

ASSUMPTION CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, June 5, 2024

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

Present in the audience were Marilyn Ashinhurst, Mark Ashinhurst, Katrina Ashinhurst, Felicia King, Earl Simmons, Jill Simmons, Donna Ohl, Curt Corzine, Dawna Corzine, Jackie Morrison, Kari Medler, Mike Medler, Ben Manley, Matt Bridgman, Matt Bugg, Crystal Bugg, Alex Stringer, Waylon Lawrence, Colon Lawrence, Everett Fear, Jennifer Fear, Ryan Dailey, Kim Porter, Julie Holthaus and Engineer Ron Legner from Chastain's & Associates

Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve the minutes of May 1, 2024 City Council Meeting**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Reed and Nelsen aye and 0 nays.

Approval of Bills:

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

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

A member of the audience voiced his disappointment with the zoning board and the council regarding the recent ordinance on the Solar Farm setback of ½ mile from city limits. There are many concerns regarding the farmland and allowing public utilities on the land.

Several members of the audience commented on the multiple complaints from a resident regarding barking dogs. Members of the audience would like something done about the resident and asked the council to do something about the issue. The audience members noted the dogs are not the problem and suggested the resident is harassing them and their dogs.

A member of the audience was here to get an update from the council on the status of a ditch and who is responsible.

Communications from the Mayor:

The IDOT meeting will be held from 4 to 6 pm at the Middle School on June 6, 2024. The public is encouraged to attend regarding Rt 51 and Leafland.

Summer Recreation has started at the Park.

Mayor Page reminded the public 4 wheelers are not allowed in town.

There have been letters mailed regarding junk vehicles and yards that need mowed.

Mayor Page thanked the Assumption Fest Committee for all the hardwork and great Fest.

Communications from the City Attorney:

Attorney Hedinger will go over things as they are on the agenda as needed.

Communications from the Treasurer:

Treasurer Palmer reminded everyone June 29 is the St Jude's Poker Run.

Communications from the Alderpersons:

None

Under New Business:

Mayor Page announced he would like to appoint Kim Porter to fill the Alderperson position in Ward 3 upon approval from the council to fill the vacancy. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Reed, made the **motion to vote and consent for Alderperson Ward 3.** Motion carried with Alderperson Smith, Walden, Sullivan, Reed and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.

Attorney Stephen Hedinger swore in Kim Porter.

The Assumption Ambulance gave a demonstration on the Lucas Device that was purchased using the TIF Funds.

Engineer Ron Legner gave an update on the Watermain Project. The crew continues to work on hooking up services.

The Water Treatment Plant bid was received from Burdick for \$4,922,466.45 million. The total contract with alternates to concrete pavement in lieu of asphalt and a cummins generator in lieu of base bid model for a total of \$4,918,066.50.

Engineer Ron Legner informed the council that the EPA just announced Monday there will be 80% forgiveness for the 2025 Fiscal Year. The council discussed whether they wanted to bypass the funding for 50% in favor of the 80% forgiveness for 2025 Fiscal Year and the council would like to wait for the 80% forgiveness.

The EPA did a 5 year projection plan and the City will need more revenue in the Water Department. The council will need to discuss if there will be a big increase or smaller increases on the water bills.

The Water Treatment Plant loan will be a 20 year loan at 1% interest rate. Ron went over the approximate loan payments for the projects.

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Reed, made the **motion of intent to award the bid from Burdick Heating and Plumbing for \$4,922,466.45 for the Water Treatment Plant.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Smith, Walden, Sullivan, Reed, Nelsen and Porter voting aye and 0 nays.

Engineer Ron Legner discussed the engineering contract modification is not EPA loan eligible and they will be billing separately.

The following disbursement was presented.

Motion to approve Sanitary Sewer Project

Petersburg Pay Request	\$260,990.62
Loan Disbursement	\$271,264.27
Total	\$532,254.89

Council Member Walden, seconded by Nelsen, made a **motion to approve the Petersburg Pay request for \$260,990.62 and loan disbursement for \$271,264.27 for a total of \$532,254.89.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Reed, Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Porter and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.

Motion to approve Lead Service Project

Petersburg Pay Request	\$36,792.95
Loan Disbursement	\$37,616.78
Total	\$74,409.73

Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve payment of a total of \$36,792.95 for Petersburg Plumbing pay request of**

\$37,616.78 and a loan disbursement of \$74,409.73. Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Nelsen, Porter, Smith, Reed and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

Motion to approve Non-Lead Watermain Project

Petersburg Pay Request	\$99,461.92
Loan Disbursement	\$106,139.95
Total	\$205,601.87

Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made the **motion to approve a payment to Petersburg Plumbing pay request of \$99,461.92 and \$106,139.95 loan disbursement for a total of \$205,601.87.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Reed, Smith, Porter, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

Motion to approve Chastain invoices:

6886-54 Sewer Separation Phase 2	\$9,978.70
7644.01-23 Water Improvements design & construction	\$10,288.25
7644.02-15 Professional Services	\$688.25
7644-47 Water Improvements – Water Plant Addition	\$8,565.86
Total Amount	\$29,521.06

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made the **motion to approve a total payment of \$29,521.06 for the above listed invoices.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Reed, Smith, Porter, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

Mayor Page gave an overview of the final budget ordinance and thanked Attorney Hedinger for all his help on the ordinance. Council Member Reed, seconded by Council Member Smith, made a **motion to approve Ordinance 819 Final Budget Fiscal Year 2024-2025.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Reed and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays. Porter abstained.

The cost to repair a watermain at Maple and Elder Street will be \$1,500.00. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Walden, made a **motion to approve the \$1,500.00 to repair the Watermain at Maple and Elder Street.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Nelsen, Smith, Porter, Reed and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

The Street department needs a new computer and printer. The approximate costs will be \$2,000.00. Council Member Reed, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve the purchase of a new computer and printer for the Street Department at the approximate costs of \$2,000.00.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Reed, Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Porter and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.

An ordinance for \$45,000.00 for a new 2023 Dodge Durango Pursuit for the Police Department was presented. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made the **motion to approve Ordinance 820 for the purchase of a new 2023 Dodge Durango Pursuit for the Police Department.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Smith, Walden, Sullivan, Reed, Nelsen and Porter voting aye and 0 nays.

The Casey William's Foundation is having a fundraiser at 1905 Brewing Company on June 22, 2024 and would like to close Chestnut Street during the fundraiser. Council Member Reed, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made the **motion to approve the street closure on Chestnut Street on June 22, 2024 for the Casey William's Foundation Fundraiser.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Reed Smith, Porter, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

The council discussed ordinance 5-4-15 regarding barking dogs and harassment at length with the public. Animal Control wants to be notified before anything is done by the council. The public would like something done about the issue.

Public Comments:

Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to adjourn at 8:57 pm.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Porter, Reed, Smith, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

Derek Page
Mayor

Janet Waller
City Clerk

Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Porter, made a **motion to approve the City Council Minutes of June 5, 2024**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Reed, Porter and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.