

# **ASSUMPTION CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday, January 2, 2025**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Bromwell Lodge by Mayor Derek Page who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was answered by Alderpersons Gary Nelsen, Kim Porter, Travis Sullivan and Donny Walden. Also, present were Mayor Page, Attorney Stephen Hedinger, Acting Police Chief Seath Hubbs, Treasurer Angel Palmer and City Clerk Janet Waller. Alderperson Selena Reed was via remote.

Absent was Alderperson Kandy Smith.

Alderperson Reed requested to be allowed via remote due to illness. Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a motion to allow Alderperson Selena Reed via remote due to illness. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Nelsen, Sullivan and Porter voting aye and 0 nays. Alderpersons Smith was absent.

Present in the audience were Engineer Ron Legner from Chastain's & Associates, Eric Hubner, Kara Hubner from Brinkoetter Realtors, Janis Herbord, Bill Herbord, Donnie Moore, Joyce Throneburg and Lynn Zuber.

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to approve the minutes of December 4, 2024 City Council Meeting**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Porter, Reed, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays. Smith was absent.

## **Approval of Bills:**

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve the payment of the bills as they appear on the Warrant Sheets**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Reed, Porter and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays. Smith was absent.

## **Public Comments**

### **Communications from the Mayor:**

Mayor Page informed everyone to observe the snow emergency route during the upcoming Winter Storm Warning.

Officer Hubbs is interested in the Chief of Police Position after completing training in February.

The City will be advertising for a Police Officer.

### **Communications from the City Attorney:**

Attorney Hedinger will have an update on the Sarah Street house at the next meeting.

The City has received an offer on the cell tower but the City has no interest in selling.

Attorney Hedinger continues to work on the EPA notice issues.

### **Communications from the Treasurer:**

No report.

### **Communications from the Alderpersons:**

No comments.

### **Under New Business:**

Engineer Ron Legner updated the council.

The Water Treatment Plant loan documents will be accepted with all terms as previously discussed. The contractor documents were signed tonight with a Notice to Proceed. Routine pay requests are on the agenda.

Sewer Project is 78% complete. Water Project is 80% complete. Lead is 66% complete. The completion date is scheduled for June 30, 2025.

Motion to approve invoice for Sewer:

Petersburg Pay Request	\$262,468.03
Chastain Invoice 6886-60	\$9,182.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$271,650.03</b>

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Porter, made a **motion to approve the Petersburg Pay request for \$262,468.03 and Chastain pay request for \$9,182.00 for a total of \$270,650.03.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Reed, Walden, Nelsen, Sullivan and Porter voting aye and 0 nays. Smith was absent.

Motion to approve invoice for Watermain Project

Petersburg Pay Request	\$4,081.77
Chastain Invoice 7644.01-29	\$9,467.42
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,549.19</b>

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Porter, made a **motion to approve payment of total of \$13,549.19 for Petersburg Plumbing pay request of \$4,081.77 and a Chastain invoice \$9,467.42.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Nelsen, Porter, Reed and Walden voting aye and 0 nays. Smith was absent.

Motion to approve invoice for Lead Service Line Replacement Project

Petersburg Plumbing Disbursement	\$54,503.18
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Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve Petersburg Plumbing Disbursement for \$54,503.18.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Porter, Reed, Nelsen, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays. Smith was absent.

The cost of 2025 Fireworks from J&M Displays will be \$9,600.00. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve the purchase of 2025 Fireworks from J&M Displays.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Sullivan, Walden, Porter and Reed voting aye and 0 nays. Smith was absent.

The cost of mulch will be \$2,390.00 for the park. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to approve \$2,390.00 for mulch for the park.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Reed, Nelsen and Porter voting aye and 0 nays. Smith was absent.

A new door handle and strike plate will be needed to repair the Women's Bathroom door due to damage. The cost with installation will be approximately \$1,000.00. Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made the **motion to approve \$1,000.00 to replace the door handle and strike plate for the Women's bathroom door.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Wadlen, Nelsen, Reed, Sullivan and Porter voting aye and 0 nays. Smith was absent.

The cost of a continuing education course in February for Acting Police Chief will be \$1,800.00. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Reed, made a **motion to approve the cost of \$1,800.00 for continuing education.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Reed, Walden, Nelsen, Sullivan and Porter voting aye and 0 nays. Smith was absent.

Officer Hubbs explained information for costs relating to towing and impoundment of vehicles in certain criminal acts. The City Attorney will work on an ordinance for costs related to towing for further approval at the next council meeting.

The estimated cost of new video equipment for recording of meetings will be approximately \$500.00. The previous camcorder is not working. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to approve \$500.00 for the purchase of new video equipment.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Nelsen, Porter and Walden voting aye and Alderperson Reed voting nay. Smith was absent.

Preliminary ordinance 829 was presented for approval to authorize the execution of real estate brokerage agreement and sale of real estate of the Baxmeyer Subdivision lots. The council discussed and agreed to change Exhibit B to 14 days instead of 6 months. Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made the **motion to adopt Ordinance 829 with medication to Exhibit B to 14 days from 6 months.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Porter, Reed, Nelsen, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays. Smith was absent.

Preliminary resolution was presented relating to insurance allowance applicable to full time City employment positions. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to adopt Resolution 2025-1 relating to insurance allowable to full time City employment positions.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Sullivan, Walden, Porter and Reed voting aye and 0 nays. Smith was absent.

**Public Comments:**

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to adjourn at 8:22 pm.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Porter, Reed, Smith, and Walden voting aye and 0 nays. Smith was absent.

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Derek Page  
Mayor

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Janet Waller  
City Clerk

Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Porter, made a **motion to approve the January 2, 2025 City Council Minutes at the February 5, 2025 City Council Meeting.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Reed, Porter and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.