

ASSUMPTION CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

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, Selena Reed, Kandy Smith, Travis Sullivan, Donny Walden and Ross Workman. Also present were Mayor Derek Page, Attorney Stephen Hedinger, Chief of Police Brian Wade, Officer Jackson Bugg, Treasurer Angel Palmer and City Clerk Janet Waller.

Present in the audience were Julie Holthaus, Joyce Throneburg, Marilyn Ashinhurst, Bryan Deming from DC Waste, Brent and Wendy Wallace from Wallace Refuse and Dave Schaab from Waste Management.

Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Reed, made a **motion to approve the minutes of September 6, 2023 City Council Meeting**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Reed, Smith, Sullivan, Walden and Workman voting aye and 0 nays.

Approval of Bills:

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

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

None

Communications from the Mayor:

Mayor Page noted he had attended the IML Conference.

Mayor Page asked Attorney Hedinger to send a letter to the owner of a property on Sarah Street to have the trash removed and yard mowed.

Mayor Page informed the council there was \$26,500 for tree removal. Mayor Page noted he can approve the cost since it was from a disaster. The City will be sending the information into FEMA.

Mayor Page informed everyone the City may try to hold all committee meetings on 1 night for a trial in November. The purpose is trying to keep everyone informed.

Communications from the City Attorney:

Attorney Hedinger will go over information as we cover the agenda.

Communications from the Treasurer:

Nothing to report.

Communications from the Alderpersons:

Alderpersons discussed possibly changing the committee meetings to a committee of the whole.

Under New Business:

A bid for 712 E Illinois was received late. It was the only bid. Mayor Page opened the bid. The bid was for a \$1.00 and demolition of the house and removal of existing structure no later than July 30, 2024. Attorney Hedinger noted the conditions were changed from what the City had requested in the bid. The bid was for the property to be demolished in 3 months and the bid received is almost a year later. Attorney Hedinger noted we can go to plan B or accept the bid with the changes. Mayor Page choose to accept the bid. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to accept the bid for 712 E Illinois**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Smith, Workman, Nelsen, Reed and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays. Attorney Hedinger will get the proper paperwork ready to be signed.

Trick or treating hours will be October 30 and 31 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Council Member Reed, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to allow trick or treating from 5:30 to 8:00 pm on October 30 and 31**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Smith, Reed, Nelsen, Walden and Workman voting aye and 0 nays.

Trunk or Treat will be held on October 29 from 5 to 7 pm on Chestnut Street. If it is raining Trunk or Treat will be held at the Middle School. Council Member Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to allow the closure of Chestnut Street for Trunk or Treat**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Smith, Sullivan, Walden, Workman, Nelsen and Reed voting aye and 0 nays.

A TIF Resolution for Knotty Pine Bar and Grill was presented. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to approve Resolution 2023-9 for TIF for the Knotty Pine Bar and Grill**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Nelsen, Smith, Reed, Walden and Workman voting aye and 0 nays.

The council discussed the handbook changes and agreed to table until the handbooks could be reviewed. Paternity leave and the additional holidays that were approved are in the new handbooks. The council would like to table the handbooks and send the handbooks thru the committees before approving the handbooks.

The Christian County Amendments were explained by Mayor Page. Mayor Page had attended the Enterprise Zone Meetings along with Joyce Throneburg for the possible amendments. Assumption is thinking about adding 100 acres to include the subdivision to the Enterprise Zone. Mayor Page asked for a motion authorizing the letter of engagement for the amendments. Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Workman, made a **motion to authorize and direct the Mayor to sign the Letter of Engagement Memorandum for the Assumption Christian County Enterprise Zone Amendments**. Motion carried with Alderperson Workman, Reed, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Smith voted Present.

Mayor Page asked for authorization to join the Christian County Economic Board. The cost to join is \$750 for the 1st year and \$1,250 for the second year. Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Reed, made a **motion to authorize Mayor Page to join the Christian Council Economic Board for \$750 the 1st year and \$1,250 for the 2nd year**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Sullivan, Walden, Reed, Workman and Smith voting aye and 0 nays.

An ordinance was presented to allow the serving age for liquor to change from 21 years of age to 18 years of age. Council Member Workman, seconded by Reed, made a **motion for Ordinance 804 to allow the serving age for liquor to change from 21 years of to 18 years of age**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Reed, Smith, Sullivan, Workman voting aye and Nelsen and Walden voting nay.

The preliminary ordinance for the Baxmeyer Subdivision and covenant's ordinance was tabled until the ordinances could be discussed at committees in October.

A preliminary ordinance for notice and invitation for bids and accepting mortgage terms authorizing its execution was presented. Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Reed, made a **motion to approve Ordinance 805 for notice and invitation for bids and accepting mortgage terms authorizing its execution.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Smith, Reed, Walden and Workman voting aye and Nelsen voting nay.

Engineer Ron Legner gave an update on the Sanitary Sewer Project Phase 2. The pumps are in and they will be hooking working on the electrical. Work will continue on College Street.

The Watermain Replacement Project has started.

The Water Treatment Plant continues to work on operational details and a schedule will be available in the near future.

Ron Legner questioned if any Alderpersons would be interested in getting an email on the Project updates. City Clerk will get email addresses to the Engineer.

The council reviewed the following invoices from Chastain & Associates.

Motion to approve Chastain invoices:

0000046 Sewer Separation Phase 2	\$9,992.96
7644.02-10 Water System Improvements Phase 2	\$723.17
7644.01-15 Water System Improvements Phase 2	\$1,150.06
7644-39 Water Improvements – Water Plant Addition	\$15,842.71
Total Amount	\$27,708.90

Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Smith, made a **motion to approve the above invoices for Chastain and Associates for a total of \$27,708.90.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Workman, Smith, Sullivan, Reed and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

The disbursement for the Sanitary Sewer Project for Petersburg Plumbing is \$363,002.35. Council Member Reed, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to allow the disbursement for Peterburg Plumbing for the Sanitary Sewer Project Phase 2 for \$363,002.35.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Smith, Sullivan, Walden, Workman, Nelsen and Reed voting aye and 0 nays.

Mayor Page explained an ordinance for the sale of 712 E Illinois will need to be approved. Council Member Smith, seconded by Walden, made a **motion to approve Ordinance 803 for the sale of 712 E Illinois.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Smith, Workman, Nelsen, Reed and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays.

Bryan Deming from DC Waste, Brent and Wendy Wallace from Wallace Refuse and Dave Schaab from Waste Management and the council discussed during a lengthy conversation about what each company could offer the City. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Reed made a **motion to approve Wallace Refuse for a 5 year contract beginning January 2024 based on information given and subject to a contract.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Workman, Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Reed and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.

Public Comments:

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Smith, made a **motion to adjourn at 8:44 pm.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Workman, Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Reed and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.

Derek Page
Mayor

Janet Waller
City Clerk

Council Member Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a motion to approve the October 4, 2023 City Council Minutes. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, smith, Sullivan, Walden and Workman voting aye and Reed was absent.