Murphysboro City Council Meeting
August 11, 2015

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 11th day of August, 2015. Mayor Stephens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Father Gummershimer 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, Mark Costa, Russell Brown, Herb Voss, Gary McComb, Bill Pierson, Danny Bratton, John Erbes, Gloria Campos, Tom Ridings

Absent:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the July 14, 2015 council meeting. All aldermen received a copy of the minutes, for their review, prior to the meeting.
Motion by Alderman Brown Second by Alderman Costa
Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion Carried

Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register #592 and #593, with the exclusion of $7500 to the Jackson County Growth Alliance, through August 11, 2015, accounts receivable through August 11, 2015 and payroll through August 11, 2015. 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 Costa
Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion Carried

REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR

Mayor Stephens read a letter from Craine Heating and Air regarding their taking care of the heating and cooling needs of our facilities.

Mr. Kent Martin, stated that his parents live at 1904 Elm Street and from Pine Street to Gartside it is like a race track. He wants three stop signs.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Budget and Finance Committee meeting of July 27, 2015.

Motion: To approve proceeding with TIF District pending approval and reimbursement agreement with Joe Koppeis and review and approval by city attorney. .
Motion by Alderman Bratton Second by Alderman McComb
Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion: To not approve the payment of $7500 to the Jackson Growth alliance.
Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Costa
Ayes: Costa, Brown, McComb, Bratton, Ridings
Nays: Hughes, Voss, Pierson, Erbes
Abstaining: Campos

Motion carried.

Motion: To approve paying Accounts Payable Register #590 through July 27, 2015.
Motion by Alderman Hughes Second by Alderman Costa
Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion carried.

Community Relations meeting of July 27, 2015

Motion: **To approve the request for street closures and event assistance for Apple Festival with the correction of 10 a.m. for the Grand Parade.**
Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Hughes
Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion Carried.

Motion: **To approve the request for street closures and event assistance for the BBQ Cook-off.**
Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Costa
Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion Carried.

Public Improvement Committee meeting of July 27, 2015.

Alderman Voss and city residents met regarding rental property.

Alderman McComb stated that the cemetery work was started. Looks a lot better. We have been told that if we would do this every two years it would be much cheaper.

No action taken.

Public Works Committee meeting of July 27, 2015.

Alderman McComb stated he was meeting with Mark Kennedy next week. We have started cleaning up the holding area.

Informational only regarding the cost savings program for the WWTP; there will be a price consideration on some items. $29,000 we could delete from original contract and not hurt the safety or integrity of project.

No action taken.

Building and Grounds Committee meeting of July 27, 2015.

Attorney Blake stated that the Park District has to enact an ordinance on their end and after that is done it will come back to committee.

Motion: **To approve the lease proposal between the Murphysboro Park District and the City of Murphysboro and the exception noted stating the city agrees to pay a yearly sum up to $6,000 maximum to be applied toward utilities and an amendment for the city storage area, pending attorney amendment.**
Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Bratton
Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion Carried.

Public Safety Committee meeting of July 27, 2015.

We need to discuss yard sales at the committee level.

Motion: **To approve the ordinance to limit items placed on the sidewalk to 30" from the front surface of the building.**
Motion by Alderman McComb Seconded by Alderman Hughes
Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion Carried

Motion: **To approve that all requested auxiliary hours, excluding city events, i.e., the Apple Festival, be billed at $10 per hour.**
Motion by Alderman Costa Seconded by Alderman Brown
Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion Carried

Motion: **To approve raising the hourly rate earned by auxiliary officers from $9 to $10 per hour.**
Motion by Alderman McComb Seconded by Alderman Brown
Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion Carried

Personnel Committee meeting of July 27, 2015.

Motion: **To change the health insurance renewal date from January to October.**
Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Bratton
Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion Carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Stephens announced the following:

Motion: **To approve the 2015 MFT Oil & Chip Program in the amount of $61,570.**
Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Brown
Ayes: Hughes, Costa, Brown, Voss, McComb, Bratton, Pierson, Erbes, Campos
Nays: Ridings
Motion Carried.

Mayor Stephens stated the first concert in the Sunset Concert series was a huge success. Many local merchants thanked him for the added revenues they received.

The annual City-Wide Clean-up is approaching. Please help spread the word. We have included flyers in your packet to distribute or post.

Motion: **To approve the appointment of Lyndsey Klienschmidt to the Sallie Logan Library Board.**
Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Campos
Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion Carried.

Mayor Stephens stated that he wants to send out a Request For Proposal For A Comprehensive Planning Consultant.

Mayor Stephens stated that Margaret Nolan has almost agreed to the appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission Board.

ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Tom Ridings	Nothing
Gloria Campos	Roberta and Sandra Court. 17th Street and Gartside. Dip in road, weeds in street.
John Erbes	Inquired if there was anything new on the nursing home.
Danny Bratton	North side of Gartside between 16th & 17th Street tree problem.

Bill Pierson	Agrees with Kent regarding high speed on 19th Street.
Gary McComb	Clean up does take electronics
Herb Voss	Housing code project. Threat to health and safety. Reverse downward cycle in Murphysboro.
Russell Brown	Nothing
Mark Costa	Concerned regarding the painting crosswalks
Barb Hughes	Commend Steve and crew on Jodi Craine building fire.

DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Richard Blake	Nothing
Ted Biggs	Nothing
Steven Swafford	Nothing
Brian Hollo	Auxiliary issues-thanks for thinking of him. Will look at 19th Street.
Eric Kennedy	Nothing
Tim Lee	Nothing
Ron Manwaring	Nothing
Darrin Mills	Nothing
Jim Stewart	Starting to move dirt.

Motion: To adjourn
Motion by Alderman Bratton Second by Alderman Erbes
Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.
Motion Carried
Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.