

**Murphysboro City Council Meeting  
March 10, 2015**

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015. Mayor Stephens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Pastor Troy Humphries 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 City Clerk Cottonaro to call the roll. The roll was called with the following

**Present:** Barb Hughes, Tom Ridings, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Danny Bratton, Mark Costa, Sandi Bullar, Gary McComb

**Absent:** Russell Brown

Mayor Stephens presented a proclamation to representatives from the Murphysboro Kiwanis Club for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Kiwanis International.

**Motion: To approve the minutes of the February 10, 2015 council meeting. All aldermen received a copy of the minutes, for their review, prior to the meeting.**

Motion by Alderman Bullar

Second by Alderman Hughes

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register #572 through February 28, 2015, accounts receivable through February 28, 2015 and payroll through February 28, 2015. All aldermen received a copy of the accounts payable, accounts receivable and payroll for their review, prior to the meeting.**

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Bullar

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

**Motion Carried**

## REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR

Kathy Renfro of the Carbondale Park District gave a presentation on the Carbondale Super Splash Park. They are raising money and wanted to engage the city into this. They are offering incentives for children at the local schools. Students can win an award from Carbondale if they are good citizens, students, etc. and receive free entry into the park. Costs are going to range from \$3 to \$5 for entry. She stated if we donated from \$5,000 to \$10,000 we could secure the Carbondale Park District rate for our citizens. Issue will be referred to Public Improvement Committee.

## COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Budget and Finance Committee meeting of February 23, 2015.

**Motion: To approve paying Accounts Payable Register #569 and #570 through February 23, 2015.**

Motion by Alderman Ardrey

Second by Alderman Bullar

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

**Motion carried.**

Building and Grounds Committee meeting of February 23, 2015.

Chief Swafford stated that Ameren had come out and stated that the parking lot is an issue as well as the alley. However, we could just pull up the slack line to solve the problem and that cost is approximately \$400-\$500. Mayor Stephens directed Chief Safford to take action as necessary to rectify the problem. We will forgo the motion to purchase the cable.

Mr. Erbes of the Jackson County Board addressed the council. He supported the City of Murphysboro in supporting the granting to the property zoning change and use permit. He stated this was good for the city and county; it creates jobs and use of the building. Mayor Stephens stated the Zoning Board of Appeals will be meeting to discuss the Rehab and Care Center on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at the Davis-McCann Civic Center.

**Motion: To approve recommending to the Zoning Board of Appeals that the property zoning change and use permit be granted for the Rehab and care Center provided fencing and security systems are in place.**

Motion by Alderman Bratton

Second by Alderman McComb

Ayes: Barb Hughes, Tom Ridings, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Danny

Bratton, Mark Costa, Gary McComb

Nays: Sandra Bullar

**Motion carried.**

Community Relations Committee meeting of February 23, 2015.

**Motion: To approve the Immanuel Lutheran School 5K Run/Walk Event on May 9, 2015 High School Route.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Motion: To approve the Run To Succeed Run, Hop, or Wine 5K Run/Walk Event on June 13, 2015 Riverside Park 5K Route contingent on Riverside Park Approval**

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

**Motion carried.**

Public Improvement Committee meeting of February 23, 2015.

No action taken.

Public Works Committee meeting of February 23, 2015.

**Motion: To approve the bid of \$10,346 from Samron for South 23<sup>rd</sup> Street sidewalk project.**

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

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion: To approve the bid of \$2,970 from One Source for 15<sup>th</sup> & Walnut Street sidewalk project.**

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

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion: To approve the bid of \$8,080 from Evrard-Strang Construction for 900 North 9<sup>th</sup> Street sidewalk project.**

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

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion: To approve the bid of \$4,558 from Samron for 900 North 11<sup>th</sup> Street sidewalk project.**

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

**Motion Carried.**



The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to discuss the Rehab and Care Center has been set for Tuesday, March 24, 2015 and will be held at the Davis-McCann Civic Center. Sovereign Health president and their attorney will be at the meeting.

Tonight Cummare's will be donating 20% of their proceeds to the Jackson County Relay for Life

March 21<sup>st</sup> is St. Pat's activities; Mayor will walk in the parade and invited the alderman to walk with him.

<b>ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS</b>
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Barbara Hughes	Commended the street department during the snow storm. Commented on an article about a fireman on Chief Swafford's team. Robert Cox had set her an email regarding wanting 2 hour parking on Chestnut Street on south side of courthouse. Please discuss at committee meeting.
Tom Ridings	Nothing
Vicki Ardrey	Request Eric to bring a list of houses to be demolished. If you can bring to committee there are people who are interested in two houses on Division Street. They would like to share in cost of getting those down.
Bill Pierson	Nothing
Mike Bastien	Nothing
Danny Bratton	Both the street and water departments did a fantastic job during the snow storm.
Mark Costa	Nothing
Sandi Bullar	Commend the street department on the snow removal.
Gary McComb	He will have community service workers. Mayor Stephens thanked him for the work he does with them.

<b>DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS</b>
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Ed Heller	Nothing
Harold Sheffer	WWTP project is out for bid. April 24 is bid date.
Steve Swafford	Nothing

Brian Hollo Had first groundwork meeting last week on Icicle.  
Eric Kennedy Nothing  
Brian Manwaring The National Weather Service is doing a presentation on the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1925 tornado at the JALC  
Ron Manwaring Nothing  
Jim Stewart New generator is in at the 20<sup>th</sup> Street lift station. Samron stored the generator until the city needed it and then they took out the old one and put in the new one.

**Motion: To adjourn**

Motion by Alderman Bratton Second by Alderman Bullar

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

**Motion Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.