

**Murphysboro City Council Meeting  
October 13, 2015**

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015. Mayor Stephens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Pastor Charlie Allen 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, Mark Costa, Russell Brown, Herb Voss, Gary McComb, Bill Pierson, Danny Bratton, John Erbes, Gloria Campos, Tom Ridings

**Absent:**

**Motion: To approve the minutes of the September 8, 2015 council meeting and the October 5, 2015 special 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 called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried**

**Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register #600 and #601 through October 9, 2015, accounts receivable through October 9, 2015 and payroll through October 9, 2015. All aldermen received a copy of the accounts payable, accounts receivable and payroll for their review, prior to the meeting.**

Motion by Alderman Hughes

Second by Alderman Campos

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

**Motion Carried**



**Motion: To approve denying payment of \$11,616.71 to One Source for Lucier Street retaining wall repair.**

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Bratton

Ayes: Alderman Costa, Alderman Brown, Alderman Voss, Alderman McComb, Alderman Pierson, Alderman Bratton, Alderman Erbes, Alderman Campos, Alderman Ridings

Nays: Alderman Hughes

**Motion carried**

**Motion: To approve paying Accounts Payable Register #598 and #599 through October 5, 2015 with exception of \$11,616.71 to One Source.**

Motion by Alderman Bratton

Second by Alderman McComb

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

**Motion carried**

Community Relations meeting of October 5, 2015

Alderman Bratton raised questions that need to be answered before we commit to the BLIP internet proposal. What are they going to do for us; they had initially stated they were going to pay us a monthly fee of \$500 for use of all three towers and no where in the proposal does it say that. What happens if they go out of business or sell to another company? How many businesses do they have? How long is the contract? Alderman Bratton has reservations about them mounting equipment on our water towers. We need to address issues of this agreement. Do they have bond and liability insurance? Alderman Pierson expressed those same concerns as well as the fact that we have a franchise agreement with Media Com and what happens with that; what is their financial position, we should be able to see financial statements, and if we open this up is it to only one company or to other companies?

**Motion: To proceed with moving forward on the BLIP internet proposal pending city attorney and council review.**

Motion by Alderman Pierson

Second by Alderman Campos

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

**Motion carried.**

**Motion: To approve moving no parking to the south side of Poplar Street from 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> Street.**

Motion by Alderman Bratton

Second by Alderman McComb

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

**Motion carried.**

Public Works Committee meeting of October 5, 2015.

**Motion: To approve to walk away from our liens on the properties at 814 North Street and 1912 Edith Street.**

Motion by Alderman Pierson Second by Alderman Erbes  
Ayes: Alderman Hughes, Alderman Costa, Alderman Brown, Alderman Voss,  
Alderman Pierson, Alderman Bratton, Alderman Erbes, Alderman Campos,  
Alderman Ridings

Nays: Alderman McComb

**Motion carried.**

**Motion: To approve proceeding with the wiring for the generator at a cost of \$2,000.**

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

**Motion carried.**

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Reminder that the friends of Murphysboro Big Muddy Monster Brew Fest will be held on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at Riverside Park.

**Motion: To approve the advertising internally for position at wastewater treatment plant.**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion: To approve the ordinance proposing the approval of the Business District Plant and designating The Business District and fix a time and place for a public hearing.**

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

**Motion Carried**

Mayor Stephens opened and the council considered bids for surplus real estate property and they are as follows: 199 North 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Kyle and Amanda Tuttle-\$601.99; Lot behind 618 Illinois Avenue (0933454001), Angela Stanton-\$1500; 427 Lucier Street, Elisha and Thomas Zlotnicki-\$750; 425 Lucier Street, Elisha and Thomas Zlotnicki-\$750; 1527 Pine Street, Kimberly Cline and Clay Hanks-\$1027

**Motion: To approve accepting the following bids for surplus real estate: 199 North 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Kyle and Amanda Tuttle-\$601.99; Lot behind 618 Illinois Avenue (0933454001), Angela Stanton-\$1500; 427 Lucier Street, Elisha and Thomas Zlotnicki-\$750; 425 Lucier Street, Elisha and Thomas Zlotnicki-\$750; 1527 Pine Street, Kimberly Cline and Clay Hanks-\$1027.**

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

**Motion Carried**



John Erbes	Appreciate the work Sandra does for night out.
Danny Bratton	November 1 <sup>st</sup> deadline for SPIN to be tied to the sewer is fast approaching. What are we going to do? Alderman Voss had set up a meeting with them to discuss the issue but they did not show up for the meeting. It was determined to have Sandra send them a letter regarding the deadline. Something needs to be done.
Bill Pierson	Nothing
Gary McComb	Nothing
Herb Voss	Nothing.
Russell Brown	Nothing
Mark Costa	Nothing
Barb Hughes	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 8:02 p.m.