

**Murphysboro City Council Meeting
May 12, 2015**

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 12th day of May, 2015. Mayor Stephens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the council in prayer. Following the invocation, Mayor Stephens led the council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Mayor Stephens apologized to Pastor Frye for not having him say the invocation. City Clerk Cottonaro sworn in the new council members: Barb Hughes, Russell Brown, John Erbes, Herb Voss and Tom Ridings. Mayor Stephens welcomed new members. Mayor Stephens then directed City Clerk Cottonaro to call the roll. The roll was called with the following

Present: Barb Hughes, Danny Bratton, Russell Brown, John Erbes, Bill Pierson, Herb Voss, Gary McComb, Mark Costa, Tom Ridings

Absent: Gloria Campos

Mayor Stephens presented a Proclamation to Adam Fox who has completed a 2-1/2 year internship with the police department in conjunction with the options program at Brehm Preparatory School.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the April 14, 2015 council meeting and the special council meetings of April 27, 2015 and May 5, 2015. All aldermen received a copy of the minutes, for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Costa

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

Motion Carried

Council members questioned if we had put demolitions out for bid, if we are taking the low bid for demolitions, and the use of Schwebel Printing as well as Silkworm.

Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register #580, #581, and #582 through May 8, 2015, accounts receivable through May 8, 2015 and payroll through May 8, 2015. All aldermen received a copy of the accounts payable, accounts receivable and payroll for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman Hughes

Second by Alderman McComb

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

Motion Carried

REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Terry Ridings wished to voice a complaint about noise and the noise ordinance. Mayor Stephens indicated there had been several comments about the noise. He indicated we did have a noise ordinance however, the council does vote on various events and possible exceptions. Mayor Stephens questioned if 10 or 11 pm would be a reasonable time. Mr. Ridings just stated they tried to watch TV at 10 pm. and they could not hear their TV.

Chief Hollo informed the council regarding a report he presented as an over view of police department numbers to indicate how pro active the police department members are.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Public Safety Committee meeting of April 27, 2015

Attorney Heller stated we do have an ordinance in place that states no items can be on city sidewalks. He suggested that the council review this ordinance to allow more clarification.

Alderman Bratton inquired about the Jacket Factory. We were to pump it out and bill the owner. Frist time we pumped it out. The owner told Darrin the sump pump wouldn't work and the ditch would not flow. However, when we pumped it out the ditch did flow and when Darrin tired the sump pump it did work. Alderman Bratton stated we need to get the owner's attention. Mayor Stephen's stated we will get to a solution of the issue one way or other.

Mayor Stephens stated he will be assigning new chair assignments in the next week.

Motion: To approve the dog owned by Rhonda D. Myers to be a vicious dog.

Motion by Alderman Pierson

Seconded by Alderman McComb

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

Motion Carried

