

# **ASSUMPTION CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, July 3, 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, Kim Porter, Selena Reed, Kandy Smith, Travis Sullivan and Donny Walden. Also, present were Mayor Derek Page, Attorney Andrew Jarmer, Police Chief Brian Wade, Treasurer Angel Palmer, Employee Dana Owens and City Clerk Janet Waller.

Present in the audience were Marilyn Ashinhurst, Katrina Ashinhurst, Felicia King, Donna Ohl, Waylon Lawrence, Colon Lawrence, Everett Fear, Jennifer Fear and Engineer Ron Legner from Chastain's & Associates.

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

## **Approval of Bills:**

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

## **Public Comments on Agenda Items:**

Members of the audience questioned and commented if the council was going to do anything on the issue from last month's meeting regarding the person that had an issue with dogs barking.

A member of the audience would like to know when the tree that fell on her dad's property than belongs to the Bond building will be cleaned up.

## **Communications from the Mayor:**

Mayor wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Fireworks are still on and will be announced on facebook if rescheduled.

There was a good turnout for the IDOT meeting.

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

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

## **Communications from the Treasurer:**

Nothing to report.

## **Communications from the Alderpersons:**

None

## **Under New Business:**

Accountant Adam Mathias from Lively, Mathias & Hooper reviewed the 2023-2024 audit. A single audit was also done. Copies of the audit are available for review.

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Reed, made a **motion to approve the 2023-2024 audit**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Nelsen, Smith, Porter, Reed and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

Motion to approve invoice for Sanitary Sewer Project

Petersburg Pay Request	\$222,938.72
Loan Disbursement	\$12,421.13
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$235,359.85</b>

Council Member Walden, seconded by Smith, made a **motion to approve the Petersburg Pay request for \$222,938.72 and loan disbursement for \$12,421.13 for a total of \$235,359.85.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Reed, Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Porter and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.

Motion to approve invoice for Watermain

Petersburg Pay Request	\$63,176.94
Loan Disbursement	\$8,110.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$71,286.94</b>

Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve payment of a total of \$71,286.94 for Petersburg Plumbing pay request of \$63,176.94 and a loan disbursement of \$8,110.00.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Smith, Walden, Sullivan, Reed, Nelsen and Porter voting aye and 0 nays.

Motion to approve invoice for Service Line Replacement

Petersburg Pay Request	\$98,274.79
Loan Disbursement	\$3,404.31
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$101,679.10</b>

Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made the **motion to approve a payment to Petersburg Plumbing pay request of \$98,274.79 and \$3,404.31 loan disbursement for a total of \$101,679.10.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Porter, Reed, Nelsen, Sullivan, Smith and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

Motion to approve for Water Plant Addition:

7644-48 Water Improvements – Water Plant Addition	\$17,617.11
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$17,617.11</b>

Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made the **motion to approve a total payment of \$17,617.11 for the above listed invoices.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Reed, Smith, Nelsen, Porter and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays.

The IML Conference will be held September 19 thru 21, 2024 in Chicago. Mayor Page will be attending and would like 2 others to attend the conference. Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Porter, made the **motion to approve the IML Conference September 19 thru 21, 2024.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Smith, Porter, Nelsen, Reed, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

The Assumption Community Pride Association would like to use the football field on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 for a circus. Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Reed, made a **motion to approve the use of the football field on Wednesday, August 14, 2024.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Nelsen, Smith, Porter, Reed and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

Tires for the 2017 Police Squad will cost \$850.00. Council Member Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to approve the purchase of tires for \$850.00 for the 2017 Police Squad.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Smith, Walden, Porter and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays. Reed abstained.

Attorney Andrew Jarmer informed the council on the information regarding the Little George Creek Bed. Attorney Jarmer reviewed the Illinois Drainage Code and noted the Little George Creek Bed is in the jurisdiction of the City. The City could do something to fix the creek bed with the approval from the resident. Attorney Jarmer or Attorney Hedinger will contact the Drainage District to discuss the creek bed and the City's jurisdiction. An update will be at the next council meeting.

The Sanitary Sewer Project is a little over 50% complete.

The Watermain Project is about 36% complete. The Petersburg Crew has been pulled off and should be back soon.

The Water Plant Project will be rebid and advertised in the next week or two with the Build America Buy America requirements. Bids will come back late August and possibly approved at the September council meeting.

Ron Legner explained to the public about the change in funding and the rebidding of the Water Plant Project.

Mayor Page announced there will be a Special Meeting on July 16 at 6:00 pm to approve bids for the concrete for the Baxmeyer Subdivision.

Chief Wade has a bid to outfit the new squad car. \$10,206.00 is the quote and will be funded from the APRA fund. A new computer will still be needed.

Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to go into Executive Session at 8:15 pm for 5 ILCS 120/2 Personnel**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Porter, Reed, Smith, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Porter, made a **motion to go into regular session at 9:13 pm**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Workman, Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Reed and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.

No public returned to the meeting.

No action taken.

#### **Public Comments:**

The public questioned what the bid for concrete was for at the subdivision.

The public noted there has been kids been driving golf carts and 4 wheelers.

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to adjourn at 9:14 pm**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Porter, Reed, Smith, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

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Derek Page  
Mayor

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Janet Waller  
City Clerk

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a motion to approve the City Council Minutes of July 3, 2024 at the August 7, 2024 City Council Meeting. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Porter, Reed, Smith, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.