

ASSUMPTION CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, June 7, 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 Gary Nelsen, Selena Reed, Travis Sullivan, Donny Walden and Ross Workman. Also present were Mayor Derek Page, Attorney Stephen Hedinger, Water Collector Tanya Rhoades and City Clerk Janet Waller.

Present in the audience were Engineer Matt Foster from Chastain and Associates, Joe Mink, Kay Clutter, Jerit Medler, Cindy Medler, Shana Sloan and Rhonda McClain.

Absent was Alderperson Kandy Smith.

Council Member Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve the minutes of May 3, 2023 City Council Meeting**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Workman, Walden, Sullivan, Reed and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Smith was absent.

Approval of Bills:

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

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

The public addressed the possibility of an ordinance for fences around pools and questioned the need for more rules and regulations. Other would like to hear about the ordinance and comment later.

Communications from the Mayor:

Mayor Page thanked everyone for their help on clean up day.

The County Highway on Leafland will be closing as needed to allow work on the Leafland Lift Station.

The City has sent out 10 letters for garbage and mowing violations.

Communications from the City Attorney:

Attorney Hedinger continues to work on the title for 712 E Illinois.

326 N Poplar has a judgement and tax lien on the property. Attorney Hedinger informed the council it might be cheaper to pay the lien's then attorney and legal fees.

Communications from the Treasurer:

Treasurer was absent.

Communications from the Alderpersons:

No comments.

Under New Business:

The Final Budget Ordinance for 2023-2024 was reviewed by the council. Council Member Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve the Final Budget Ordinance Number 795 for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Reed, Nelsen and Workman voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Smith was absent.

Mayor Page would like to appoint Dan Davis to the Zoning Board to fill the vacancy since Jane Brackett resigned from the Zoning Board after many years. Council Member Reed, seconded by Workman, made a **motion to appoint Dan Davis to the Zoning Board**. Motion carried with Alderperson Sullivan, Workman, Reed, Walden and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays. Alderman Smith was absent.

4 applications have been received for summer workers. The City is also working on getting the older City vehicle working for the summer workers to use also. Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Workman, made a **motion to hire all 4 applicants for the summer**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Workman, Reed, Walden, and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Smith was absent.

A resolution was reviewed by the council approving a 3 percent raise for Police Officers, School Resource Officer, Police Chief, Water Supt, Street Supt, Water Collector, Custodian and Collector yearly. The resolution allows the pay raise annually unless and until modified through further action of the council. Council Member Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Workman, made a **motion to approve Resolution 2023-6 for annual 3% pay raise for all employees (Police Officers, School Resource Officer, Police Chief, Water Supt, Street Supt, Water Collector, Custodian and Collector)**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Nelsen, Workman and Reed voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Smith was absent.

The council reviewed the TIF redevelopment packet. Attorney Hedinger noted an annexation will be done for the proposed property and should be on the agenda next month.

The council reviewed an ordinance fixing a time and place for a public hearing in connection with proposed amendments to the redevelopment plan for redevelopment project area of the City of Assumption, Christian County, Illinois, and related matters. Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Workman, made a **motion to approve Ordinance 796 fixing a time and place for a public hearing in connection with proposed amendments to the redevelopment plan for redevelopment project area of the City of Assumption, Christian County, Illinois, and related matters**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Reed, Workman, Sullivan, Nelsen and Walden voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Smith was absent.

The quote for a 2015 Ford Police Interceptor with 98,187 miles for \$7,800.00 was reviewed by council for the School Resource Officer. The public questioned why the need for a squad car when the officer will be stationed at the school the entire time and we already have 2 squad cars for officers. Council Member Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Workman, made a **motion to approve the purchase of the 2015 Ford Police Interceptor for \$7,800.00**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Nelsen, Workman, Sullivan and Reed voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Smith was absent.

The cost of training at the Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center for the new officer was \$7,610.00. The City should be getting reimbursed from the State of Illinois for the cost of training. Council Member Reed, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve the cost of the training for \$7,610.00 to the Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Reed, Sullivan, Walden and Workman voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Smith was absent.

The approximate cost of payment for the park benches from the recycled bottled caps will be \$2,000.00. Council Member Reed, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve the approximate cost of park benches for \$2,000.00**. Motion

carried with Alderpersons Reed, Workman, Sullivan, Nelsen and Walden. Alderperson Smith was absent.

A pool ordinance was presented and the council agreed to discuss at Finance in June and place on the July council agenda. Attorney Hedinger reviewed the ordinance and noted the consumer safety board analysis of the dangers of pools and small children. The Zoning or a building code ordinance are 2 possible ways to move forward with an ordinance. The City could impose a \$25.00 fee for a pool and 1 year to be complaint with a fence. It would be up to the council to determine if kiddie pools and hot tubs would be included. Automatic covers are another option but has its own issues too. The public questioned about state laws and new construction and noted the cost issue which a year isn't feasible due to the cost. Comments from the public also included they would like to leave it alone as there have been pools around for years. 4 foot pools maybe required to have a ladder removed.

A quote received from Illinois Meter for completion of the Samuel Street Watermain was \$7,700.00. Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve the quote from Illinois Meter for completion of the Samuel Street Watermain for \$7,700.00 using ARPA funds.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Workman, Walden, Sullivan, Reed and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Smith was absent.

The cost of supplies for the Samuel Street Watermain will be approximately \$3,000.00. Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve payment for supplies for the Samuel Street Watermain for \$3,000.00 using ARPA funds.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Workman, Walden, Sullivan, Reed and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Smith was absent.

An ordinance to approve a truck purchase for the Water Dept at best quote possible for the needs of the department was presented. A quote was received from Leach Wilson for a 2024 Silverado HD extended cab with a service bed for \$58,793.00. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to adopt Ordinance 797 as presented with best possible quote possible for the needs of the department.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Reed, Nelsen, Walden and Workman voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Smith was absent.

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Workman, made a **motion to amend Ordinance 797 for a suitable pickup truck with a service bed no more than \$60,000.00 plus the cost of municipal plates.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Workman, Nelsen, Reed and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays.

The council reviewed the following invoices.

0000043 Sewer Separation Phase 2	\$4,911.28
0000053 Water Improvements Phase 1 EPA Loan	\$81.00
7644.01-12 Water System Improvements Phase 2	\$3,773.05
7644.02-07 Water System Improvements Phase 2	\$2,270.65
7644-36 Water Improvements – Water Plant Addition	\$7,902.51
8493-04 Advisory Services	\$518.40
Total Amount	\$19,456.89

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Walden, made a **motion to approve payment of the above invoices for Chastain and Associates.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Reed, Workman and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Smith was absent.

A change order for a time extension for the Sanitary Sewer Phase 2 was presented for an extension to October 31, 2024. Council Member Walden, seconded by Nelsen, made a **motion to approve the change order extension to October 31, 2024 for Sanitary Sewer Phase 2.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Nelsen, Workman, Walden and Reed voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Smith was absent.

The Sanitary Sewer Disbursement for Petersburg Plumbing was \$158,936.13. Council Member Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Workman, made a **motion to approve the Sanitary Sewer Disbursement for Petersburg Plumbing for \$158,936.14**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Reed, Nelsen, Walden, Workman and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Smith was absent.

Engineer Matt Foster updated the Leafland lift station continues work with supplies being delivered.

The grant has been awarded for the Water Treatment Plant. A bid package will be done soon.

The IEPA has sent us a violation notice and a response is due by June 26th.

Public Comments:

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Workman, made a **motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Workman, Walden, Sullivan, Reed and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Kandy Smith was absent.

Derek Page
Mayor

Janet Waller
City Clerk

Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to approve the June 7, 2023 City Council Minutes**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Reed, Smith, Sullivan, Walden and Workman voting aye and 0 nays.