

ASSUMPTION CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

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 Matt Hunter, Gary Nelsen, Kim Porter, Selena Reed, Travis Sullivan and Donny Walden. Also, present were Mayor Page, Attorney Stephen Hedinger, Police Chief Seath Hubbs, Treasurer Angel Palmer and City Clerk Janet Waller.

Present in the audience were Engineer Ron Legner from Chastain's & Associates, Janis Herbord, Bill Herbord, Pat Weger, Michelle Winans, Betty Reed, Herb Palmer, Lynn Zuber and Mark Bingham from Bingham Professional Services.

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve the minutes of March 5, 2025 City Council Meeting**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Reed, Porter, Nelsen and Hunter voting aye and 0 nays.

Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made the **motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2025**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Hunter, Nelsen, Porter, Reed, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

Approval of Bills:

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

Public Comments:

A member of the public wanted to know why we are changing the animal control ordinance from what it is now.

A member of the public read a letter of concerns regarding the animal shelter. The member does not want a shelter in the neighborhood.

Communications from the Mayor:

Mayor Page congratulated Ricky Bradshaw and Herbie Palmer on their wins for Alderperson. He also congratulated the next Mayor. The May 7th council meeting will swear in the new members.

Mayor Page wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Mayor Page thanked everyone for his support over the last 8 years. He plans on still being involved in the community.

The City has been trying to reach the owner of 101 N Chestnut and will have the attorney follow up on it.

Communications from the City Attorney:

Attorney Hedinger will follow up on 101 N Chestnut with the next steps the City will need to do.

Communications from the Treasurer:

Treasurer Palmer would like a resolution to the phone system as there seems to be some issues. Mayor Page will follow up with CTI.

Communications from the Alderpersons:

Aldersperson Porter thanked Aldersperson Reed and Derek Page for giving their community their time.

Under New Business:

Engineer Ron Legner updated the council on the Sewer Project. They continue to finish the sewer mains and hooking up services to residents. The project is a little over 85% complete.

The Water Treatment Plant Project are currently processing shop drawings and submittals now. The disbursement is for 5% of the project. They have been working on the foundations and site work.

They continue to look for other lead services to complete the Lead Service project.

Engineer Ron Legner explained the change order for the Water Project. The change order will be to change the substantial completion date to the same date of June 30, 2025 for the whole project. Then 6 months from the end of project the City will start making payments on the project.

Landscaping is in the work for the next couple of months and will be completed by June 30, 2025.

An issue was noted on a culvert that has collapsed from work on the project. The location is Samuel Street near apartments.

Another issue will be given to the Engineer after the meeting.

Motion to approve invoice for Sewer:

Petersburg Pay Disbursement	\$105,320.70
Chastain Invoice	\$17,118.74
Total	\$122,439.44

Council Member Walden, seconded by Sullivan, made a **motion to approve the Petersburg disbursement for \$105,320.70 and Chastain pay request for \$17,118.74 for a total of \$122,439.44.** Motion carried with Alderspersons Sullivan, Porter, Reed, Walden, Hunter and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.

Motion to approve Sewer Change Order 8 to add a manhole to an alley. **\$654.00**

Council Member Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Porter, made a **motion to approve the Sewer Change Order 8 for \$654.00 for an addition to the project.** Motion carried with Alderspersons Walden, Nelsen, Reed, Sullivan, Porter and Hunter voting aye and 0 nays.

Motion to approve invoice for Water Treatment Plant:

Burdick Plumbing Disbursement	\$183,668.40
Chastain Invoice	\$13,396.02
Total	\$197,064.42

Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve the Burdick Plumbing Disbursement for \$183,668.40 and Chastain invoice for \$13,396.02 for a total of \$197,064.42.** Motion carried with Alderspersons Reed, Porter, Sullivan, Nelsen, Walden and Hunter voting aye and 0 nays.

Council Member Reed, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to approve the change order for the Water Project to change the substantial completion date to June 30, 2025.** Motion carried with Alderspersons Hunter, Porter, Nelsen, Reed, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

There is no change to the Chastain’s contract for the Water Project.

A resolution for the Illinois America 250th Anniversary was presented. Council Member Reed, made a **motion to approve Resolution 2025-3 for the Illinois America 250th Anniversary**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Porter, Nelsen, Reed, Sullivan, Walden and Hunter voting aye and 0 nays.

Assumption Farmer's Market would like to use Chestnut Street in June, July, August and October. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to approve the closure of Chestnut Street for the Assumption Farmer's Market during June, July, August and October**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Reed, Porter, Sullivan, Nelsen, Walden and Hunter voting aye and 0 nays.

The council discussed the dangerous building at 101 N Chestnut Street and putting up barricades due to the roof collapsing. Mayor Page will have the Street Supt place barricades around 101 N Chestnut. They also discussed possibly hiring a structural engineer.

Assumption Fest has asked the City for a contribution due to increase in prices. Council Member Reed, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve \$2,000.00 to the Assumption Fest**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Porter, Reed, Walden, Hunter and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.

The payment is due for the Garwood Lease for \$2,200.00 for our wells. Council Member Walden seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve \$2,200 for the Garwood Lease**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Nelsen, Reed, Sullivan, Porter and Hunter voting aye and 0 nays.

Attorney Hedinger explained the 1% Sales Tax that was done last fall. Assumption had a previous referendum for a 1% Sales Tax. Illinois Department of Revenue sent the City a letter notifying the November one was not amended to keep up with the one in the code. Attorney Hedinger divided it up into 2 ordinances. 1 for IDOR reauthorizing the 1% sales tax and 1 changing the code book for what is in the code.

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to approve Ordinance 831 for Non-Home Rule Municipal Retailer's Occupation Tax and Non-Home Rule Municipal Service Occupation Tax**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Hunter, Walden, Porter, Reed and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays.

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Reed, made a **motion to approve Ordinance 832 amending Sections 3-1-1 and 3-1-2 of the City Code relating to Service Occupation and Retailers Occupation Tax**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Reed, Sullivan, Walden and Hunter voting aye and Porter voting nays.

A new lease for a printer for the Water Collector was presented. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to approve a 5 year lease for a copier for the Water Collector**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Hunter, Porter, Nelsen, Reed, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

The cost for equipment for the new Police Officer will be \$2,000.00. Council Member Walden, seconded by Reed, made a **motion to approve \$2,000.00 for the new Police Officer**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Porter, Reed, Walden, Hunter and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.

Applications for summer help have been received. The council would like to hire 2 summer helpers at minimum wage. Council Member Reed, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to hire 2 summer workers at minimum wage**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Nelsen, Reed, Sullivan, Porter and Hunter voting aye and 0 nays.

We are still looking for applicants for Summer Recreation. This will be on the May agenda if we receive applications.

The cost of additional rock for the streets will be \$10,000.00. Council Member Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to approve \$10,000 for rock**.

Motion carried with Alderpersons Reed, Porter, Sullivan, Nelsen, Walden and Hunter voting aye and 0 nays.

The cost of a rain gauge and overflow meter is \$9,850.00. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made the **motion to approve \$9,850.00 for a rain gauge and overflow meter.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Hunter, Walden, Porter, Reed and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays.

Engineer Mark Bingham explained the rock had settled at the Baxmeyer Subdivision. The cost of hauling and leveling rock for the Baxmeyer Subdivision is \$2,880.00. Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Reed, made a **motion to approve \$2,880.00 for hauling and leveling of rock for the Baxmeyer Subdivision.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Porter, Nelsen, Reed, Sullivan, Walden and Hunter voting aye and 0 nays.

Mayor Page and Attorney Hedinger explained the provision for regarding legal representation in the employee handbooks. The handbooks list when and where the changes were made. Council Member Reed, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve the legal representation provision in the handbook.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Porter, Reed, Walden, Hunter and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.

The tow ordinance was presented. Under 6-8-5 B-2 it still has listed the Committee of the Whole Meeting for the time of hearing. This sentence will need to be taken out and replaced with the City Council Meeting with a hearing officer consisting of the City Attorney along with the City Council. Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made the **motion to approve to amend Ordinance 833 under 6-8-5 B 2 put in City Council hearing officer consisting of the City Attorney along with the City Council and take out the Committee of the Whole Meeting.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Nelsen, Hunter, Reed, Sullivan voting aye and Porter voting nay.

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to approve Ordinance 833 as amended for the Tow Ordinance.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Reed, Sullivan, Hunter and Walden voting aye and Porter voting nay.

The preliminary animal control ordinance was presented. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Porter, made a **motion to approve Ordinance 834 to amend Animal Control code provisions.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Hunter, Nelsen, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and Porter and Reed voting nay.

Mark Bingham gave an update on the Baxmeyer Subdivision. Oil and chip will be done this year along with cleanup where the electric and gas was installed. The light bills are being reviewed and an update will be given later.

Public Comments:

The public thanked Mayor Page for all he does for moving the community forward.

Another member of the public would like an issue from the Sewer Project addressed.

Another member questioned on the limit of number of animals and who will be enforcing the issue.

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to adjourn at 8:29 pm.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Reed, Porter, Sullivan, Hunter and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

Council Member Walden, seconded by Sullivan, made a **motion to approve the minutes of April 2, 2025**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Hunter, Nelsen, Porter, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Reed was absent.