

# **ASSUMPTION CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

## **Wednesday, November 2, 2022**

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

Roll call was answered by Alderpersons Sue Burgess, Gary Nelsen, Kandy Smith, Travis Sullivan and Donny Walden. Also present were Mayor Derek Page, Attorney Stephen Hedinger and Attorney Andrew Jarmer, Chief Brian Wade, Treasurer Angel Palmer, Water Employee Dana Owens and City Clerk Janet Waller.

Present in the audience was Mark Bingham from Chastain and Associates, Joyce Throneburg, Jim Wrigley, Jackson Bugg, Julie Holthaus, Tom Dooley, Kara Hubner, Mark Bingham, Mike Corzine, Cole Brownback, Dan Davis and Conner Bridgman.

Absent was Alderperson Selena Reed.

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Burgess, made a **motion to approve the minutes of October 5, 2022 Council Meeting**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Nelsen and Burgess voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Reed was absent.

### **Approval of Bills:**

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

### **Public Comments on Agenda Items:**

No comments.

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

Trunk or Treat had a great turn out.

The Christmas Lighting will be held on Saturday, November 26, 2022.

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

Attorney Steve Hedinger announced he will be replacing Attorney Greg Moredock as Greg has taken another position. Steve introduced his new associate Andrew Jarmer.

Attorney Hedinger updated the council that the final demand letter was sent to the Tent Company for the tennis court damage.

A zoning meeting will be held on November 30, 2022 for the changes to the zoning map.

The bids for 315 N St John will be opened tonight for a winning bidder and a closing will be scheduled.

The PTAX will be filed for 712 E Illinois.

326 N Poplar has not had a response yet and a direction will be needed by the council.

Attorney Hedinger gave an update on a FOIA case.

**Communications from the Treasurer:**

<b>CD #</b>			<b>Invested at</b>	<b>Term</b>
General	1212724	\$20,173.52	FNB Pana	6 month
RHG	1213217	\$15,000.00	FNB Pana	6 month

Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Nelsen made a **motion to renew general CD 1212724 for \$20,173.52 and RHG 1213217 for \$15,000.00 at Treasurer's discretion at best possible rate.** No discussion. Motion carried with Alderperson Sullivan, Burgess, Nelsen, Walden and Smith voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Reed was absent.

**Communications from the Alderpersons:**

No comments

**Under New Business:**

Joyce Throneburg gave a presentation on Grow Assumption and use of the City of Assumption TIF fund. There was a lengthy discussion on the update of the cost of Grow Assumption and the TIF Fund. The discussion lasted until 8 pm.

Mayor Page opened bids from Brett Shearer \$3,799.99, Heinemann Homes \$5,600, Angela Marsters \$5,000.00 and Normal Nicol \$2,532.00. Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to accept the bid of \$5,600 from Heinemann Homes.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Smith, Sullivan, Walden, Burgess and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Reed was absent.

Mayor Page explained this was an add since there was damage to the sidewalk. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Burgess, made a **motion to approve payment for concrete at the corner of Second and Chestnut Street for**

**\$506.00.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Walden, Smith, Burgess and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Reed was absent.

A new concrete pad was poured at the Water Plant. Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve payment for a concrete pad at the Water Plant for \$586.00.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Burgess, Smith, Sullivan, Nelsen and Walden voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Reed was absent.

The IML Risk Management invoice is \$47,375.98 yearly bill. Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve payment of the IML Risk Management invoice for \$47,375.98.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Nelsen and Burgess voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Reed was absent.

Mayor Page explained the road closure is needed for the Christmas Lighting. Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to close Chestnut Street for the Christmas Lighting on November 26 along with Oak Street in front of the Library.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Burgess, Nelsen, Smith, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Reed was absent.

A brick planter for the park will be donated to the Park except for the labor by TC Masonry. The cost of labor is \$1,800.00. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Burgess, made a **motion to approve a brick planter for the Park by TC Masonry for \$1,800.00 and supplies will be donated by TC Masonry.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Walden, Smith, Burgess and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Reed was absent.

Jim Wrigley the controller for Koehl Bros updated the council that Koehl Bros is moving their other location to Assumption. A new building will be built. They have submitted a TIF application. The council discussed and would like to offer a one time payment of \$2,500 and a payment of \$5,000.00 once a year for 3 years. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Burgess, made a **motion to approve \$2,500.00 one time up front payment and \$5,000.00 payment for 3 years for the TIF application received from 705 E Illinois (Koehl Bros).** Motion carried with Alderpersons Smith, Sullivan, Walden, Burgess and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Reed was absent.

Mayor Page asked the council to consider making the Friday after Thanksgiving a City Holiday. Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve the Friday after Thanksgiving as a City Holiday.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Burgess, Nelsen, Walden and Smith voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Reed was absent.

A sewer repair bill was submitted to the City and the Water Committee had approved to pay the bill. Council Member Burgess, seconded by Sullivan, made a **motion to**

**approve the payment of \$2,520.64 for a Sewer bill repair for 202 W Third Street.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Burgess, Smith, Sullivan, Nelsen and Walden voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Reed was absent.

Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve the cost of sewer jetting for \$2,500.00.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Nelsen and Burgess voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Reed was absent.

The Sanitary Sewer Phase 2 disbursement for Petersburg Plumbing was \$238,610.86 for Engineering. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Walden, made a **motion to approve payment for the Sanitary Sewer Phase 2 disbursement for \$238,610.86 for Engineering.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Smith, Sullivan, Walden, Burgess and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Reed was absent.

The Sanitary Sewer Phase 2 disbursement for Petersburg Plumbing was \$62,323.20. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Walden, made a **motion to approve payment for the Sanitary Sewer Phase 2 disbursement for \$62,323.20 for Petersburg Plumbing.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Smith, Sullivan, Walden, Burgess and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Reed was absent.

Mayor Page explained things have changed with the retention pond due to the insurance liability. The City will accept bids for the cleanout of the retention pond.

Mark Bingham updated the council on Sanitary Sewer Phase 2 is working with utilities. Petersburg Plumbing will be coming in to televise in the near future.

Water Phase 1 is the nitrate removal system and the City received the Operating permit for the new nitrate system. The City is still waiting on the permit for the Samuel Street watermain.

The new Water Plant is waiting for final paperwork and Congressman Rodney Davis made a visit to Assumption to announce the funding.

The Larochelle Project is finishing up with the final items.

Council Member Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Burgess, made a **motion at 8:23 pm to go into Executive Session for Personnel.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Burgess, Nelsen, Smith, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Reed was absent.

Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion at 9:03 pm to go out of Executive Session.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Nelsen and Burgess voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Reed was absent.

No action taken during Executive Session.

Council Member Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to hire Jackson Bugg at \$21.00 an hour upon completion of PTI school.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Walden, Smith, Burgess and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Reed was absent.

**Public Comments:**

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to adjourn at 9:07 pm.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Smith, Burgess, Nelsen and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Reed was absent.

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Derek Page  
Mayor

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Janet Waller  
City Clerk

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Burgess, made a motion to approve the November 2, 2022 City Council Meeting minutes. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Smith, Burgess, Nelsen, Reed and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays.