

ASSUMPTION CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 7, 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, Joe Cochran, Gary Nelsen, Selena Reed and Melody Stuart. Also present were Mayor Derek Page, Attorney Justin Onken, Police Chief Brian Wade, Officer PJ Zeitler, Treasurer Angel Palmer, Water Supt Jack Duncan, Employee Dana Owens and City Clerk Janet Waller. Alderperson Smith was via remote.

Present in the audience was Bob Bantner.

Mayor Page asked for a motion to allow Alderperson Smith to participate via remote. Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Stuart, made a **motion to allow Alderperson Smith to participate via remote**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Stuart, Burgess, Nelsen, Reed and Cochran voting aye and 0 nays.

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

Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve the payment of bills on the Warrant Sheets**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Stuart, Burgess, Nelsen, Reed voting aye and Cochran voting nay. Alderperson Smith voting present. Alderperson Cochran noted the Ad On's to the warrant sheets were not ready over the weekend.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

None.

Communications from the Mayor:

Mayor Page thanked all the employees for their work during the winter storm.

Mayor Page thanked the Assumption Ambulance for all they do.

Mayor Page introduced Attorney Justin Onken who is filling in for Attorney Moredock.

Communications from the City Attorney:

Attorney Onken referred the council to the Attorney Report prepared by Attorney Moredock.

Mayor Page questioned about the status of a house that needs demolished.

Communications from the Treasurer:

Treasurer Palmer reported the status of the Casey's Account.

The printer that prints checks needs to be replaced and cost is approximately \$170.00.

Mayor Page reminded the Treasurer that the governor did declare the snow storm a disaster and the City could be reimbursed for expenses related to the snow storm.

Treasurer's Report:

<u>CD #</u>			<u>Invested at</u>	<u>Term</u>
General	1212724	\$20,173.52	FNB Pana	6 month

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

Communications from the Alderpersons:

Alderperson Smith discussed the rummage sales and possibly donating the money to St Jude's.

Alderperson Burgess discussed the junk vehicles at the apartments.

Alderperson Cochran noted that his recycling has been missed and there are issues with the recycling being missed by Waste Management. The contract is up at the end of 2023.

Under New Business:

Mayor Page informed the council that the new website Cityofassumption.org is up and running. There is also a link to a you tube channel to watch all the meetings. The you tube channel is City of Assumption, IL.

Mayor Page would like to amend the liquor ordinance to allow liquor sales to start at 9 am on Sundays. Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Cochran, made a **motion for Ordinance 779 to allow alcohol sales to begin at 9 am on Sundays.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Burgess, Reed, Cochran, Smith and Stuart voting aye and 0 nays.

The audit fee for LMHN accountants is \$11,925.00. The fee has increased from last year from \$10,000.00. Council Member Cochran, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve the cost of \$11,925.00 for the audit by LMHN accountants.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Cochran, Nelsen, Burgess, Smith, Stuart and Reed voting aye and 0 nays.

The Police Department is needing to purchase some emergency equipment for the cost of \$610.00. Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Stuart, made a **motion to allow the purchase of emergency equipment cost of \$610.00.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Reed, Smith, Cochran, Stuart, Burgess and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.

Mayor Page and the council would like to sell the old squad car and accept bids for it. Mayor Page asked for a motion to allow the sale of the old squad car. Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Stuart, made a **motion to allow the sale of the 2006 squad car.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Reed, Smith, Cochran, Stuart, Burgess and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.

A quote from Hutchins Excavating for the cost of concrete for the park is \$7,500.00. Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Cochran, made a **motion to approve the cost of concrete for the park for \$7,500.00 by Hutchins Excavating.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Smith, Burgess, Nelsen, Cochran, Reed and Stuart voting aye and 0 nays.

The cost of a sign made by Fisher's Welding for the park is \$5,278.74. Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Stuart, made a **motion to approve Fisher's Welding \$5,278.74 for a sign for the park.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Reed, Smith, Cochran, Stuart, Burgess and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.

The cost of the use of the EPA lab for testing was not paid last year and will also need paid for this year. The cost is \$3,351.41 for both years. Council Member Stuart,

seconded by Council Member Burgess, made a **motion to pay \$3,351.41 for the EPA lab for 2021 and 2022**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Cochran, Burgess, Reed, Stuart, Smith and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.

The invoice from Dunn's for the asphalt was \$19,458.00. This will be paid from the MFT fund. Council Member Stuart, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve to pay \$19,458.00 for asphalt by Dunns from the MFT fund**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Smith, Stuart, Reed, Burgess and Cochran voting aye and 0 nays.

A watermain break at the water plant was repaired by Burdick Plumbing for the cost of \$2091.00. Mayor Page would like a **motion to approve payment of \$2091.00 for the repair**. Council Member Cochran, seconded by Council Member Stuart, made a motion to approve the payment of \$2091 to Burdick Plumbing. Motion carried with Alderpersons Burgess, Cochran, Nelsen, Reed, Stuart and Smith voting aye and 0 nays

The cost of fireworks for 2022 will be \$7,740.00 by J&M Displays. The council discussed the cost and the increase is 20 percent from 2021. Council Member Cochran, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve the purchase of fireworks for \$7,740.00 by J&M Displays**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Smith, Reed, Stuart, Nelsen, Cochran and Burgess voting aye and 0 nays.

Water Supt Jack Duncan discussed the consent order with the EPA. We will continue to monitor the nitrate levels.

Mayor Page reminded the council to make a punch list for anything that needs addressed from the Sanitary Sewer Project Phase 1.

Water Supt Jack Duncan updated the council that the core samples have been sent in on the land for the water plant and there is no results yet.

Water Plant Phase 2 is still on schedule and hopefully will be awarded in the near future.

The Larochelle Project should be starting near the end of February or in March 2022.

Water Supt Jack Duncan discussed 515 E Samuel regarding an issue with a water leak between the foundation to the meter pit. The leak has gotten much worse. There are meters in the area that need to be moved. The approximate cost is \$3,000.00 if we hire it out. The work can be done by the employees for \$600.00 and it would get him a new service and it would be a solution. The council agreed to have Water Supt Jack Duncan move forward fixing the issue in house.

Water Supt Jack Duncan explained GSI is working on beautification. There was a lengthy discussion about the drains and retention pond.

Mayor Page asked the council to go into Closed Session for 2c(21) for review of closed session minutes. Council Member Cochran, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to go into closed session at 7:54 pm to review of closed session minutes 2c(21)**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Cochran, Nelsen, Burgess, Smith, Stuart and Reed voting aye and 0 nays.

Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Stuart, made a **motion to go back into regular session at 8:04 pm**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Burgess, Cochran, Nelsen, Reed, Smith, and Stuart voting aye and 0 nays.

No action taken.

Public Comments:

None

Council Member Cochran, seconded by Council Member Burgess, made a **motion to adjourn at 8:05 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 Smith, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a motion to approve the City Council Minutes of February 2, 2022. Motion carried with Alderpersons Cochran, Reed, Nelsen, Burgess, Smith and Stuart voting aye and 0 nays.