

ASSUMPTION CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, March 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, Selena Reed, Kandy Smith and Melody Stuart. Alderperson Joe Cochran was via remote. Also present were Mayor Derek Page, Attorney Gregory Moredock, Treasurer Angel Palmer, Water Supt Jack Duncan, Employee Dana Owens and City Clerk Janet Waller.

Present in the audience was Mark Bingham from Chastain and Associates, Bob Bantner, Mike Creamer, Liana Havryliuk, Alex Creamer and Joyce Throneburg

Mayor Page asked for a motion to allow Alderperson Cochran

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

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

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

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

None

Communications from the Mayor:

Mayor Page thanked Alderperson Stuart for being on the council.

Letters were mailed out to residents for junk and abandoned vehicles.

Mayor Page encouraged a spring cleanup and getting trash picked up around the City.

Mayor Page informed the council that the Water Supt truck needs new tires and a fuse fixed.

Mayor Page updated the council regarding 112 N Locust and they are working on getting this house torn down.

Communications from the City Attorney:

Attorney Moredock will be attending a meeting on March 17th for funding for the senior citizens.

Attorney Moredock updated the council on the FOIA requests. There has been no movement on this issue.

An update on the Taylor and Roemer properties will be in court in the near future before we can move forward.

Attorney Moredock continues to work on the consent order regarding the nitrates and the water plant.

Communications from the Treasurer:

Treasurer Palmer will be gone from April 1 to April 4, 2022. She will have everything done up to March 31st and will complete the rest upon her return.

Communications from the Alderpersons:

Alderperson Smith questioned where the meeting on March 17 will be held.

She also questioned if there is a date for dumpsters yet. No date has been scheduled yet.

Under New Business:

The first bid opened was from Emergency Remarketing for \$668.18, John Broux for \$2000.00, and Pete Zeitler, II for \$1,000.00. Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Cochran, made a **motion to accept the bid for \$2,000.00 from John Broux for the 2006 squad car.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Burgess, Stuart, Nelsen, Reed, Cochran and Smith voting aye and 0 nays.

Mayor Page asked the council to approve payment of the well lease for our water for \$2,200.00. Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Stuart, made a **motion to approve payment of \$2,200 for the Garwood Lease.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Smith, Reed, Burgess, Nelsen, Cochran and Stuart.

Mayor Page has reviewed the closed session minutes and would like to release them from 2006 thru 2021. Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Burgess, made a **motion to release the closed session minutes from 2006 thru 2021.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Burgess, Reed, Smith, Cochran and Stuart.

The council discussed the sidewalk bid for 215 Sarah Street and 111, 113 and 115 Chestnut. Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Reed, made a **motion to approve R&B Peters for concrete sidewalks at 215 Sarah Street for \$2,800 and 111, 113, 115 Chestnut for \$5,500.00.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Burgess, Reed, Cochran, Smith and Stuart voting aye and 0 nays.

Mayor Page would like to use the TIF funds for 111, 113 and 115 N Chestnut. Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve payment of \$5,500.00 from the TIF Fund for concrete sidewalk at 111, 113, 115 Chestnut.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Burgess, Reed, Cochran, Smith and Stuart voting aye and 0 nays.

The council discussed the quotes for Rehab to Well 10 and 11. There was a late bid that came in after the Water Committee Meeting. The council will rebid the quotes thru the Water Committee on March 15, 2022. Council agreed to table the bids for tonight.

The council discussed issues regarding the drainage at Sloan's and GSI. Mark Bingham from Chastain and Associates updated the council on the storm sewer is overloaded and will be addressed. The retention pond will need to be cleaned out and look at that specific storm sewer and its operation.

Mark updated the council on the Sanitary Sewer Project Phase 1. There will be a final walk thru in the near future.

Sanitary Sewer Phase 2 has had the paperwork turned in and needs some final paperwork regarding the Leafland Pump Station.

Water Phase 1 for the vessels to be delivered and if they will go in the old plant or if the new plant is approved.

Water Phase 2 has had the paperwork for the permits turned in and will take 60 days to turn around and hopefully bidding will take place in the near future.

The Larochelle Project will begin in mid March.

Aldersperson Smith discussed rummage sales and possibly making it a fundraiser for St Jude's.

Public Comments:

Members of the audience discussed the current issues going on in Ukraine. It was suggested of changing lights to yellow and blue to show support.

Joyce Throneburg from the ACPA wanted to let everyone know there is French Heritage days for September 17th and is also a farmer's market day. There will be a walk and French food and would encourage businesses to participate.

Joyce also talked about Grow Assumption and is working on economic development using the TIF district. Joyce would like to see if the TIF Associates could do a presentation for the council.

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Stuart, made a **motion to adjourn at 7:53 pm**. Motion carried with Alderspersons Burgess, Cochran, Nelsen, Reed, Smith and Stuart voting aye and 0 nays.

Derek Page
Mayor

Janet Waller
City Clerk

Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2022 City Council Meeting. Motion carried with Alderspersons Reed, Burgess, Cochran, Smith and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.