

**Murphysboro City Council Meeting
April 10, 2018**

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 10th day of April, 2018. Mayor Stephens called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and invited Pastor Larry Gilbert to lead 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 Hunziker to call the roll. The roll was called with the following:

Present: Barb Hughes, Jance Curry-Witzman, Russell Brown, Gary McComb, John Erbes, Dan Bratton, Mike Bastien, Gloria Campos, W. J. Pittman.

Absent: Herb Voss.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the March 27, 2018 council meeting. All aldermen received a copy of the minutes, for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Brown

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

Motion Carried

Alderman Bratton inquired as to the bill on the bottom of page 5 – for the handheld for the water department. Also questioned what the bottom item on page 13 was for – clean-up of trees which will be reimbursed by the utility company.

Aldermen Campos inquired as to the payment on page 12 for the Oak Street Art Fair – is paid out of the tourism budget. Also the bills paid on pages 14, 15 and 16 – for the Code Enforcement remodel. Also on page 2 – replacement of items in the police department trauma packs.

Alderman Erbes asked about the website bill on page 10 – is for the overhaul of the city website, should be done in approximately 60-90 days.

Motion: To approve the accounts payable, registers #661 through April 10, 2018, accounts receivable through March 30, 2018, and payroll through March 31, 2018. All aldermen received a copy of the accounts payable, accounts receivable and payroll for their review, prior to the meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor requested consideration and approval of moving the May council meetings to May 15th and 29th due to a schedule conflict.

Motion: To move the May Council meetings to May 15th and 29th.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Brown

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

Motion Carried

Motion: To go into executive session at 6:40 pm to discuss matters related to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5) regarding potential real estate purchase.

Motion by Alderman Erbes

Second by Alderman McComb

Yeas: Alderman Hughes, Alderman Curry-Witzman, Alderman Brown, Alderman McComb, Alderman Erbes, Alderman Bratton, Alderman Bastien, Alderman Campos, Alderman Pittman

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Motion: To come out of executive session at 6:55 p.m.

Motion by Alderman Bratton

Second by Alderman Hughes

Yeas: Alderman Hughes, Alderman Curry-Witzman, Alderman Brown, Alderman McComb, Alderman Erbes, Alderman Bratton, Alderman Bastien, Alderman Campos, Alderman Pittman

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Barb Hughes Thanked Darrin for the repairs made at Shomaker Drive.

Jance Curry-Witzman Nothing

Russell Brown There are 2 houses that need boarded up.

Herb Voss Absent

Gary McComb Lot by the Daum Building, people from the Daniels building are taking their trash there. Police Chief Roberts is having a Community meeting and will address the issue then.

John Erbes Nothing

Dan Bratton Have we heard from Mr. Hollo? The Mayor has spoken to him, he will call back. Will put review of grant writing personnel on agenda. Is there still traffic control at the High School? No,

they are done and have opened 16th Street back up. Will bill the High School for the traffic control. Would the school district help with the cost of cleaning out the ditch on the north side of the Railroad tracks? The Mayor will meet with Superintendent Grode concerning the purchase of it. He has spoken to Mr. Ruble about it, he is asking quite a bit for it. Attorney Blake stated we can use eminent domain for purposes of water drainage, etc

Mike Bastien Nothing

Gloria Campos Asked Darrin about setting up fences on Steven Ln, he will need to ask Tim.

W. J. Pittman Nothing

DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Richard Blake Nothing

Sandra Ripley Nothing

Harold Sheffer Nothing

Steve Swafford Nothing

Chad Roberts Nothing

Eric Kennedy Nothing

Brian Manwaring Nothing

Darrin Mills Nothing

Leandra Bryant Nothing

Motion: To adjourn

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Bratton

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

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.