

**Murphysboro City Council Meeting
September 27, 2016**

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 27th day of September 2016. 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 then directed City Clerk Cottonaro to call the roll. The roll was called with the following

Present: Linda Porter-Smith, Russell Brown, Herb Voss, Gary McComb, Bill Pierson, Danny Bratton, John Erbes, Gloria Campos, Tom Ridings

Absent: Barb Hughes

Mayor Stephens presented meritorious conduct awards to officers Steven Zang and Benjamin Jones. Officer Zang established a training program with certifications for medical first responders and Officer Jones for applying CPR on a 911 call at the Elks Club.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the September 6, 2016 council meeting and the minutes of the September 9, 2016 special council meeting with the amendment of \$7300 to \$7000 for the purchase of a truck to be used for mosquito spraying. All aldermen received a copy of the minutes, for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Campos

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

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register #655, #656, and #657 through September 27, 2016, accounts receivable through September 27, 2016 and payroll through September 27, 2016. 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

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

Motion Carried

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Alderman Bratton opened Budget & Finance Meeting.

Scott Evans discussed the following finance reports: Schedule of Costs Related to WWTP Construction, Water/Sewer Fund Aging Schedule, Schedule of Certificates of Deposit, List of Cash & Cash Equivalents, Citywide Balance Sheet, Schedule of Operating Expenses by Department vs. Budget, Schedule of Healthcare Costs, Comparison of Budgeted vs. Actual Payroll, Schedule of State Income Tax Receipts, Schedule of Sales/HR Tax Receipts.

Mayor Stephens opened bids for the 2017-2018 general liability insurance. Four agencies submitted quotes: Ozburn Insurance Agency-\$110,635; Consolidated Insurance Agency-\$134,124 through Burnham & Flower; Consolidated Insurance Agency-\$138,258 through Traveler's; Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.-\$112,059 and Snedeker Risk Management-\$122,762 through Illinois Counties Risk Trust. Mayor Stephens will establish an ad hoc committee to review bids for a sound judgement call. Along with himself and Sandra he will be contacting council members to sit on the committee.

No public comment.

Alderman Brown opened the Building and Grounds Meeting.

Attorney Heller informed the council that Brian had added more necessary details to the franchise agreement with Ameren and the agreement was now ready to go back to Ameren.

The roof at the Senior Citizens Center and the roof at the Daum Building were discussed. Alderman Bratton had contracted local roofers. Clover's cost is \$3,000 to repair. He sucked up 30 gallons of water and applied a coating. There is bad decking underneath the roof. He will submit a bid for replacement of the roof in spring. Baine will be over in the next week to repair the Daum Building roof, repair costs are on him.

The Panasonic photocopier from the library was discussed.

Motion: To approve not accepting the Panasonic photocopier from the library surplus property.

Motion by Alderman Pierson

Second by Alderman Bratton

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

Motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the heating and air in the police department. Telecommunication room is typically down. System is about 20 years old. Alderman Pierson stated we should solicit additional bids to update the a/c system in the police department as need and Alderman Bratton stated we should include bid specs.

Motion: To approve soliciting bids to update the air conditioning system as needed in the police department and to include specific bid specifications.

Motion by Alderman Pierson

Second by Alderman McComb

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

Motion carried.

Mayor Stephens opened bids for the general maintenance of city-owned heating and air units. They were as follows: Craine Heating and Air \$1350 spring, \$1350 fall, service calls at \$97.50; Heartland Mechanical Contractors \$1290 spring, \$1290 fall and \$85 service call, Voss Heating and A/C \$770 spring, \$770 Fall and \$35 service call. This would take effect on January 1, 2017. Jody Craine stated filters should be changed quarterly instead of six months. Mayor will ask Jim McNally if he is changing filters as Steve Swafford said does buy filters.

Motion: To approve accepting the bid from Voss Heating and A/C in the amount of \$770 for spring and \$770 for fall and \$35 service call, effective 1/1/17.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Porter-Smith

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

Motion carried.

The city hall emergency generator fuel tank issue was discussed. We can clean it for \$1500-\$1800. In addition they can do a load test also for additional money. This is a 300 gallon tank.

Motion: To approve cleaning and performing a load test on the city hall emergency generator fuel tank at a cost of \$2400-\$3000.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Voss

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

Motion carried.

No public comment.

Alderman Bratton opened the Community Relations Committee Meeting.

Discussion followed regarding the request by Shellie Scholz for a 5K Run/Walk on October 8 using the Park Route to support medical bills for her grandson

Motion: To approve the request of Shellie Scholz for a 5K Run/Walk on October 8th using the park route.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Brown

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

Motion carried.

There was a discussion on the resolution supporting The Resort at Walker's Bluff. This entails the construction of a resort including a multipurpose convention center and destination complex project. The hotel will be on the Williamson County side out of the flood plan; the hunting lodge and glamour cabins on the Jackson County

