

CITY OF ASSUMPTION
Committee of the Whole Meeting
Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall by Alderperson Selena Reed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was answered by Aldermen Gary Nelsen, Kim Porter, Selena Reed, Travis Sullivan and Donny Walden. Also present were Mayor Derek Page, Acting Police Chief Seath Hubbs, Water Collector Tanya Rhoades, Water Employee Dana Owens, Treasurer Angel Palmer and City Clerk Janet Waller. Water Supt Jack Duncan arrived at 6:30 pm.

Alderperson Kandy Smith was absent.

Present in the audience were Bill Herbord, Janis Herbord, Engineer Mark Bingham from Bingham and Associates, Engineer Ron Legner from Chastain and Associates and Bob Bantner.

Public Comments:

None

Under New Business:

Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of December 17, 2024.**

Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Reed, Porter and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Smith was absent.

Engineer Mark Bingham Update on Baxmeyer Subdivision:

Engineer Mark Bingham reviewed the pay request from Burdick Heating and Plumbing for \$35,303.70.

A change order for a deduct of \$3,750.00 was due to the temporary seeding could not be completed due to the weather.

Engineer Ron Legner Update:

The Sewer Phase 2 project have been off. A sewer service crew has continued with connecting service lines. The pay request for Petersburg Plumbing for the sewer is \$152,218.77

The Water Main and Lead Service replacements continue. There will be the monthly pay request at the next council meeting. The water main request for Petersburg will be \$68,571.96 and lead is \$64,420.01.

There will be a change order to reconcile quantities.

There was a sewer contract signed in 2018 and the amounts were reviewed. Planning was \$325,000.00 and \$340,000.00 for construction. The design budget has only used \$176,500.00 and the construction part has used all the funding. There will need to be an amendment to the contract placed on the agenda for council.

The Water Treatment Plant continues to move ahead with the contractor doing shop drawings.

Streets by Darin Damery:

Aldersperson Selena Reed thanked the employees for all the plowing of the streets during the snow events.

Street Supt Darin Damery has been working with Luke Kirby at Chastain's on MFT. The plan is to do many of the roads on the west side of town this summer. The additional cost of \$3,000.00 for rock will need placed on the agenda for council.

The intersection of Leafland and Old Rt 51 will need some repairs done this summer.

Police by Chief Hubbs:

Officer Hubbs questioned if the tasers had been ordered or paid for. Also a letter will need done as well.

Advertising will also need done for an officer.

A preliminary copy of the tow ordinance was reviewed and will be on the agenda for council.

Parks by Dana Owens:

8 cameras have been installed at the concession stand and 5 cameras at the park.

Finance:

The cost for the audit will be approximately \$16,000.00 - \$20,000.00. The approval for the audit will be on the February agenda.

The MFT fund was discussed and will be on the agenda to invest some of the fund in a CD.

Handbooks will be redone. Employees can submit information for the handbooks.

Treasurer would like collector to start doing time sheets.

A resolution for the Christian County Enterprise Zone may be on the agenda for February. There will be no cost to the City of Assumption.

IDOT will be starting the J-turn this year on Leafland and Route 51.

Water by Jack Duncan:

The Leafland Liftstation Pump will cost approximately \$47,000 to \$65,000.00 to replace. Jack will work on getting a quote and it will be on the council agenda.

Wayside Farms would like water hooked up to the property and is willing to pay for everything. They would bore under the blacktop and a licensed plumber will need to make the connection. The City would maintain ownership of the meter pit. The owner would be billed 1 ½ times for the water since it outside city limits.

The committee discussed 314 W Illinois Street. There was over a 6,000 gallon leak that caused damage to the house. The water was to be shut off in October. The committee discussed ideas of work orders and will need to improve the system to prevent this from happening again. Other ideas were having the homeowner sign a shut off form. The information will be sent in to the insurance.

Other:

A suggestion was made to encourage others to go to the Trader Joe's website to encourage them opening a store in our town.

Public Comments:

The public suggested the water system be tied into Moweaqua in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Janet Waller
City Clerk

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Porter, made a **motion to approve the January 21, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Porter, Reed and Walden voting aye and 0 nays. Sullivan was absent.