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**Murphysboro City Council Meeting  
January 12, 2016**

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016. Mayor Stephens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Alderman Hughes 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, Gary McComb, Bill Pierson, Danny Bratton, John Erbes, Tom Ridings

**Absent:** Gloria Campos, Herb Voss

**Motion: To approve the minutes of the December 8, 2015 council meeting and the December 28, 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 #611, #612, and #613 through January 12, 2016, accounts receivable through January 12, 2016 and payroll through January 12, 2016. 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 Bratton  
Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried**





**Motion: To approve the purchase of 603 Bridge Street from the Jackson county Tax Buyer for \$638.00.**

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Brown

Ayes: Barb Hughes, Mark Costa, Russell Brown, Gary McComb, John Erbes, Tom Riding

Nays: Bill Pierson, Danny Bratton

**Motion Carried.**

<b>ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS</b>
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Tom Ridings	Nothing
John Erbes	Appreciate the help the fireman gave in the bottoms.
Danny Bratton	Follow up with county on transit issue, we don't want to lose our taxi company. Also set up meeting with grant writers with he and Alderman Erbes.
Bill Pierson	Nothing
Gary McComb	Nothing.
Russell Brown	Nothing
Mark Costa	Nothing
Barb Hughes	What is status of Sovereign Health? Attorney Heller stated he know they have taken tittle to the property. Mayor stated they had applied for water.

<b>DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS</b>
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Ed Heller	Checking on another statute that fees may come out of. Mark Costa's suit filed today with insurance company and being moved on.
Sandra Ripley	Nothing
Bill Center	The road needing to be raised to the sewer plant has always had problems with beavers. Needed constant repair and the beavers removed.
Steven Swafford	Nothing
Brian Hollo	Nothing
Mike Jones	Nothing

Eric Kennedy	Nothing
Tim Lee	Nothing
Brian Manwaring	J.T. Blankenship to begin process to solicit bids for the new communication tower. Jim Stewart stated the money is taken out of WWTP dollars. We had ear marked it; no new dollars needed.
Ron Manwaring	Nothing
Darrin Mills	Nothing
Jim Stewart	Nothing

**Motion: To adjourn**

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Brown

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

**Motion Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.