

CITY OF ASSUMPTION
Committee of the Whole Meeting
Tuesday, November 19, 2024

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

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

Present in the audience were Felicia King, Bill Herbord and Janis Herbord.

Public Comments:

Under New Business:

Council Member Reed, seconded by Council Member Porter, made a **motion to approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of October 15, 2024.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Porter, Reed, Smith, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

2 electrical panels at the Railroad Park will need replaced for the Christmas lights. The approximate costs is \$450.00. The Assumption Community Pride will purchase 1 and the City will purchase 1.

Engineer Update:

A pay request for the Sewer Project for Petersburg Plumbing is \$570,530.17. The total value of work is just over \$5.2 million. Work continues down the alley of west St John Street between First and Second Street.

Since the Leafland pump station parcel was added more chain link fence will be needed. A manhole with a flow meter also needs added to track the total gallons going thru the new pump station pumps. A Change order will be done in the near future for the added costs of \$88,944. There will be approximately \$90,000.00 or 43% of the loan contingency remaining after the change order.

A temporary easement agreement for 308 W Illinois is still being revised to address some concerns.

Petersburg continues with service line replacements as well as disconnecting and capping old mains. Petersburg Pay request for Water Main is \$101,510.05 and \$92,500.80 for lead service line replacement.

We continue to wait on the proposed loan agreement for the Water Treatment Plant.

Water by Water Supt Jack Duncan:

Cross connection surveys will be mailed out in the near future with return postage. The approximate costs of postage will be \$900.00. They will need to be mailed every 3 years.

Water Supt continues to work on a response to the EPA evaluation.

Water Supt Duncan continues to look for other options to replace a pump. Approximate costs is \$70,000.00.

Water Supt Duncan updated committee on possible leak that may require an emergency repair near the water plant.

Supplies from Blue Book were ordered for \$1,0000.00.

Road repairs were discussed.

Streets by Street Supt Darin Damery:

Leaf vac will end Tuesday, November 26, 2024.

\$15,000 of rock for seal coat will be placed on the agenda for approval.

The concession stand bathrooms and park bathrooms will be winterized in the near future.

Police:

The new officer will be sworn in at the December council meeting. An phone will be ordered for the officer.

A call will be made to check on the status of the new squad car.

Parks by Dana Owens:

Security cameras will be installed in December.

The Committee discussed the concession stand cameras and the park cameras will be paid from the ARPA funds along with \$4,000.00 of mulch.

Finance:

The subdivision will be including panelized homes in the Baxmeyer Subdivision.

The committee discussed marketing on Zillow for the subdivision. Signs marking the lot size will cost approximately \$600 for 32 signs.

The Christmas Party will be Tuesday, December 10 at 6 pm.

There will be a presentation at the December council meeting regarding the Illinois Funds Program. Mayor Page would like the Alderpersons to possibly vote in January on if the City wishes to participate in the program.

The amount paid in stipends for employees were discussed. It was agreed to raise the stipend to \$750.00 take home amount.

Also on stipends it was discussed if the clerk is eligible for full time benefits thru the collector side. An ordinance for the collector was reviewed. Mayor Page will discuss further with the Attorney.

The cost to repair the boiler is \$354.00 plus 2 hours of labor.

The video recorder is not working. The committee discussed whether to replace or not. The VFW Auxiliary informed the committee they will be donating the money for the recorder.

The tax levy was discussed and the committee agreed on 4.5%. It will be on the December agenda.

Other:

Committee member would like to add Health and Safety to the agenda. Also discussed if the new officer could speak to the ambulance and fire chief for an evacuation plan.

Public Comments:

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Janet Waller
City Clerk

Council Member Walden, seconded by Sullivan, made the motion to approve the November 19, 2024 Committee Meeting of the Whole. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Porter, Reed, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays. Smith was absent.