

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Alderman Pittman opened the Budget & Finance Meeting.

A part time grant writer was discussed. The council had invited Brian Hollo to attend. Mr. Hollow addressed the council. First he will need a boiler plate of information on the city to pull from for specific grants. He will wait until the city tells him what to write for. The council and mayor are to agree on the percentage rate. Mayor stated as an example if we received a one million dollars grant at 6% we would not have the dollars to pay him. Mr. Hollo said he would agree on a cap and we could allocate compensation over a period of time. Alderman Bratton stated that Mr. Hollo had done a good job when he was police chief, he was a proven leader, and can and will perform and he would give him his blessing. Alderman Pittman stated there are issues with commission based pay. Mr. Hollo stated he thinks this is the fairest way, if I get the grant I get paid. Alderman Pittman stated the issue is that if some funding agencies say we would not be qualified if we pay a grant writer on commission. Alderman Voss stated that as he sees it we would nail down an agreement and percentages, provide a list of priorities (direction from us about what we will be looking for), and that Mr. Hollo would bring back grants available. We would decide on grants and percentages. Alderman Hughes and Campos stated Mr. Hollo is flexible and agreeable. Mayor Stephens directed Mr. Hollo and Alderman Pittman to work on a grant writer contract. They should get contract to Mr. Heller to see if there is any other language we want in there, then bring it back to Mr. Hollo and council and proceed from there. Mr. Hollo stated he has started gathering the information needed regarding the city.

No public comment.

Alderman McComb opened the Building and Grounds Meeting.

Voluntary annex agreement was discussed. Mayor Stephens had a conversation with Bard Cole of the Illinois Municipal League. He will forward two or three agreements to consider.

Discussion was held regarding the roof issue with Township Building and Senior Citizens Building. Did the township now have to do the city's roof? Insurance adjustor approved for roof to be fixed from hail damage. Mr. Mulvaney was hired to fix the township roof. The adjustor didn't realize there were two buildings. Mr. Mulvaney and the adjustor didn't realize there were two owners. Attorney Heller advised the council to let our insurance company and the township insurance company to get together and work it out. \$60,900 was allowed for the city building. Attorney Heller stated that we need to get a claim to our insurance and see what they say. Mr. Mulvaney would like to meet with our insurance adjustor. Alderman Bratton stated we need to make a claim with our insurance company and let them tell us what to do. Sandra should get a hold of our insurance company and let them look at it. Mayor Stephens stated we should have our insurance company get in touch with Mr. Mulvaney to coordinate efforts. ..

proceed. Attorney Heller stated that we can rezone, that doesn't mean we own it. Mayor Stephens stated to get EPA and act on it at the next meeting.

No public comment.

Alderman Bratton opened the Public Works Committee Meeting.

Osburn Street extension update. Received correspondence from IDOT and they will allow right of way to be installed on Osburn. Construction project is something the city will have to do, IDOT only work with the city. It is a motor fuel eligible project. Estimate was \$38,000 but should be less because project is smaller. Are Bishop & Elwell still interested? Mayor said they are anxious. Alderman Bratton stated they should state their interest on their letterhead and get okay they want to do it and then attend meeting for that.

Tim Lee discussed sewer line bids. Steven Lane cannot line that sewer. We received two bids. One was for \$49,000 to burst the lines but that will not work, the other was a \$25,000 Dean Bush proposal to excavate.

Motion: To approve accepting Dean Bush bid in the amount of \$25,000 to excavate.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Campos
Yeas: Barb Hughes, Jance Curry-Witzman, Russell Brown, Herb Voss, Gary
McComb, John Erbes, Danny Bratton, Mike Bastien, Gloria Campos, W. J.
Pittman

Nays:

Motion Carried

No public comment.

Alderman Brown opened the Public Safety Committee Meeting.

Mayor Stephens stated we seem to be adding lots of fees to person who have no dollars but they are breaking law so he has mixed feelings. Alderman Bratton stated the dollars should go into the general fund. Alderman Campos asked if we do this will it help the city with our budget.

Motion: To approve the ordinance establishing a municipal bond fee.

Motion by Alderman Erbes Second by Alderman Voss
Yeas: Barb Hughes, Jance Curry-Witzman, Russell Brown, Herb Voss, John Erbes,
Mike Bastien, Gloria Campos, W. J. Pittman

Nays: Gary McComb, Danny Bratton

Motion Carried

No public comment.

Alderman Hughes opened the Personnel Committee Meeting.

There is no old or new business or public comment.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor has no items on his report but stated that Mr. Austin is with us this evening and Mayor would like to give an update on the drainage issue. Mayor Stephens met with Mr. Ruble and Mr. Biggs and he made good progress with him. If we get other easements Mr. Ruble stated we could go on the back side of his property. Mayor Stephens has prepared an agreement and Mr. Ruble is to pick it up. Mr. Ruble also stated the city could buy the land so there would be no problem for future issues.

ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Barb Hughes Feed the Team is October 20th. She will have information at the first meeting in October. Will take dollars from anyone not paid yet.

Jance Curry-Witzman Nothing

Russell Brown an elderly man tripped on chairs out now for parade. Two weeks ahead of parade is too long for chairs to be out...

Herb Voss What is parade plan?

Gary McComb He is picking up apples on Friday. Meet at Dairy Queen at 10 a.m.

John Erbes Nothing

Dan Bratton Nothing

Mike Bastien Thank mayor for wine and blues festival. It was fun and a success.

Gloria Campos Welcome my sister who is a hurricane refugee. Alderman should bring baskets for apples. 7th Street is sinking several inches. Public works is aware.

W. J. Pittman Nothing.

DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Ed Heller Nothing.

Sandra Ripley Nothing

Harold Sheffer	Nothing
Steve Swafford	City hall backup generator. Need new generator, cost approximately \$2600.
Chad Roberts	NRA grant matching funds for fence made it through.
Scott Evans	Nothing
Eric Kennedy	Nothing
Tim Lee	Do we need small tractor? No, Alderman McComb using his truck.
Darrin Mills	Nothing
Jim Stewart	Relaying information-Thanks to Shawn Stearns who donated \$100 and Tourism who donated \$250 for upgrades and changes to the Murphysboro sign.

Motion: To adjourn

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Campos

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

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.