

**Murphysboro City Council Meeting
September 9, 2014**

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 9th day of September, 2014. Mayor Stephens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Alderman Ardrey led the council in prayer. Following the invocation, Mayor Stephens led the council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Mayor Stephens then directed Deputy City Clerk Ripley to call the roll. The roll was called with the following

Present: Barb Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Danny Bratton, Sandi Bullar

Absent: Mark Costa, Russell Brown, Gary McComb, Ron Nolan

Motion: To approve the minutes of the August 12, 2014 and August 20, 2014 council meetings. All aldermen received a copy of the minutes, for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman Bullar

Second by Alderman Ardrey

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

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register #549 and #550 through September 5, 2014, accounts receivable through August 31, 2014 and payroll through August 31, 2014. All aldermen received a copy of the accounts payable, accounts receivable and payroll for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman Bastien

Second by Alderman Bratton

Motion Carried

REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR

Property Owners from North 7th Street (Chuck Stuhrenberg, Pete Polete, Carole Spurling, Jerry Wright, Bill Todd, Randy Fricke and Dan Bost) were present to state their case for the need for improvements to North 7th Street. Pete Polete advised that the road is too narrow. The current width is 18' and there are issues with cars and semi-trucks trying to pass. Alderman Bratton agreed that in the winter the road is down to one lane. It was asked if North 7th Street is a FAU Route and if those designated funds could be used. Mayor Stephens stated that the businesses are extremely important to the City of Murphysboro and that we will discuss with our engineers any potential way with FAU Funds, Motor Fuel Funds as well as other potential grant funds that could be used to further this project.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Budget & Finance Committee meeting of August 25, 2014.

Motion: To approve paying Accounts Payable Register #548 through August 25, 2014.

Motion by Alderman Bratton

Second by Alderman Bullar

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

Motion carried.

Motion: To approve paying a \$500 retainer for a grant writer.

Motion by Alderman Bullar

Second by Alderman Bratton

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

Motion carried.

Motion: To approve the City of Murphysboro Investment Policy.

Motion by Alderman Bullar

Second by Alderman Bratton

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

Motion carried.

Community Relations Committee meeting of August 25, 2014.

Motion: To approve requiring the Apple Festival 5K Run pay the required fee of \$100.

Motion by Alderman Bratton

Second by Alderman Ardrey

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote with Alderman Bullar voting no and all others were in favor.

Motion carried.

Public Works Committee meeting of August 25, 2014

The Council discussed the request for vacating the right-of-way at 1190 North 19th Street and Attorney Blake advised that the ordinance and all related paperwork was ready. However, according to state statute, passing the ordinance requires an affirmative vote of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the council. There are not enough members present to pass

