric Kennedy	Nothing
Tim Lee	Nothing
Ron Manwaring	Nothing
Brian Manwaring	Nothing
Jim Stewart	Nothing

Motion: To adjourn

Motion by Alderman Costa

Second by Alderman Bullar

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

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.