

# **ASSUMPTION CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, April 5, 2023**

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, Gary Nelsen, Selena Reed, Kandy Smith, Travis Sullivan and Donny Walden. Also present were Mayor Derek Page, Attorney Stephen Hedinger, Treasurer Angel Palmer, Employee Dana Owens and City Clerk Janet Waller.

Present in the audience was Stephanie Brown from Chastain and Associates, Felicia King from Golden Prairie News, Joyce Throneburg, John Holthaus, Julie Holthaus, Rob Bridgman, Lynn Zuber, Gary Shuck, Supt. Dee Ann Heck from Central A&M School, Moweaqua Policer Chief Chris Hale, Tom Dooley, Mike Corzine from the First National Bank of Assumption, and Ross Workman. Moweaqua Mayor Shawn Conlin arrived at 7:10 pm.

Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve the minutes of March 1, 2023 Council Meeting**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Reed, Nelsen and Burgess voting aye and 0 nays.

## **Approval of Bills:**

Council Member Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Burgess, **made a motion to approve payment of bills as they appear on the warrant sheets**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Burgess, Nelsen, Reed, Smith, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

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

No comments on agenda items.

## **Communications from the Mayor:**

Mayor Page thanked the employees for the clean up after the storm.

Mayor Page thanked everyone for voting in the election on Tuesday, April 4, 2023.

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

The attorney will update as the council goes over the agenda.

## **Communications from the Treasurer:**

No comments.

## **Communications from the Alderpersons:**

Alderperson requested an update on the daycare at the church. The daycare has applied for a grant.

## **Under New Business:**

Moweaqua Police Chief Chris Hale along with Supt Dee Ann Heck from Central A&M School would like the City of Assumption to pay a part of the salary for a full-time school resource officer. Moweaqua and the school will also be paying a part of the salary. The council would like to discuss it further before making any decisions. Mayor Conlin, Chief Hale and Supt Dee Ann Heck left after the discussion.

Mayor Page presented a Congratulatory Resolution for Sue Burgess and thanked her for her time as Alderperson. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to approve Congratulatory Resolution 2023-3 for Sue Burgess**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Reed and Nelsen.

Summer Recreation would like the City to reimburse supplies for the 2023 program. Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve reimbursement for supplies for Summer Recreation not to exceed \$500.00**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Burgess, Nelsen, Reed, Smith, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

Treasurer Angel Palmer reminded the council of April 29<sup>th</sup> Conner Rowcliff Clean Up Day. They would like to build a deck at the park for the children to play on. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Burgess, made a **motion to approve material for a deck at the Park for \$500.00**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Reed, Nelsen and Burgess voting aye and 0 nays.

The cost of mosquito spray for the summer is \$1,400.00. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Burgess, made a **motion to approve the purchase of mosquito spray for \$1,400.00**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Burgess, Nelsen, Reed, Smith, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

The City would like to put a walking path to Dollar General and will need to have an area surveyed. Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve \$1,000.00 for a fee to survey a pathway to Dollar General**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Reed, Nelsen and Burgess voting aye and 0 nays.

The cost of a door for the street shed is \$5,900.00. Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve the purchase of a 14x12 door for the street shed for \$5,900.00**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Burgess, Nelsen, Reed, Smith, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

Employee Dana Owens explained there is a special mulch needed for the park. The cost of the mulch is \$2,340.00. Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve the purchase of mulch for the Park for \$2340.00**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Reed, Nelsen and Burgess voting aye and 0 nays.

Mayor Page explained there is a state law making it illegal for grass clippings to be in the street. Attorney Hedinger explained there will be ordinance violations also. Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve Ordinance 792 Littering in Street**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Burgess, Nelsen, Reed, Smith, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

A new set of tires is needed for the Water Supt truck. The cost is approximately \$1,200.00. Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve the purchase of tires for the Water Supt truck for \$1,200.00**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Nelsen and Burgess voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Reed abstained.

Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve to amend the contract with Chastain and Associates for Lead Service Phase 1**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Burgess, Nelsen, Reed, Smith, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

The contract for Chastain and Associates will be amended for \$15,000.00 which will be covered by the IEPA loan. Council Member Reed, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve the execution of the TIF Amendment contract**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Reed, and Nelsen voting aye and Burgess voting nay.

A feasibility resolution for TIF was presented. Council Member Reed, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve the adoption of the Resolution 2023-4, a Feasibility Resolution for TTF**. Motion carried with Alderpersons voting Nelsen, Reed, Smith, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and Burgess voting nay.

An ordinance for the adoption of an ordinance for establishing interested parties registry and rules for TIF was presented. Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to approve Ordinance 793 for the Adoption of Ordinance Establishing Interested Parties Registry and Rules (TIF)**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Reed, Nelsen and Burgess voting aye and 0 nays.

The council reviewed the TIF Feasibility study and there were no comments.

Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Reed, made a **motion to place the Feasibility Study on file at City Hall for public review for a period of at least 10 days, as well as send the study to all affected taxing districts in accordance with the requirements of the TIF Act**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Reed, Nelsen voting aye and Burgess voting nay. The Feasibility study will be placed on file for 10 days and published in the paper.

Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve Resolution 2023-5 Adoption of Redevelopment Project Inducement Resolution**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Reed, Smith, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and Burgess voting nay.

The disbursement for Sanitary Sewer for Petersburg Plumbing is \$82,507.50. Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to approve Sanitary Sewer Disbursement for \$82,507.50 for Petersburg Plumbing**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Reed, Nelsen and Burgess voting aye and 0 nays.

The engineering invoice for Sanitary Sewer Phase 2 is \$6,335.72. Council Member Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Burgess, made a **motion to approve \$6,335.72 for Sanitary Sewer Phase 2 engineering invoice 6886**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Burgess, Nelsen, Reed, Smith, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

The engineering invoice for Water Phase 1 is \$4,858.38. Council Member Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to approve \$4,858.38 for Water Phase 1 for engineering invoice 6963**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Reed, Nelsen and Burgess voting aye and 0 nays.

The engineering invoice for Water Phase 2 is \$3,343.00. Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to approve \$3,343.00 for Water Phase 2 (WTP) for engineering invoice 7644**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Burgess, Nelsen, Reed, Smith, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

The engineering invoice for Water Phase 2 watermains is \$11,647.70. Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve \$11,647.70 for engineering invoice 7644.01 for Water Phase 2 watermains**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Reed, Nelsen and Burgess voting aye and 0 nays.

There will be bid opening for Water Phase 2 on April 25 at 2:00 pm.

The engineering invoice for Water Phase 2 lead service is \$2,552.80. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Burgess, made a **motion to approve \$2,552.80 for engineering invoice 7644.01 for Water Phase 2 lead service**. Motion carried with

Alderspersons Burgess, Nelsen, Reed, Smith, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

The engineering invoice for street maintenance is \$1,205.58. Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve \$1,205.58 for engineering invoice 8527 for street maintenance**. Motion carried with Alderspersons Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Reed, Nelsen and Burgess voting aye and 0 nays.

Mayor Page asked the council to make a motion to go into Executive Session for land acquisition and imminent litigation. Mayor Page asked John and Julie Holthaus and also Mike Corzine from the First National Bank of Assumption to stay for the Executive Session. Council Member Walden, seconded by Sullivan, made a **motion to go into Executive Session for potential land acquisition and imminent litigation at 7:43 pm**. Motion carried with Alderspersons Burgess, Nelsen, Reed, Smith, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Burgess, made a **motion to go into regular session at 8:20 pm**. Motion carried with Alderspersons Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Reed, Nelsen and Burgess voting aye and 0 nays.

No action taken.

**Public Comments:**

No comments.

Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to adjourn at 8:21 pm**. Motion carried with Alderspersons Burgess, Nelsen, Reed, Smith, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

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Janet Waller  
City Clerk

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Burgess, made a **motion to approve the City Council Minutes of May 3, 2023**. Motion carried with Alderspersons Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Reed, Nelsen and Burgess voting aye and 0 nays.