

# **ASSUMPTION CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, June 4, 2025**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Bromwell Lodge by Mayor William Herbord who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was answered by Alderpersons Ricky Bradshaw Jr, Gary Nelsen, Herbert Palmer, Kim Porter, Travis Sullivan and Donny Walden. Also, present were Mayor William Herbord, Attorney Stephen Hedinger, Police Chief Seath Hubbs, Employee Dana Owens, Treasurer Angel Palmer and City Clerk Janet Waller.

Present in the audience were Engineer Daniel Luca from Chastain's & Associates, Reg Ankrom, Janis Herbord, Joe Mink, Lynn Zuber, Donna Ohl, Crystal Lindsay, Dalton Burgess, Julie Holthaus and John Holthaus.

Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve the minutes of May 7, 2025 City Council Meeting with an amended name Ben Washington aka Ben Thompson**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Bradshaw, Nelsen, Palmer, Porter, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

## **Approval of Bills:**

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

## **Public Comments:**

A member of the public informed the council about the tall weeds in the creek and also concerned about the condition of the creek.

The Assumption Fire Department has a quote for a tower and a siren that belongs to the City. The tower had received damage from the storm.

## **Communications from the Mayor:**

Mayor Herbord thanked the employees with their help with dumpster days.

Mayor Herbord also thanked the Police Department.

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

Attorney Hedinger noted he read the COW minutes regarding the costs of attorney fees and is on board with working with us for protocols to help save costs.

## **Communications from the Treasurer:**

Nothing to report.

## **Communications from the Alderpersons**

No comments.

## **Under New Business:**

Reg Ankrom the consultant from Simec Energy updated the council on the electric rates. Reg answered questions and is available for questions anytime. The option for the electrical aggregation was on the ballot in 2013 and was approved.

Engineer Daniel Luca from Chastain's gave an update on the following:

The Sewer project is coming to a close but had a delay on a utility line. They are asking for an extension due to the move of utilities and also for final cleanup and pavement restoration.

The Lead Service line is working on balancing the contingency and not go over budget and coming to a close.

The Water Treatment Plant is moving along and starting the electrical work.

Motion to approve invoice for Sewer:

Petersburg Pay Disbursement	\$120,929.86
Chastain Invoice	\$11,840.52
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$132,770.38</b>

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Walden, made a **motion to approve the Petersburg disbursement for \$120,929.86 and Chastain pay request for \$11,840.52 for a total of \$132,770.38.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Nelsen, Porter, Bradshaw, Walden and Palmer voting aye and 0 nays.

A sewer change order was discussed. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to approve the sewer change order for \$36.28.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Bradshaw, Walden, Porter, Palmer and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays.

Motion to approve invoice for Water Treatment Plant:

Burdick Plumbing Disbursement	\$167,201.73
Chastain Invoice	\$33,994.33
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$201,196.06</b>

Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve \$167,201.73 for Burdick Plumbing and \$33,994.33 for Chastain for a total of \$201,196.06.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Porter, Walden, Palmer, Sullivan, Bradshaw and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.

Motion to approve invoice for Water Lead Service Line:

Petersburg Plumbing Disbursement	\$48,262.89
Chastain Invoice	\$872.36
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$49,135.25</b>

Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, made a **motion to approve the Peterburg Plumbing Disbursement for \$48,262.89 and Chastain Invoice for \$872.36 for a total of \$49,135.25.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Palmer, Bradshaw, Nelsen, Porter, Walden and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays.

A change order for Water Lead Service was discussed. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to approve \$3,879.14 for the Water Lead Service change order.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Bradshaw, Nelsen, Palmer, Porter, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

A time extension has been requested for the Sewer Project to September 30, 2025. Council Member Walden, seconded by Bradshaw, made the **motion to approve the time extension to September 30, 2025 for the Sewer Project.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Porter, Palmer, Nelsen and Bradshaw voting aye and 0 nays.

A time extension has also been requested for the Watermain Project to September 30, 2025. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made the **motion to approve the time extension to September 30, 2025 for the Watermain Project.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Nelsen, Porter, Bradshaw, Walden and Palmer voting aye and 0 nays.

The final budget preliminary ordinance was reviewed by the Council Members. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Porter, made **the motion to approve Ordinance 836 Final Budget Fiscal Year 2025-2026.** Motion carried with

Alderspersons Porter, Walden, Palmer, Sullivan, Bradshaw and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.

The cost for sidewalks on Chestnut Street will be \$18,000.00. It was questioned why the City doesn't get sealed bids for the concrete work and the response was the contractor gives the best rate and it is under a certain amount. The treasurer noted we should be getting a certificate of insurance from the contractors and the City should be listed as an additional insured. Council Member Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Palmer, made a **motion to approve \$18,000.00 for sidewalks.** Motion carried with Alderspersons Palmer, Bradshaw, Nelsen, Porter, Walden and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays.

The cost for tree removal will be \$8,000.00. The Street Supt has a list of the trees. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Porter, made the **motion to approve \$8,000.00 for tree removal.** Motion carried with Alderspersons Bradshaw, Nelsen, Palmer, Porter, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

Mayor Herbord would like to hire Jamie Rowcliff for the Animal Control Position. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Palmer, made a **motion to hire Jamie Rowcliff for the Animal Control Position.** Motion carried with Alderspersons Walden, Sullivan, Porter, Palmer, Nelsen and Bradshaw voting aye and 0 nays.

A preliminary golf cart ordinance was presented for the change of the golf cart stickers. Council Member Walden made a motion but no second. It was questioned about changing the hours and the ordinance was tabled.

The council discussed the Baxmeyer Subdivision regarding the mowing. The council also discussed more marketing to help sell the lots.

#### **Public Comments:**

No comments.

Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Palmer, made a **motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm.** Motion carried with Alderspersons Bradshaw, Nelsen, Palmer, Porter, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

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Bill Herbord  
Mayor

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Janet Waller  
City Clerk

Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Palmer, made the **motion to approve the June 4, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes.** Motion carried with Alderspersons Bradshaw, Nelsen, Palmer, Porter and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays. Walden was absent.