

2017, at 4 pm with the railroad representative. Mayor wants the city attorney there. Harold Sheffer stated that he did not find in the Blankenship records anything defining our contractual relationship. Mayor Stephens stated that the council is not ready to pay for this water line. Options would be to abandon the line but then we would have two dead end lines; or tie into the other line but that is as expensive as moving the line.

Mayor Stephens stated there is an issue with Union Pacific and North 23rd Street. Ms. Tuttle stated that the railroad says the street is inside their property and that residents will have to pay \$84 per month to access their homes. There are several homes involved. Attorney Heller says if we can show we've been maintaining the road 20 years we can claim prescriptive easement.

No public comment.

Alderman Erbes opened the Community Relations Committee Meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the request for a Liquor License at 1017 North 14th Street for Mike Davis of Art of Hair. Mayor Stephens is the liquor commissioner but before he just signs off on this one he thought he should bring to council. Mike Davis addressed the council and stated that their facial room was not working out financially and he wanted to turn it into a lounge for video gaming and alcohol for his customers. There would be no extended hours, not open to the public, for customers only; not people on the street. DRAM insurance is low cost for the amount of liquor he would sell. This is for customer service only; customers would be 21 and servers would be 21. They would be open from 9 am to 8 pm, just his regular hours. This is just an extra service for his customers. Currently there are seven licenses issued. Attorney Heller stated we have Class A or Class D license only and you cannot say no to the public. This is our ordinance. Can't limit who comes and goes with an A or D license. However, beauty salon and spa licenses are a new trend; we would create a new license. Mayor Stephens inquired if this satisfies the gaming commissioner? Attorney Heller stated that he would be back at the next meeting with an ordinance that will allow this.

Alderman Campos discussed signs for 14th Street. She thought we should ask IDOT and see if we can get somewhere with that; a sign that says business district. Mayor Stephens directed her to inquire from IDOT.

No public comment.

Alderman Bastien opened the Public Improvement Committee Meeting.

Rezoning of South 17th Street (west of Logan Museum) was discussed. Mayor still in favor of rezoning. It has an EPA tag. Don't know what we rezone to. Logan Museum is interested in strip of property which is on tax sale. Property belongs to Ed Cripps.

Motion: To approve maintenance agreement for wastewater treatment plant.

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 the Ruth Lane issue was resolved per Tim Lee.

No public comment.

Alderman Brown opened the Public Safety Committee Meeting.

Discussion regarding chairs out prior to Apple Festival. Alderman Brown stated the chairs are out too early. Alderman Campos stated it is part of the Apple Festival, this issue is worse than trash. Alderman Bastien stated it is only once a year, don't see problem with it. Alderman Erbes stated people could fall on Friday. Alderman McComb inquired how we would enforce this, how to stop it and whose chairs. Alderman Brown thinks they should be allowed one week before only. Alderman Curry-Witzman stated she thinks it is pretty neat that no one steals them. She is okay with it, people are excited about the parade.

Discussion was held regarding a request for a 4-way stop at 9th and Illinois Avenue. Alderman Pittman had that issue put on the agenda. He stated there are four to five people who live close by and it is a safety issue. Don't know if doable. Alderman remember that ice was the culprit on that. Chief Roberts stated that he had checked this out and the problem is people running the east/west stop signs. Chief Roberts said that while he was talking to people about it he saw people run the stop signs. He thinks we should bear down on the stop signs and then recheck with residents to see if it was better.

No public comment.

Mayor Stephens opened the Personnel Committee Meeting.

Tanisha Jones is the new hire in the water billing department. We received 45 applications, interviewed 7 or 8 applicants and hired her. She started Monday. There is no old or new business.

No public comment.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Stephens recognized Jim Stewart for being nominated by the water pollution operators—EPA staff for the Wastewater Operator of the Year. Jim stated that it was just an honor being nominated.

Harold Sheffer gave an oil and chip update. Hope work will start in the next couple weeks. He will check on that northwest quadrant of town.

ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

- Jance Curry-Witzman Murphysboro Park District and City are hosting the 8th Annual Murphysboro Community Night Out on October 3, 2017. Who is going?
- Russell Brown Anything from Joe? Mayor was up there and saw 5 million square feet of storage space; a cave for wedding receptions. IDOT entrance and exits approved. He still plans on a hotel.
- Gary McComb We will be doing coins in straw this year at Community Night Out. He is getting straw and whatever is left he will give to Darrin for storage.
- John Erbes Nothing
- Mike Bastien Nothing
- Gloria Campos Congratulated Sandra for receiving the Leaders Among Us award
- W. J. Pittman Nothing.

DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

- Ed Heller Nothing.
- Sandra Ripley Community Night Out-we need servers for food and such. Feed the Team- accepting donations or can work please let her know.
- Harold Sheffer Nothing
- Steve Swafford Nothing.
- Chad Roberts Nothing
- Scott Evans Nothing
- Eric Kennedy Nothing
- Jim Stewart Nothing.

Motion: To adjourn

Motion by Alderman Bastien Second by Alderman McComb
Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.