

CITY OF ASSUMPTION
Committee of the Whole Meeting
Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:15 p.m. at City Hall by Alderperson Gary Nelsen with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was answered by Aldermen Gary Nelsen, Selena Reed, Kandy Smith, Travis Sullivan and Donny Walden. Also present were Mayor Derek Page, Street Supt Darin Damery, Water Collector Tanya Rhoades, Water Employee Dana Owens and City Clerk Janet Waller.

Present in the audience was Engineer Ron Legner from Chastain and Associates, Engineer Mark Bingham of Bingham Professional Services, Bill Herbord and Janis Herbord.

Treasurer Angel Palmer and Water Supt Jack Duncan were absent.

Public Comments:

Under New Business:

Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of September 17, 2024.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Nelsen, Smith, Reed and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays. Porter was absent.

No public comments.

Engineer Ron Legner updated the committee on the Water Treatment Plant. All paperwork has been submitted to the EPA. The amended borrowing ordinance has been passed and we will wait the 30 day period. The EPA will issue a loan agreement. Once the loan agreement comes than shop drawings will be submitted and materials ordered and delivered. The approximate date will be spring 2025 for breaking ground.

A pay request for the Sewer Project for Petersburg Plumbing is \$278,603.57.

The Watermain project is all installed. Patching and seeding will need to be done. The pay request for Petersburg Plumbing is \$92,430.47.

The Lead Service Line pay request is \$86,182.57 for Petersburg Plumbing. The contractor has asked for an extension until June 20, 2025. Change order will be placed on the agenda.

Engineer Mark Bingham gave updates on the Baxmeyer Subdivision. The concrete and back filling is finished. Rock is being hauled. Ameren is scheduled to start in

approximately 2 weeks. The subdivision will be seeded and straw put down to help with erosion over the winter. A pay request for Ballinger Concrete is \$46,509.40 will be on the November agenda. The pay request for Ballinger for the dirt work is \$6,600.00. There also will be rock invoices for the agenda which are not available yet.

Mayor Page noted the interest payment is due this year for the Baxmeyer Subdivision.

Mayor Page will be speaking at the Christian County Economic Development meeting on October 17th regarding the Baxmeyer Subdivision.

Streets by Street Supt Darin Damery:

Seal coating and rocking was done on a few roads due to the Sewer/Water Projects.

The Leaf Vac program will start October 28 thru November 26, 2024. Information will be posted again with a reminder that limb pick up is completed for the year.

The road that continues from Oak Street going to the slag pile was discussed due to the dust.

A computer was bought at Best Buy for \$1,200.00.

Police:

No applicants yet for the positions open.

Advertising on the Blue Line will be \$249.00.

The matching grant for the Taser will be put on the agenda for council for \$9,411.60. Yearly payments will be made thru November 2028.

The new squad car is still being completed.

Parks by Dana Owens:

Security cameras are ordered.

Water by Dana Owens:

There was an onsite EPA inspection done today. Sampling was done at the tower and the wells.

A cross connection survey will be going out. The survey will be done every 3 years.

Finance:

The 1% sales tax was discussed. (The grocery tax that was discontinued by the governor.) Each municipality can decide if they wish to continue it. It will be

approximately \$20,000.00 of revenue. It will take effect January 2026. The committee agreed to place on the agenda for November.

The IMLRA insurance payment is due for \$50,450.92. The committee agreed to place on the agenda.

Aldersperson Nelsen checked into insurance for employees. The preliminary numbers would be \$740 - \$835.00 per person for coverage for an employee. Committee discussed possibly an increase on the stipend. The struggle may be finding full time police if there is no insurance.

Other:

Mayor Page discussed there was a food truck selling in a neighborhood. The resident next door is unhappy and requested the City address the issue. The committee discussed and didn't wish to do anything.

Public Comments:

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Smith, made a **motion to adjourn at 6:39 pm**. Motion carried with Alderspersons Nelsen, Reed, Smith, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays. Porter was absent.

Janet Waller
City Clerk