Murphysboro City Council Meeting August 12, 2014

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 12th day of August, 2014. Mayor Stephens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Father Gary Gummersheimer 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, Danny Bratton, Mark Costa,

Sandi Bullar, Russell Brown, Gary McComb

Absent: Mike Bastien, Ron Nolan

Motion: To approve the minutes of the July 8, 2014 council meeting and July 17, 2014 special council meeting. All aldermen received a copy of the minutes, for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Second by Alderman Costa

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

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register #546 & #547 through August 8, 2014, accounts receivable through August 8, 2014 and payroll through August 8, 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 Brown

Motion Carried

REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR

Bill Ryan addressed the council regarding the problem with his alley. The last information he had received was that it was going to put back the way it was for some 44 years. Now Mr. Marfio has put up a stake and it doesn't allow for truck traffic. Chief Hollo had gone out and talked to Mr. Marfio previously and stated there is a stake there about a foot high. This stake is marking Mr. Marfio's property line; however, he has a property line marker in the ground. Chief Hollo will review the situation and advise.

Mr. Ensor inquired about the sewer plant status and video cameras. With regard to the sewer plant, currently the EPA has the plans and the loan plans are started. In late fall or early winter this year we should start the project. Chief Hollo stated he is taking time on video cameras, looking at options, funding is main obstacle; however, he stated that he cannot see what the deal is about security.

Mark Anderson addressed the council regarding the property at 227 N. Williams Street-the church that needs to be demolished. He had hired Frankie Edwards to demolish the church; however, Frankie had been denied a license to take it down and they wanted to know why it was not allowed. This is the Mt. Olive Church. After much discussion it was determined that when we had the church owner's signature/deed Mr. Edwards would get the permit to take it down and we would advise Mr. Rosson to hold off demolishing.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Public Improvement Committee meeting of July 28, 2014.

Mayor Stephens discussed the information sheet he drew up regarding the city wide trash hauling proposal. Mayor requested members to review and we would hold a special council meeting to discuss and he informed the two haulers they would be informed of the meeting date and time so they could be present.

Motion: To proceed with the sidewalk improvements on the north side of the 1300 block of Walnut Street.

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

Motion Carried

Public Safety Committee meeting of July 28, 2014

Motion: To deny eliminating semi traffic on the alley behind the 1900 block of Walnut Street.

Motion by Alderman Hughes Seconded by Alderman Costa

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

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve Chief Hollo's recommendation of home owner erecting two steel posts at the corners of his garage to prevent possible further damage.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Seconded by Alderman Costa

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

Motion Carried

Motion: To deny one way east bound only traffic on the alley behind the 1900 block of Walnut Street.

Motion by Alderman Hughes Seconded by Alderman Costa

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

Motion Carried

Public Works Committee meeting of July 28, 2014

Attorney Blake discussed Andrew McDonald's request to place a fence on city right-of-way at 1190 N. 19th Street. It is a 120-140 foot 7' chain link with a 1' barbed wire. An inquiry was sent to our city insurance. Our insurance carriers asked why we would want to do this and they requested more information. Does the fence owner's policy list the city? There are problems with doing this; the city would be sued if there was an accident on McDonald's property. Does the city need the right-of-way for our use? Mayor Stephens inquired if we could give him that part of property with easement. It was determined we do not want to take action. Alderman McComb stated that the owner could put barbed wire on the roof of his building and that would deter vandals.

Motion: To table back to public works committee the issue of minimum bid of \$650 for vacant properties the city is listing.

Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman Bratton

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

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve the purchase of a nozzle for the vactor truck for the water department.

Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman Costa

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

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve up to \$5,000 cost for relocating the 4th Street water main.

Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman Brown

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

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve the Walnut Street Waterline Change Orders #10 and #14.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Second by Alderman Hughes

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

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve the Memorandum of Understanding with IEPA on **Groundwater Ordinance at 21st & Walnut Street.**

Motion by Alderman Bratton Second by Alderman Ardrey

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

Motion Carried.

Budget & Finance Committee meeting of July 28, 2014.

Motion: To deny paying for a driver for the Senior Citizens van on Saturday Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman Bratton

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

Motion carried.

Motion: To approve paying Accounts Payable Register #545 through July 28,

Motion by Alderman Bratton Second by Alderman Costa

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

Motion carried.

Motion: To approve renewal of the line of credit at First Bank and Trust.

Motion by Alderman Bratton Second by Alderman Ardrey

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

Motion carried.

Motion: To deny the WINI advertising request.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Bullar

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

Motion carried.

Motion: To approve the ordinance authorizing the city to borrow funds from the Water Pollution Control Loan Program.

Motion by Alderman Bratton Second by Alderman Costa

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

Motion carried.

Alderman Ardrey discuss grant writing. She has met with a grant writer who has great ideas about writing grants. She suggested the city identify specific projects and then submit to her and she will let us know how to proceed. This will be discussed at the committee level.

Community Relations Committee meeting of July 28, 2014.

Motion: To approve the Apple Festival Committee request for street closures and assistance September 7th through September 13th.

Motion by Alderman Costa Second by Alderman Bullar

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

Motion carried.

Attorney Blake informed the council that the Apple Festival Committee will pay for this ordinance.

Motion: To approve, with attorney specified amendment regarding service animals, the Apple Festival Committee request for ordinance changes.

Motion by Alderman Bratton

Second by Alderman Brown

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

Motion carried.

Building & Grounds Committee meeting of July 28, 2014.

Mayor Stephens stated that Bost is telling them to get cars removed from his lot.

Darrin Mills gave an update on Town Center Park walkways; they are in the process of locating electric and water lines.

Jim Stewart informed the council that the roof is leaking at the chlorine room at the WWT. He had received a \$7,000 bid from Baine Roofing. This is a rubber roof. Questions were raised about spraying foam on top of it, anything we could do to help.

No action taken.

Personnel Committee meeting of July 28, 2014

Motion: To release executive session minutes of 4/8/14 and hold executive session minutes of 3/17/14, 5/13/14 and 6/23/14.

Motion by Alderman Hughes

Second by Alderman Ardrey

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

Motion Carried.

Labor Committee meeting of July 28, 2014

No action taken.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Motion: To approve appointment of Pete Pederson the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motion by Alderman Bratton

Second by Alderman Hughes

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

Motion Carried.

Mayor Stephens read the Gene Reisling Proclamation. Declaring Robert E. Reisling Day. Silkworm did the banner at no cost.

Motion: To approve adopting Gene Reisling Proclamation.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Bullar

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

Motion Carried.

Mayor Stephens informed the council that Walgreens has appealed property tax and the Jackson County Board is reviewing. Interested individuals can access information on the web.

On September 27, per Sandra, the 5th Relay for Life Golf Tournament will be held. Alderman Ardrey stated that in the past all council members donated to sponsor a team and she was willing to do that this year as well.

ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Barbara Hughes Nothing

Vicki Ardrey Council again asked to feed the football team. Late October

date.

Bill Pierson Liberty Theatre chicken dinner benefit will be held on

September 7th. This is a fund raiser and cost is \$12. Martin Schaldemose informed him that the windows should be arriving for the depot this week or early next week.

Danny Bratton Waiting for Sheffer for street reports.

Mark Costa Nothing

Sandi Bullar Nothing

Russell Brown Nothing

Gary McComb Appreciate Darrin looking at parking lot.

DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Richard Blake Nothing

Sandra Ripley Nothing

Harold Sheffer Stated citizens can see progress they are making. The are

patching the concrete and then will pave the road. Trying to get it done before Apple Festival. Alderman Bratton informed

the council regarding the tree stumps at 18th Street. Bid was \$2000 for both to be removed and we have to do it before they pave the street are we will tear the newly paved street all up. Put it on the special meeting agenda

Steve Swafford Nothing

Brian Hollo Nothing

Eric Kennedy Nothing

Ron Manwaring Nothing

Tim Lee Nothing

Darrin Mills Nothing

Jim Stewart Inform council project under sign should be wrapping up in next

2-3 weeks.

Motion: To go into executive session at 8:45 pm to discuss matters related to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2) regarding collective negotiating matters and the contract proposal between the city and its employees or their representatives

Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman Costa Yeas: Hughes, Ardrey, Pierson, Bratton, Costa, Bullar, Brown, McComb

Nays: None Motion Carried

Motion: To come out of executive session at 9:05 p.m.

Motion by Alderman Hughes Second by Alderman Costa Yeas: Hughes, Ardrey, Pierson, Bratton, Costa, Bullar, Brown, McComb

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

No action taken.

Motion: To adjourn

Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman Costa

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

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.