



## REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Freeman of the VFW informed the council that the last weekend of May is Wounded Warrior Day, May 29, 2015. They will be hosting a dinner on Friday, fishing tournament on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday.

Mr. Freeman wished to inform the council that there is a vast amount of video gaming going on in the city. Without an alcohol license establishments are not able to get video gaming. The local clubs are in trouble if we don't stop it; that is how they are surviving. They support us but other out-of-town establishment owners do not. Alderman Bratton stated they should not be in grocery stores or convenience stores. Mayor suggested we try to change our ordinance as without specific reasons you cannot refuse an alcohol license. Attorney Heller indicated the difficulty is how we have our liquor license set up. Mayor Stephens suggested a meeting with Attorney Heller regarding a change to our ordinance and invited club owners to attend if they.

Larry Gilbert addressed the council on behalf of the Ministerial Alliance concerning the concert series and the serving of alcohol. Mayor Stephens indicated he suggested alcohol as a fund raiser for those events for the two clubs. The council informed Mr. Freeman of the VFW to hold off on the alcohol issue for awhile.

Blaine Ensore commended the newly elected officials and those going off the council.

Gloria Capos discussed the issue of water and mosquitoes at the old jacket factory. Alderman Pierson informed her she should bring the issue to the health department. Mayor Stephens stated we should pump it out and put in pellets ourselves and send the owner the bill. Eric was instructed to contact the building owner and ask him to install a pump and give him a deadline to have the work completed.

## COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Budget and Finance Committee meeting of March 23, 2015.

**Motion: To approve paying Accounts Payable Register #573 through March 23, 2015.**

Motion by Alderman Hughes

Second by Alderman Bullar

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

**Motion carried.**

Alderman McComb voiced concerns regarding paying Jodi Craine's fine before asking the attorney general if we can pay it. Attorney Heller stated we did not give notice in writing so we have to pay a fine, interest and penalty; however, by law we are not required to pay Jodi Craine. Jody stated he had been doing work for the city for a very long time. He did five bids in the recent past and there was nothing about prevailing wage. Alderman Bratton stated he would like to know who turned us in.

**Motion: To approve paying the fine of \$811.41 assessed to Jodie Craine for work on the Youth & Rec Center.**

Motion by Alderman Pierson

Second by Alderman Ardrey

Yeas: Alderman Hughes, Alderman Ridings, Alderman Ardrey, Alderman Pierson, Alderman Bastien, Alderman Costa, Alderman Bullar, Alderman Brown

Nays: Alderman Bratton, Alderman McComb

**Motion carried.**

Attorney Heller informed the council that Scott Evans would be committing a felony if he purchased the property located at 1915 Walnut Street (14-05-478-006); it is prohibited by law for a city official to purchase city property. Mr. Evans was withdrawing his bid.

Mayor Stephens stated park district board members will be at the standing committee meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Building and Grounds Committee meeting of March 23, 2015.

No action taken.

Mayor Stephens presented a video to the council regarding the Curwood property promotion.

Alderman Bratton inquired regarding the deadline date on the written agreement for SPIN. Mayor Stephens stated the date is in June.

Community Relations Committee meeting of March 23, 2015.

No action taken.

Chief Hollo stated he is still gathering information on garbage trucks and weight limits but has talked to Alderman McComb about what he has determined thus far; however, bridge weights determine limits.

Public Improvement Committee meeting of March 23, 2015.

No action taken.

Public Works Committee meeting of March 23, 2015.

**Motion: To approve a preference to local bidders for projects over \$20,000, at two percent or a \$2,000 limit whichever is less for bidders in the 62966 zip code area, except state or federal funded projects.**

Motion by Alderman Ardrey

Second by Alderman Pierson

Ayes: Barb Hughes, Tom Ridings, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Danny Bratton, Mark Costa, Sandi Bullar, Russell Brown, Gary McComb

Nays: None

**Motion Carried.**



**Motion: To approve the appointment of Clay Cochran, Blaine Ensor and WJ Pittman to the Murphysboro Planning and Zoning Commission.**

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Bastien

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

**Motion Carried**

Mayor Stephens reviewed and discussed the City of Carbondale border agreement.

Attorney Heller stated that although the Zoning Board of Appeals approved the zoning, it hasn't submitted its findings to this board so we cannot move on the ordinance amending the zoning for 1441 North 14<sup>th</sup> Street to an agricultural district and amending Section 40-4-5 of the Zoning Code adding as a special-use in the agricultural district of mental health and substance abuse treatment facilities.

Attorney Prosser asked we table the ordinance and address it at a special meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> when we have our committee meetings. .

**Motion: To approve the ordinance adding Division IV-Hazardous Materials to Chapter 30 of the Revised Code authoring in the fire department to remove hazardous material incidents and imposing expenses thereof.**

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Bastien

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

**Motion Carried**

Bids were opened for the concrete sidewalk improvements project at 409 South 20<sup>th</sup> Street, South 20<sup>th</sup> Street-Masonic Children's Home and 1115 Chestnut Street-Masonic Lodge. Samron-Bid \$5878; One Source-\$3000.

**Motion: To approved the awarding of the concrete sidewalk improvements bid to One Source for a cost of \$3,000 for sidewalks at 409 South 20<sup>th</sup> Street, South 20<sup>th</sup> Street-Masonic Children's Home and 1115 Chestnut Street-Masonic Lodge.**

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Costa

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

**Motion Carried**

**ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS**

Barbara Hughes      Vicki talked her into this and now she's leaving. Vicki taught her so much. This is new chapter in Vickie's life and she should enjoy it.

Tom Ridings      Thank councilmen who are leaving. Wish them the best in the future

Vicki Ardrey      It was a pleasure, honor and a good thing to be associated with the council members. This was a learning process. Crime Stoppers is having an Officer Appreciation Day on May

15<sup>th</sup>. Historically we do something food wise on that day. Crime Stoppers has also requested Mayor Stephens do a proclamation as well.

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| Bill Pierson  | These two here gave him good advice he will miss the three of them.  |
| Mike Bastien  | Thank the staff, officials, alderman and mayor.  |
| Danny Bratton | Thank the retiring council members for putting up with me. SPIN deadline date is June 2015, will Will or Eric talk to them about their progress? . |
| Mark Costa    | Will miss you three.   |
| Sandi Bullar  | Thank you, the plaque was a very pleasant surprise.  |
| Russell Brown | Nothing. Mayor Stephens stated it was great you ran.   |
| Gary McComb   | Mike and I will be getting a close cost estimate on the head stone cemetery work that needs to be done.  |

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| <b>DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS</b> |
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| Ed Heller       | The April 27 <sup>th</sup> special meeting is very important and we need a quorum  |
| Sandra Ripley   | Open enrollment for health, dental and vision. See her tomorrow if you want to do this. Relay for Life is 5/3 and they are requesting to paint the town purple. They want to hang purple ribbons on poles down town. |
| Harold Sheffer  | Bid opening on WWTP is on 24 <sup>th</sup> . Pump bids are at 1 p.m. and WWTP at 3 p.m. They have four or five bidders on the pump and the plant.  |
| Brian Hollo     | He is requesting to see all aldermen before the 27 <sup>th</sup> meeting regarding the communication center, he wants to talk about it. Purple is Litchfield's colors, thanks...                                     |
| Eric Kennedy    | Nothing  |
| Tim Lee         | Miss three faces on the council  |
| Brian Manwaring | Nothing  |
| Ron Manwaring   | Nothing  |

Darrin Mills            Nothing

Jim Stewart            Nothing

**Motion: To adjourn**

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Bratton

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

**Motion Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.