

**Murphysboro City Council Meeting
August 9, 2016**

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 9th day of August 2016. Mayor Stephens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Father Gary Gummersheimer 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, Linda Porter-Smith, Russell Brown, Gary McComb, Bill Pierson, Danny Bratton, John Erbes, Gloria Campos

Absent: Herb Voss, Tom Ridings

Motion: To approve the minutes of the July 12, 2016 council meeting and the minutes of the July 7, 2016 and July 25, 2016 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 Bratton

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

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register #645, #647, #648 and #649 through August 9, 2016, accounts receivable through August 9, 2016 and payroll through August 9, 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 Hughes

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

Motion Carried

Alderman Bratton opened Budget & Finance Meeting.

Mayor Stephens stated that the Smysor Trust is giving the city \$25,000 in funds to be used for payment for landscaping at Smysor Park and Smysor Plaza and the Sunset Concerts. This leaves a balance of \$15,000 to be used at our discretion; however, the money cannot be spent on the comprehensive plan. Mayor Stephens inquired how Alderman Brown would like to use the funds and Alderman Brown stated he would like the money to go to the demolition fund and to decorate the two parks on holidays. He will get a breakdown of what those items will cost. Mayor would like to see the fountain brick work done. Alderman Brown will talk to the board about that.

Building and Grounds Committee Meeting of July 25, 2016.

Alderman Bratton request we instruct the Senior Citizens' that we will not pay anymore repair bills unless we are informed of the issue beforehand.

Motion: To approve paying half of the \$2281.40 Gurley & Son HVAC Inc. bill for the Senior Citizens' building.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Brown

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

Motion Carried

Alderman Brown opened the Building and Grounds Meeting.

Attorney Heller informed the council that Ameren had indicated that Richard Blake could write the contract and they will see if they can live with it. This is the franchise agreement with Ameren and it regards our equipment on their poles.

Community Relations Meeting of July 25, 2016

Motion: To approve the street closures request for the Apple Festival for September 11th through September 18th as presented.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Brown

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

Motion carried.

Motion: To approve the street closures for Brews Brothers Taproom for August 27th and November 5th.

Motion by Alderman Hughes

Second by Alderman Campos

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

Motion carried.

Alderman Bratton opened the Community Relations Committee Meeting.

Motion: To approve the ordinance to allow daily and weekly raffles.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Pierson

Alderman Bratton called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion carried.

Motion: To approve the street closures request for the BBQ Cookoff.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Erbes

Alderman Bratton called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion carried.

Alderman Bratton discussed establishing a fee for street closures. Alderman Bratton thinks we should be reimbursed for our expenses. He thinks we should charge \$50 for it. Just wanted alderman to think about it. Question was asked who to charge, groups, individuals, etc. Mayor Stephens stated he was against a fee, people should get something back from the taxes they pay.

Harold Sheffer gave an update on the Roberts Drive water drainage issue. He went over the plans from when we had the grant. 7th Street is the same issue and may help alleviate if property owners will agree.

Gary Miller of the Historic Preservation Commission addressed the council. They want to send out a solicitation letter requesting donations to establish a fund to be used for projects such as preservation education for the public, signage for the Historic District and other local landmark buildings, historic streetlights within the Historic District and future projects. This letter will go to previous and current residents of the City of Murphysboro. Since they are an arm of the city they thought they should run this by the council and get their blessing.

Motion: To approve the Historic Preservation Commission solicitation letter as presented.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Campos

Alderman Bratton called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion carried.

Mayor Stephens inquired about the 17th Street banner poles and banner placement. Both the 13th Street and 17th Street locations were for this use but we are not using the 17th Street location. Darrin Milles stated we can only use that location if the banners are of good quality, the poles that are there lean so the banners tear. The city does not have the ability to redo the poles. Mayor inquired if he could get new poles who could do the work and he was told Mike Clutts. The council gave him permission to pursue getting the new poles.

Attorney Heller informed the council regarding the establishment of a new class of liquor license. Molly Blew/Molly's Pint, LLC. wants to manufacture and sell their own beer plus sell other brands of beer gotten from a distributor. The city currently does not have a license that will permit a beer manufacturer to sell the beer of others at its

Ed Heller	Nothing
Sandra Ripley	Several questions: She is assuming we will want to walk in the Apple Festival Parade and she should order apples and who does not have a T-shirt? Only one T-shirt is needed. What about signage for trailer? Also a reminder to submit to her any items to be discussed at least a week before so she can get on the agenda.
Harold Sheffer	Nothing
Tim Legere	Thanks for the one sergeant. They are holding Interviews, 17 th is the oral test and one week later written test.
Scott Evans	Nothing
Eric Kennedy	Nothing
Tim Lee	Nothing
Brian Manwaring	Nothing
Darrin Mills	Nothing
Jim Stewart	Nothing

Motion: To adjourn

Motion by Alderman Campos

Second by Alderman McComb

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

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.