

**Murphysboro City Council Meeting  
December 9, 2014**

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014. Mayor Stephens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Pastor Jerry Hickam 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, Sandi Bullar, Russell Brown, Gary McComb

**Absent:** Mark Costa

**Motion: To approve the minutes of the November 10, 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 Brown  
Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried**

**Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register #558 through December 5, 2014, accounts receivable through December 5, 2014 and payroll through December 5, 2014. 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 Pierson  
Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried**





Chamber Director, Bruce Wallace, provided the City Council with an update on various items. Mr. Wallace indicated that the banner project was completely sold with ordering and installation occurring in early 2015. Mr. Wallace also informed the Council about a Shop Southern Illinois program that had been developed among 10 chambers in the area. The Urban Design Planning Models were also discussed. Mr. Wallace would like a group of citizens nominated by the Mayor or Council to meet quarterly to review ideas and present back to the Council.

Public Safety Committee meeting of November 24, 2014

**Motion: To approve to pay only the \$14,000 we are obligated for towards the purchase of a new fire truck.**

Motion by Alderman McComb

Seconded by Alderman Bratton

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. Alderman Hughes opposed, all others were in favor.

**Motion Carried**

**Motion: To approve a No Parking sign on the south side of the 1600 Block of Gartside.**

Motion by Alderman Bullar

Seconded by Alderman Bratton

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion: To approve to forward the information and request for replacement of dispatch equipment to budget and finance committee for further information/discussion.**

Motion by Alderman Ardrey

Seconded by Alderman Bastien

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

**Motion Carried**

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Stephens advised the Council that ExteNet has had some delays with the original fiber project. Tim Asta from ExteNet detailed those delays. A revised agreement has been prepared for consideration. Mr. Asta stated that our City Attorneys have reviewed the agreement, suggested some corrections and have approved the final document.

**Motion: To approve the revised ExteNet agreement outlining the dark fiber project.**

Motion by Alderman Bastien

Seconded by Alderman Brown

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

**Motion Carried**

Attorney Blake advised that the approval from the Murphysboro Park District was received to be able to transfer property adjacent to them. The necessary paperwork was completed by the Park District and has been received by the City. We must not pass a resolution and an ordinance to complete our side of the transfer.

**Motion: To approve a Resolution to authorize the transfer of surplus property to the Murphysboro Park District.**

Motion by Alderman Bullar

Seconded by Alderman McComb

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion: To approve an Ordinance vacating the streets and alleys adjoining the Murphysboro Park District property.**

Motion by Alderman Bratton

Seconded by Alderman Bullar

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

**Motion Carried**

Mayor Stephens opened bids that were received as a result of the advertisement of surplus property being available. The bids received were as follows:

- 114 North 14<sup>th</sup> Street – Lindsey Ingle, DDS - \$2601.00
- 815 Maple Street – Bob & Trudi Worthen - \$956.67
- 2239 Commercial Avenue – Bertha House - \$900.00

Alderman McComb inquired if we could see the properties that did not receive a bid as the Council saw fit. Attorney Blake advised that they must be bid at the original minimum amount set. Mayor Stephens advised that we could not take formal action on the bids as the item was not on the agenda and so that the transfer documents could be prepared.

<b>ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS</b>
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Barbara Hughes      nothing

Vicki Ardrey      stated that the special City Council minutes from November 20<sup>th</sup> still needs to be approved. Ms. Ardrey further expressed her unhappiness with the special meeting and the way that the Teamsters contract was approved.

Bill Pierson      nothing

Mike Bastien      nothing

Dan Bratton      stated that Walnut Street was looking good and wished everyone a Merry Christmas

Sandi Bullar      nothing

Russell Brown      nothing

Gary McComb      nothing

