

# **ASSUMPTION CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, May 3, 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 were Felicia King from the Golden Prairie News, Marilyn Ashinurst, Engineer Ron Legner from Chastain and Associates, Mike Corzine from the First National Bank of Assumption, John Holthaus, Julie Holthaus and Joyce Throneburg.

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Burgess, made a **motion to approve the minutes of April 5, 2023 City 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 Nelsen, **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 everyone for their help in Conner Rowcliff Clean Up Day.

The J-turn is being designed for the Rt 51 and Leafland intersection.

Letters will be sent out for residents who need to mow. Letters will also be sent out to residents who illegally burn.

Mayor Page thanked Water Supt Jack Duncan for being on stand by during the power outage.

Mayor Page congratulated Jackson Bugg on his graduation from the Police Training Institute.

The VFW will be putting on a Memorial Day Program and everyone is encouraged to attend.

The Waste Management contract is up December 31, 2023 and the City will be looking at other options for trash and recycling pick up and to also see if any other company is interested in servicing the City.

Mayor Page thanked Sue Burgess for her service to the City.

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

The Shehadeh case has been dismissed.

**Communications from the Treasurer:**

No comments.

**Communications from the Alderpersons:**

No comments.

**Under New Business:**

Attorney Stephen Hedinger swore in Mayor Derek Page, Treasurer Angel Palmer, Alderpersons: Gary Nelsen, Kandy Smith, Travis Sullivan, Donny Walden and Ross Workman.

Mayor Derek Page explained the Civility Pledge recommended by the Illinois Municipal League. Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, **made the motion to approve the Civility Pledge.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Reed, Nelsen and Workman voting aye and 0 nays.

The 2023-2024 tentative budget was presented. Mayor Page explained that fireworks had been cut from the budget but the council added the fireworks back in and cut the travel budget instead which included the IML conference and the Christmas Party. Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve the tentative 2023-2024 budget.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Reed, Smith, Sullivan, Walden and Workman voting aye and 0 nays.

<u>CD #</u>			<u>Invested at</u>	<u>Term</u>
General	16464	\$200,000.00	FNB Assumption	6 month

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to renew General CD 16464 for \$200,000.00 at Treasurer’s discretion at best possible rate.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Reed, Smith, Sullivan, Walden, Workman and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.

<u>CD #</u>			<u>Invested at</u>	<u>Term</u>
RHG	1213217	\$15,000.00	FNB Pana	6 month

Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Nelsen made a **motion to renew general RHG 1213217 for \$15,000.00 at Treasurer’s discretion at best possible rate.** No discussion. Motion carried with Alderpersons Smith, Sullivan, Walden, Workman, Nelsen and Reed voting aye and 0 nays.

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

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden 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 Sullivan, Walden, Workman, Nelsen, Reed and Smith voting aye and 0 nays.

Mayor Page asked the council to appoint Herbie Palmer to the Zoning Board since Ross Workman was elected to the City Council and the Zoning Board had a vacancy. Council Member Workman, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to appoint Herbie Palmer to the Zoning Board.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Workman, Nelsen, Reed, Smith and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays.

Mayor Page explained the school resource officer contract and ordinance. The resource officer will be located at the Central A&M Bond/Middle school in Assumption. Moweaqua will have their own officer at the Central A&M High School. Attorney Stephen Hedinger reviewed the contract with the council. The City of Assumption will be in charge of the officer and will be billing the school as the school has agreed to pay for half the salary and benefits. The school board meets on May 15, 2023. Once the

school approves the contract, the search for an officer will begin and the council will vote in July to hire a school resource officer. Council Member Reed, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve the School Resource Officer contract and Ordinance 794 authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with Central A&M School for public safety services**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Reed, Nelsen, Workman, Smith, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

The TIF District Redevelopment Plan was reviewed. It was brought to the attention of the council that the map had all the land in it of John Holthaus and there should be part of it in the TIF map. The council agreed to table the redevelopment plan and the ordinance fixing a time and a place for the public hearing in with proposed amendments to the redevelopment plan for the project area until the map was corrected. The ordinance authorizing execution of option agreement for purchase of property was also tabled.

The council reviewed an invoice for the repair of a pump. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to approve payment of \$2,928.50 for the repair to Vandalia Electric Motor Service**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Walden, Reed, Nelsen, Workman and Smith voting aye and 0 nays.

The approximate cost to cap a watermain near the Illinois Street park entrance and fill with rock and sand is \$1,000.00. Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve \$1,000.00 for the repair and cap a watermain near the Illinois Street Park entrance**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Reed, Nelsen, Workman, Smith and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays.

Engineer Ron Legner explained to the council that the winning bid for the Watermain and Lead Service Project was \$2,244,146.00 from Petersburg Plumbing. Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve a notice of intent to award the project for the Watermain and Lead Service to Petersburg Plumbing for \$2,244,146.00**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Reed, Nelsen, Workman, Smith, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

The Sanitary Sewer Disbursement for Phase 2 for Petersburg Plumbing is \$18,918.00. Council Member Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Workman, made a **motion to approve the disbursement for Sanitary Sewer Phase 2 to Petersburg Plumbing for \$18,918.00**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Workman, Smith, Sullivan, Walden and Reed voting aye and 0 nays.

Sanitary Sewer Phase 2 Engineering invoice 06886 is \$3,404.11. Council Member Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made the **motion to approve Invoice 06886 for \$3,404.11 for Sanitary Sewer Phase 2**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Workman, Smith, Sullivan, Walden, Reed and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.

Water Phase 1 engineering invoice 06963 is for \$3,328.90. Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve Water Phase 1 engineering invoice 06963 for \$3,328.90**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Smith, Sullivan, Walden, Reed, Nelsen and Workman voting aye and 0 nays.

Engineering invoice 07644.00 is \$1,635.21 for the Water Plant Project. Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve Invoice 07644 for \$1,635.21 for the Water Plant Project**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Walden, Reed, Nelsen, Workman and Smith voting aye and 0 nays.

Engineering invoice 07644.01 is \$13,638.80 for Water Phase 2 Watermain Replacement. Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve invoice 07644.01 for \$13,638.80 for Water Phase 2 Watermain Replacement**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Reed, Nelsen, Workman, Smith and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays.

Engineering invoice 076644.02 is \$7,877.46 for Lead Service Line Replacement. Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Reed, made a **motion to approve payment for invoice 076644.02 for \$7,877.46 for Lead Service Line Replacement**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Reed, Nelsen, Workman, Smith, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

Engineering invoice 08493 is for \$448.00 for Advisory services. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Walden, made the **motion to approve payment for invoice 08493 for \$448.00 for Advisory services**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Workman, Smith, Sullivan, Walden and Reed voting aye and 0 nays.

An engineering invoice 08331 for \$713.96 is for street maintenance. Council Member Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Workman, made a **motion to approve invoice 08331 for \$713.96 for street maintenance**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Workman, Smith, Sullivan, Walden, Reed and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.

Mayor Page asked the council to go into Executive Session for Personnel. Council Member Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to go into Executive Session at 8:23 pm for Personnel**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Reed, Smith, Sullivan, Walden and Workman voting aye and 0 nays.

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to go back into regular Council session at 8:36 pm**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Workman, Smith, Sullivan, Walden and Reed voting aye and 0 nays.

Council Member Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to approve a 6 percent raise for Police Chief Wade which is \$4,000.00 a year**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Smith, Sullivan, Walden, Reed, Nelsen and Workman voting aye and 0 nays.

Council Member Workman, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve a \$.50 cent raise for Officer Bugg for completing the Police Training Institute with the new rate of pay is \$21.50 an hour**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Walden, Reed, Nelsen, Workman and Smith voting aye and 0 nays.

Council Member Reed, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve a raise for animal control from \$20.00 to \$30.00 per animal for Animal Control Officer Dana Owens**. Mayor Page asked for clarity if it was the same animal being picked up on some instances. Mayor Page noted a fine should be done if it is the same animal being picked up. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Reed, Nelsen, Workman, Smith and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays.

#### **Public Comments:**

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Reed, made a **motion to adjourn at 8:43 pm**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Reed, Nelsen, Workman, Smith and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays.

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Derek Page  
Mayor

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Janet Waller  
City Clerk

Council Member Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a motion to approve the City Council Minutes of May 5, 2023 at the City Council Meeting June 7, 2023. Motion carried with Alderpersons Workman, Walden, Sullivan, Reed and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Smith was absent.