

ASSUMPTION CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

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 Sue Burgess, Joe Cochran, Gary Nelsen, Selena Reed and Kandy Smith. Also present were Mayor Derek Page, Attorney Greg Moredock, Police Chief Brian Wade, Officer PJ Zeitler, Treasurer Angel Palmer, Employee Dana Owens and City Clerk Janet Waller. Water Supt Jack Duncan arrived at 7:45 pm.

Present in the audience were Mark Bingham from Chastain & Associates, Rick Oldham, Renee Oldham, Colleen Davis from Midwest Gaming.

Absent was Alderperson Melody Stuart.

Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Cochran, made a **motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2021 City Council Meeting**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Smith, Burgess, Nelsen, Reed and Cochran voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Stuart was absent.

Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Cochran, made a **motion to approve the payment of bills on the Warrant Sheets**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Cochran, Nelsen, Burgess, Smith and Reed voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Stuart was absent.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

The public commented on the gaming fees increase that is on the agenda. The public noted it is a 900 percent increase and noted the amount of all fees that are paid to the city. Businesses are struggling due to Covid. The maximum amount allowed to charge for terminal fees were increased by the state law.

Communications from the Mayor:

Mayor Page looks forward to working with everyone in the new year.

Communications from the City Attorney:

The City has closed on the Slag Pile property.

The City continues to move forward with purchasing the Water Plant and some land near the pumpstation on Leafland.

A resolution for the video recording will be discussed tonight.

There is also an ordinance for the Enterprise Zone to be voted on tonight to extend the boundary.

Communications from the Treasurer:

Treasurer Palmer reported a hard drive was replaced on her laptop.

Communications from the Alderpersons:

Alderperson Cochran congratulated Alderperson Smith on winning the holiday light contests.

Under New Business:

Attorney Moredock went over the resolution to allow the public to view the meetings via video. The video recordings will not be edited and will be recorded by equipment owned by the City. The clerk will be responsible for uploading the recordings. The recordings will be maintained on a long term computer drive by the clerk. Council Member Reed, seconded by Council Member Burgess, made a **motion to approve the Resolution 2022-1 for video audio recording**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Burgess, Nelsen, Reed and Cochran voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Stuart was absent.

Attorney Moredock suggested amending the resolution to include all Council and committee meetings be video recorded if that is what the council is wanting. Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Reed, made a **motion to amend Resolution 2022-1 to include all meetings such as Council and committee meetings will be video audio recorded**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Smith, Burgess, Nelsen, Reed and Cochran voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Stuart was absent.

Mayor Page explained Attorney Moredock had received information about expanding the territory for the Christian County Enterprise Zone as requested by Kincaid, II. Attorney Moredock explained the request to extend the boundary of the enterprise zone by Kincaid, IL. Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Cochran, made a **motion to approve Ordinance 775 approving amendment to territory for Enterprise Zone**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Burgess, Reed, Cochran, Nelsen and Smith voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Stuart was absent.

Mayor Page explained to the council that we are getting close to purchasing land for the Water Plant and the council should vote on the land. A clause will be included in the ordinance that is the Water Plant does not move forward, the land will go back to the sellers of the land. Council Member Cochran, seconded by Council Member Burgess, made a **motion to approve Ordinance 776 purchasing land for the Water Plant**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Reed, Smith, Cochran, Burgess and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Stuart was absent.

The ordinance regarding increasing fees per video gaming terminal was tabled and will be sent back to Finance.

Mayor Page explained to the council regarding ordinance fines and no payment can result in water being shut off if no payment in 14 days. Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Cochran, made a **motion for Ordinance 778 to allow adding penalties to be added to delinquent water bills resulting in disconnection of water service**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Burgess, Nelsen, Cochran and Reed voting aye and Alderperson Smith voting nay. Alderperson Stuart was absent.

Mayor Page informed the council that a peach tree was destroyed by the Sanitary Sewer Project. Council Member Cochran, seconded by Council Member Burgess, made a **motion to purchase a Peachtree to replace the one destroyed by the Sanitary Sewer Project**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Burgess, Reed, Cochran and Smith voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Stuart was absent.

Mayor Page informed the council of the Jurisdictional Transfer of Old US Route 51 needs a final approval from the council. The transfer has been in the works for a lengthy time. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Reed, made a **motion to allow the Jurisdictional Transfer of certain areas of Old US Route 51 to the township**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Burgess, Nelsen and Reed voting aye and Alderperson Cochran voting nay. Alderperson Stuart was absent. Mayor Page voting aye.

Mayor Page informed the council that work was done on the leaf vac truck for regular maintenance. Council Member Cochran, seconded by Council Member Burgess, made a **motion to allowing payment of \$2,221.00 for maintenance for the dump truck**.

Motion carried with Alderpersons Cochran, Nelsen, Burgess, Smith and Reed voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Stuart was absent.

Mayor Page explained the salt truck is dying. The Street Supt would like to move the salt mechanism to the other truck. Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to allow the Salt Truck conversion for approximately \$4,000.00**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Reed, Smith, Cochran, Burgess and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Stuart was absent.

A copier ordered in July has been back ordered due to Covid. The council discussed if we would like to continue moving forward with the purchase of a copier. Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve the purchase of a printer/copier**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Smith, Burgess, Nelsen, Reed and Cochran voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Stuart was absent.

Water Supt Jack Duncan explained to the council all the work done for the pump repair. There may be more work needed in the future. Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Cochran, made a **motion to allow payment of Leafland Lift Station pump repair for \$17,402.18**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Burgess, Reed, Cochran, and Smith voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Stuart was absent.

Mayor Page thanked Mike Connolly for all his hard work on the previous website. Alderperson Gary Nelsen presented information to the council of the Municipal Impact Website. The cost is \$848.45. Council Member Cochran, seconded by Council Member Burgess, made a **motion to approve a new website for the City for \$848.45**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Smith, Burgess, Nelsen, Cochran and Reed voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Stuart was absent.

The council was updated by Mark Bingham from Chastain and Associates that the numbers for the Sanitary Sewer Disbursement had changed. The disbursement for Petersburg Plumbing is \$593,568.76 and engineering is \$12,346.99. The total disbursement is \$605,915.75. Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve the Sanitary Sewer Disbursement for a total of \$605,915.75 with \$593,568.76 for Petersburg Plumbing and engineering for \$12,346.99**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Burgess, Reed, Cochran and Smith voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Stuart was absent.

Mark Bingham updated the council on a change order and also a 90 day extension. An addition of \$120,255.07 was discussed. Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve a 90 day extension and an addition of \$120,255.07 change order**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Smith, Burgess, Nelsen, Reed and Cochran voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Stuart was absent.

Mark Bingham informed the council that the Larochelle Project will be able to acquire pipe for the project and it will start to move forward.

The Sanitary Sewer Project Phase 1 will need a final list of anything that needs completed so the project can be completed.

The Sanitary Sewer Project Phase 2 has submitted permits and will work with Attorney Moredock on getting the necessary paperwork for the land near the Leafland pump station.

Water Phase 1 discussed the nitrate vessels may be delivered in the near future and whether they are going in the old water plant until there is a new water plant.

Water Phase 2 permits will be submitted and testing for contamination is being done.

The council went into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Litigation. Council Member Cochran, seconded by Council Member Reed, made a **motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Litigation at 8:18 pm**.

Motion carried with Alderpersons Burgess, Cochran, Nelsen, Reed and Smith voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Stuart was absent.

Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to go back into regular council at 8:32pm**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Burgess, Cochran, Nelsen, Reed and Smith voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Stuart was absent.

No action taken.

Public Comments:

Council Member Cochran, seconded by Council Member Burgess, made a **motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Burgess, Cochran, Nelsen, Reed, Smith and Stuart voting aye and 0 nays.

Derek Page
Mayor

Janet Waller
City Clerk

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Burgess, made a **motion to approve the City Council Minutes of January 5, 2022**. Motion carried with Alderperson Reed, Smith via remote attendance, Cochran, Stuart, Burgess and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.