

**Murphysboro City Council Meeting  
May 14, 2013**

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013. Mayor Pro Tem Ardrey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Pastor Frye led the council in prayer. Following the invocation, Mayor Pro Tem Ardrey led the council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

City Clerk Cottonaro swore in Will Stephens as mayor and Ron Nolan as aldermen. Mayor Stephens then directed City Clerk Cottonaro to call the roll. The roll was called with the following members

**Present:** Barbara Hughes, Ron Nolan, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Danny Bratton, Sandra Bullar, Russell Brown, Gary McComb

**Absent:** Mark Costa

Mayor Stephens announced that he would have office hours on Wednesday and Thursday from 5-7 p.m.; he issued condolences to the Voss family on the loss of Pam Voss Martin; he announced that although this was traditionally the meeting to make reappointments he would be waiting for a month or two so that he could make an informed decision.

**Motion: To approve the minutes of the April 11, 2013 council meeting. All aldermen received a copy of the minutes, for their review, prior to the meeting.**

Motion by Alderman Bullar

Second by Alderman Bratton

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

**Motion Carried**



**Motion: To approve changing the May council committee meeting date from Memorial Day the 27<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, May 28, 2013.**

Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman McComb

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

**Motion Carried.**

Alderman Bullar read the minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting of April 22, 2013.

No action taken.

Alderman Bastien read the minutes of the Public Improvement meeting of April 22, 2013.

No action taken.

Alderman Pierson read the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting of April 22, 2013

Cynthia Medwedeff asked what the council was moving on. She was informed that the purchase of a sewer camera was needed to off set the ongoing expense of renting one.

**Motion: To approve the purchase of a sewer camera from Capital Supply in the amount of \$14,245.84.**

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Brown

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

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion: To table and rediscuss the issue of allowing chickens within the city limits.**

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Second by Alderman Bullar

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

**Motion Carried.**

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Stephens will draft an informational notice for publication in the Southern Illinois and Murphysboro American regarding electric aggregation.

**Motion: To approve an ordinance approving the Electric Aggregation Plan of Governance.**

Motion by Alderman Bratton Second by Alderman Ardrey

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

**Motion Carried.**



<b>DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS</b>
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Jeff Bock                      Basketball goal removed on 16<sup>th</sup> Street; On the Silkworm issue-Bob Chambers is talking to his employees and he is putting in a parking lot so the issue should be resolved. Discussed that he is applying for a grant for a new building and if received, this grant would pay 75% of cost.

Ed Heller                      No

Eric Kennedy                No

Brian Manwaring

Ron Manwaring              The North 14<sup>th</sup> Street warning siren is out of service due to maintenance.

Verdonna Otey              Welcome to Mayor Stephens and Alderman Nolan

Sandra Ripley                No

Jim Stewart                  No

Steve Swafford              Welcome

**Motion: To go into executive session at 8:00 pm to discuss matters related to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or general counsel for the public.**

Motion by Alderman Bullar	Seconded by Alderman Bratton
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Yeas: Barb Hughes, Ron Nolan, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Danny Bratton, Russell Brown, Sandi Bullar, Gary McComb

Nays: None

**Motion Carried**

**Motion: To come out of executive session at 8:35 p.m.**

Motion by Alderman Hughes	Seconded by Alderman Bullar
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Yeas: Barb Hughes, Ron Nolan, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Danny Bratton, Russell Brown, Sandi Bullar, Gary McComb

Nays: None

**Motion Carried**

Council directed Verdonna Otey and Jim Stewart to review existing applications and determine if there is anyone in the pool that they would suggest hiring in a full time position and then bring those names back to the council. If there is no viable candidate then we would advertise.

Alderman Bratton discussed the Industrial Park lots and the need for mowing; in particular the lot that Bob Chambers owns. Mayor Stephens will contact Mr. Chambers regarding this issue. It was determined that everyone should be treated the same.

**Motion: To adjourn**

Motion by Alderman Bullar

Second by Alderman Bratton

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

**Motion Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.