

CITY OF ASSUMPTION
Committee of the Whole Meeting
Tuesday, November 18, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall by Alderperson Gary Nelsen who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was answered by Alderpersons Ricky Bradshaw, Gary Nelsen, Herb Palmer, Travis Sullivan and Donny Walden. Also, present were Mayor William Herbord, Police Chief Seath Hubbs, Water Supt Jack Duncan, Water Employee Dana Owens, Street Supt Darin Damery, Treasurer Angel Palmer and City Clerk Janet Waller. Alderperson Kim Porter arrived at 6:11 pm.

Present in the audience were Janis Herbord, Engineer Ron Legner from Chastain and Associates and Kara Hubner from Brinkoetter Realty.

Public Comments:

Under New Business:

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to approve the minutes of October 21, 2025**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Bradshaw, Nelsen, Palmer, Porter, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

NPDES Permit:

Reports have been done.

Engineer Update by Ron Legner:

Construction work is complete on Sanitary Sewer Phase 2. We are waiting for the contractor to provide as-build manhole elevations to finish up and will submit set plans to IEPA. They continue to work on loan close out items. Chastain is requesting an increase of \$6,000.00 due to the number of project extensions.

The Watermain and Lead Service Line Project has an additional \$45,000.00 loan contingency fund which has not been used. There are 8 more lead service lines to be replaced. It will take 2 weeks but a change order for an extension will be needed until the end of May to allow for settlement of backfill and grading and seeding.

The Water Treatment Plant parking lot is 60% complete. The metal roof is being installed. Interior walls are going up and electrical is being installed. The generator is delivered and set up. The softener tank is set. A disbursement of \$534,352.63 will be requested for the contractor. The grant period ends December 31, 2025 but a

request has been submitted to extend until September 30, 2025 to complete the construction, loan and paperwork.

Water by Jack Duncan:

The pump needs to be repaired or replaced. The cost to repair the pump is \$15,964.00 or \$18,997.00 for a new pump. The committee discussed the options and the cost of a new pump will be on the agenda for council.

There will be 8 more lead service lines replaced in the near future.

The Water Treatment Plant is going well. Equipment should be delivered by the end of February.

Water Collector update by Tanya Rhoades:

No report.

Streets by Darin Damery:

The backhoe is due for service.

2 more trees will be added to the list. (1 on Walnut and 1 on Hickory – Ash trees)

The cost for a 1993 dump truck from the Village of Moweaqua is approximately \$17,000.00.

Police by Chief Seath Hubbs:

A check will be needed by Tuesday for the purchase of the new squad vehicle. The approximate price to outfit it will be \$10,500.00.

Knotty Pine Bar & Grill gave the Police Department \$1,000.00.

The Police Department is having a toy drive for local families.

Parks by Dana Owens:

The Park bathrooms have been winterized.

Subdivision:

Kara Hubner (realtor for the subdivision) gave an update to the committee. There has been 30 people look at the subdivision. The approximate costs for property taxes will be \$7,000.00. Some people are wanting manufactured or modular homes. Kara thinks the covenants is good and informed people if they would like something changed to bring it to her to the building committee. The cost per square foot to build is \$250.00. There are 245 active lots for sale and 112 lots sold last year. Our lots are the cheapest. Building is slow now as there are home remodeling projects being done.

It was discussed about the City possibly using TIF funds to pay 1 year of property taxes if a Spec home was built.

Finance by Mayor Herbord:

A tax levy will need to be on the agenda for the December 3, 2025 Council Meeting. The committee agreed on 4.9%.

A part for the furnace at City Hall will cost \$614.00 to repair.

There will be new owners taking over Freedom Oil. The name will be Liquor and Lucky Slots, LLC.

Other:

Aldersperson Porter thanked all employees for the great job they are doing.

Health and Safety:

101 N Chestnut was discussed if there had been any updates.

213 Sarah Street was discussed if there any updates.

Ordinance 9-1-3 and 9-1-4 were reviewed. The committee discussed the health department and noted our ordinances cover condemning properties.

The committee would like an update from the attorney every month.

A tornado siren was discussed and if there was any possible funding for it.

Public Comments:

None

Aldersperson Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 7:24 pm

Janet Waller
City Clerk

Council Member Walden, seconded by Sullivan, made a **motion to approve the November 18, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting**. Motion carried with Alderspersons Nelsen, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays. Absent were Bradshaw, Palmer and Porter.

