

Mayor Stephens opened the Public Improvement Committee Meeting.

Improvements to the road leading to the WWTP were discussed. We will look at the project as a whole after E. T. Simmonds cuts into the asphalt, which is slated for next week.

Harold Sheffer gave an update on the Roberta Drive project. The contractor said he would have something for us today but no information yet. Mayor Stephens wants to see if we cannot do better on getting information than we are doing.

Mayor Stephens stated there is a person interested in purchasing the property at 108 Lee Lane; however, this person does not have the funds to purchase the property and tear down the home. Mayor wants to purchase 108 Lee Lane from the Jackson County Tax Sale for \$638.00, tear down the home and the make it available for sale. Right now there is a speed boat on the property filled with old tires. The current owner brought in a truck load full of tires and is dumping them on the property. Chief Roberts stated he has a field camera he can put up and get a video of the owner dumping them and we can then forward the video to the EPA, which locally would be the Jackson County Health Department.

Motion: To approve the purchase of 108 Lee Lane from the Jackson County Tax Sale for \$638.

Motion by Alderman Erbes

Second by Alderman Voss

Yeas: Alderman Porter-Smith, Alderman Voss, Alderman Erbes, Alderman Campos

Nays: Alderman Pierson, Alderman Bratton

Motion Carried

No public comment.

Alderman Pierson opened the Public Works Committee Meeting.

Culvert on Logan Street needs to be replaced. We will send out a letter and put up signs. Darrin wants to fix now before it collapses and then we do have a problem. Cost is approximately \$3,000.

Motion: To approve replacing the culvert on Logan Street.

Motion by Alderman Bratton

Second by Alderman Voss

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

Motion carried.

Request for ordinance prohibiting the use of groundwater as a potable water supply by the installation or drilling of potable water supply wells or by any other method was discussed.

Motion: To approve an ordinance prohibiting the use of groundwater as a potable water supply by the installation or drilling of potable water supply wells or by any other method.

Motion by Alderman Bratton

Second by Alderman Porter-Smith

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

Motion carried.

No public comment.

Mayor Stephens opened the Public Safety Committee Meeting.

Request for a no parking sign on North 11st Street by Scott & Michelle Stevens was discussed. There had been a sign there and it was taken down so we will replace the sign. The consensus is that this is a drug house. Police Chief will put in on the radar and in the system to monitor.

Police chief submitted a request to purchase body armor for safety reasons. The cost will be partially reimbursed from the federal government. There is still dollars in the budget for this.

Motion: To approve the purchase of body armor at a cost of \$780.

Motion by Alderman Bratton

Second by Alderman Pierson

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

Motion carried.

A change to the police department policy for vehicle use for on-call and on-duty personnel was discussed. Chief Roberts stated there will be a waiver for spouse and child on file. Alderman Pierson wanted to see if the insurance covers for other departments to do the same thing. Do not know if it is allowed.

Motion: To approve adopting the amendment to the police department policy for vehicle use for on-call and on-duty personnel.

Motion by Alderman Campos

Second by Alderman Porter-Smith

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

Motion carried.

No public Comment.

There was no Personnel Committee business for discussion.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Motion: To go into executive session at 6:47 pm to discuss the purchase of real estate.

Motion by Alderman Pierson	Seconded by Alderman Erbes
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Yeas: Linda Porter-Smith, Herb Voss, Bill Pierson, Danny Bratton, John Erbes, Gloria Campos

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion: To come out of executive session at 6:51 pm.

Motion by Alderman Voss	Seconded by Alderman Pierson
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Yeas: Linda Porter-Smith, Herb Voss, Bill Pierson, Danny Bratton, John Erbes, Gloria Campos

Nays: None

Motion Carried

No action taken.

ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS
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Linda Porter-Smith Father Gary is asking about driveway markers at City Cemetery. Darrin indicated there are posts with a chain which separates the two cemeteries.

Herb Voss Nothing

Bill Pierson Nothing.

Danny Bratton Reminder for department heads to turn in budget figures. Sandra and Scott have set up a meeting on the 22nd to discuss budget.

John Erbes Are we having an open house for the new sewer plant?

Gloria Campos Request for sidewalk on 14th Street. Maybe we could consider for next year's budget. Harold Sheffer said IDOT doesn't care about sidewalk, it is ours. This is Olive and Maple Streets.

DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Richard Blake Nothing

Sandra Ripley Nothing

Harold Sheffer	In regard to an open house, we should get the road done first and they are working on finishing up the building.
Steve Swafford	Nothing
Chad Roberts	Nothing
Scott Evans	Nothing
Eric Kennedy	Nothing
Tim Lee	Nothing
Brain Manwaring	Nothing
Darrin Mills	Nothing
Jim Stewart	Mayor thanked Jim for work done on Welcome to Murphysboro sign.

Motion: To adjourn

Motion by Alderman Bratton

Second by Alderman Campos

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

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.