



Blaine Ensor inquired regarding the status of the sewer plant. Harold Sheffer indicated the project will take approximately 18 months to complete. Status of Jackson County Rehab Center-legal description of fence discussion is resolved. Now security camera question is being discussed; however, think agreement has been reached. Status of heavy garbage truck issue; is it on the agenda or dropped?

## COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Budget and Finance Committee meeting of June 22, 2015.

Alderman Bratton stated that the budget for the contingency fund is way over what was in place. This year we need to review to see if it is a good more realistic budget. Contingency funds should be higher, we are not allowing enough. We must start funding that.

**Motion: To approve paying Accounts Payable Register #586, #587, and #588 through June 22, 2015.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Motion: To approve the ordinance on IEPA Loan for WWTP regarding Sewer Reserve Fund.**

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

**Motion carried.**

Community Relations meeting of June 22, 2015

**Motion: To approve the request of the JC Home and Community Education Association for use of Smysor Plaza on 9/12/15.**

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

**Motion Carried.**

Public Improvement Committee meeting of June 22, 2015.

Alderman McComb stated that Mark Kennedy wanted this property to trade for his 20 acres; that Mark would need to set down with Eric and pick out lots he will agree to trade.

**Motion: To approve the sale of the property at 1915 Walnut Street to Rick Runge for \$2507.**

Motion by Alderman Pierson Second by Alderman Hughes  
Ayes: Barb Hughes, Mark Costa, Russell Brown, Herb Voss, Bill Pierson, Danny Bratton, John Erbes, Gloria Campos, Tom Ridings

Nays: Gary McComb,

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion: To approve to hire a dozier operator for 4-5 hours at a cost of \$400 to \$500 to push the dirt removed from the Tina Drive cave in and hauled to the storage yard.**

Motion by Alderman Bratton

Second by Alderman Pierson

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

**Motion Carried.**

Public Works Committee meeting of June 22, 2015.

Water still standing at the loading dock. Should take a photo and have lawyer write a letter. Ticket them for the standing water.

**Motion: To accept the bid from Southern Illinois Waste in the amount of \$5465.**

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Brown

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

**Motion carried.**

**Motion: To stripe the 200 block of North 7<sup>th</sup> Street.**

Motion by Alderman Costa

Second by Alderman Erbes

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

**Motion carried.**

**Motion: To approve the 2015 Oil & Chip Program in the amount of \$75,000.**

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Bratton

Ayes: Barb Hughes, Mark Costa, Russell Brown, Herb Voss, Gary McComb, Bill Pierson, Danny Bratton, John Erbes, Gloria Campos

Nays: Tom Ridings

**Motion Carried.**

Building and Grounds Committee meeting of June 22, 2015.

No action taken.

Public Safety Committee meeting of June 22, 2015.

No action taken.

Personnel Committee meeting of June 22, 2015.

No action taken.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Stephens announced the following:

The annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration at Riverside Park was a huge success. Thank you to the Murphysboro Park District and Murphysboro Fire Department for another safe event.

The Brews Brothers Tap Room block parties and Murphysboro Cruise Night continue to be very popular events. Thank you to all that volunteer to make those events happened.

More events are scheduled in the near future., i.e. Sunset Concerts, Blues Festival, Apple Festival, Barbecue Cook-off. Please help spread the word about these events as well.

The City of Murphysboro's Relay for Life team "Team Murphysboro" is seeking volunteers for the 2015/2016 Relay. Fund raisers, including the annual Golf Scramble at Hickory Ridge Golf Course, are being coordinated and more assistance is needed. Please contact Sandra Ripley or Leslie McComb at the administration building if interested in becoming a "Team Murphysboro" member.

The city website page identifying city officials needs to be updated. Therefore, new pictures will be taken at the July 27<sup>th</sup> committee meetings. Please dress accordingly.

## **ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS**

Tom Ridings Thank everybody involved in Tina Drive repair. Appreciate it.

Gloria Campos Asked Mayor Stephens if he had a charity of choice. He stated it would be the Murphysboro Food Pantry. She would like to have a Mayor Run/Walk. Mayor indicated she should put an outline together and he would help make it happen. Participants could donate a can of food. It was suggested this could be done at the BBQ Cook-Off or a football game. Could bring a can of food to the Sunset Concerts as well. Won't be here next week, she is having surgery.

John Erbes Jackson County Rehab Center is the cost \$80,000 for cameras? Attorney Heller stated nothing was said about type of camera, the city just wants three cameras at the three main entrances. Flag Day ceremony was good and the Little Egypt In Civil War exhibit is very impressive.

Danny Bratton We have grass growing up through the blacktop, bricks and gutters. Couldn't we spray the streets and clean the gutters?

Appreciate anything that can be done. Mayor stated the rain plus being short handed contributed to problem.

Bill Pierson Nothing

Gary McComb Is the mayor going to talk to Mark about the \$3,000 cash plus lots for trade or should he?

Herb Voss Thank Alderman McComb, Bratton, and Hughes for their inspiration and service and leading by example.

Russell Brown Inquired what Ameren is doing at their offices. Informed they are doing a contamination study.

Mark Costa Nothing

Barb Hughes Commend Tim, Darrin and crews on Tina Drive work. Thanked Sandra for new names and numbers for us.

<b>DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS</b>
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Ed Heller Nothing

Harold Sheffer Nothing

Steven Swafford Nothing

Brian Brewer Nothing...

Eric Kennedy Nothing

Brian Manwaring Nothing

Ron Manwaring Nothing

Darrin Mills Regarding cleaning the streets: only eight guys now, losing one next week. They are doing oil and chip program, he has two guys mowing, two guys on concrete, and a paint request from the mayor. Used to have 10 guys plus a foreman, now five guys.

Jim Stewart Nothing

**Motion: To adjourn**

Motion by Alderman Bratton

Second by Alderman Erbes

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

**Motion Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.