

# **ASSUMPTION CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, August 3, 2022**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall by Mayor Derek Page who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was answered by Alderpersons Sue Burgess, Gary Nelsen, Selena Reed, Kandy Smith and Donny Walden. Also present were Mayor Derek Page, Attorney Gregory Moredock, Chief Wade, Officer Zeitler, Officer McElroy and City Clerk Janet Waller. Absent was Treasurer Palmer and Alderperson Travis Sullivan.

Present in the audience was Mark Bingham from Chastain and Associates, Joe Mink, John Holthaus, Julie Holthaus, Stefani Callan, Paul Callan, Kurt Callan, Tom Dooley, Joyce Throneburg, Dan Davis, Abby Corzine, Alyssa Hunter and Conner Bridgman.

Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve the minutes of July 6, 2022 Council Meeting**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Burgess, Walden, Smith and Reed voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Sullivan was absent.

Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2022**. Motion carried with Alderperson Reed, Smith, Nelsen, Walden and Burgess voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Sullivan was absent.

## **Approval of Bills:**

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

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

Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Reed, made a **motion to renew General CD 1212724 for \$20,173.52**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Burgess, Nelsen, Reed, Walden and Smith voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Sullivan was absent.

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

No comments.

## **Communications from the Mayor:**

Senator Doris Turner visited Assumption regarding the Leafland and Rt 51 intersection. Senator Doris Turner informed Mayor Page that the speed limit sign has been moved on Rt 51. There will be ongoing studies done by IDOT during the next 90 days. Flashing lights will be installed. There will be short term, long term and permanent items done.

The City is accepting park donations but cannot do fundraising.

The St Jude's runners will be here August 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Page will have a contact form for the council to complete for information to be put on the website.

Assumption Fest is August 18-20<sup>th</sup>.

The credit card machine is not working and needs to be replaced. The cost to replace is \$821.00.

Mayor Page thanked the community for coming together thru the tragedy and working together.

Officer Zeitler has submitted a letter of resignation as he has accepted another position. Mayor Page thanked Officer Zeitler for all he has done.

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

Attorney Moredock is working on the updating of the zoning map and a zoning meeting will be held this month.

There were court hearings last week on 315 N St John and 712 E Illinois. Those properties were declared abandoned and a judicial deed was ordered.

The property on Locust Street is to be demolished by September 1, 2022.

#### **Communications from the Treasurer:**

No report.

#### **Communications from the Alderpersons:**

There was an issue with water running in a basement on Sarah Street.

West of Casey's also had an issue due to all the rain.

#### **Under New Business:**

An update on Summer Recreation was done by Alyssa Hunter. The program had a great turn out. The total cost was \$448.47.

Officer Zeitler thanked everyone for their support and has enjoyed working with the City.

Mayor Page read a resolution in memory of Connor Rowcliff and Keegan Virden. Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve Resolution 2022-3 in memory of Connor Rowcliff and Keegan Virden**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Smith, Reed, Burgess and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Sullivan was absent.

The council would like to purchase plaques for park memorials at the cost of \$297.46. Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Walden, made the **motion to approve the purchase of park memorials for the cost of \$297.46**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Burgess, Nelsen, Reed, Walden and Smith voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Sullivan was absent.

The council reviewed the TIF Façade application for 131 N Chestnut Street. Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Reed, made the **motion to approve the TIF Façade application for \$2,500 for 131 N Chestnut Street**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Burgess, Reed, Smith and Walden voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Sullivan was absent.

Mayor Page asked for a motion to transfer \$6,600 from the TIF fund to the General Revenue Fund to pay back the General Fund from the amount still owed setting up the TIF. The council discussed what was still owed to the General Fund. Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to transfer \$6,600 from the TIF fund to the General Revenue Fund**. Motion carried with Alderperson Smith, Walden and Reed voting aye and Nelsen voting nay. Burgess abstained. Mayor Page voting aye. Alderperson Sullivan was absent.

The cost of engineering for Grow Assumption is \$6,600.00. Mayor Page asked for a motion to approve the engineering for Grow Assumption not to exceed \$6,600.00 from the General Revenue Fund. It was questioned if there have been any commitments for people wanting to build. There have been no commitments yet and the \$6,600.00 is for the engineering to get more figures before things get moving on the Grow Assumption. Council Member Smith, seconded by Reed, made a **motion to approve the engineering for Grow Assumption for \$6,600.00 in an amount not to exceed \$6,600.00 from the General Revenue Fund.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Reed and Smith voting aye and Nelsen and Burgess voting nay. Mayor Page voting aye. Alderperson Sullivan was absent.

Mayor Page explained that due to Officer Zeitler resigning, the position of Animal Control Officer is open and he would like to hire Dana Owens as Animal Control Officer. It is not the Water Department doing Animal Control. Mayor Page asked the council to approve Dana Owens to the position of Animal Control and she will continue her current position with the Water Department as well. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Burgess, made the **motion to approve Dana Owens as Animal Control Officer.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Smith, Walden, Reed, Nelsen and Burgess voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Sullivan was absent.

Mayor Page would like to hire a part-time employee for the Street Department. The employee would work less than 40 hours a week and only when needed. The position will be posted and applications taken. The pay will be minimum wage. Council Member Reed, seconded by Council Member Smith, made a **motion to approve the hiring of a part-time employee for the Street Department.** Motion carried with Alderperson Nelsen, Reed, Walden and Smith voting aye and no nay. Alderperson Burgess abstained. Alderperson Sullivan was absent.

The disbursement for Burdick Heating and Plumbing is \$37,740.00 for the Larochelle Project. Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made the **motion to approve the disbursement for \$37,740.00 for the Larochelle Project.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Smith, Reed, Nelsen and Burgess voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Sullivan was absent.

The disbursement for Burdick Heating and Plumbing is \$4,617.00 for the Water Project. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Burgess, made a **motion to approve the disbursement of \$4,617.00 to Burdick Heating and Plumbing for the Water Project.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Burgess, Reed, Smith and Walden voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Sullivan was absent.

Mayor Page introduced Kurt Callan to the council. Kurt is currently in college studying criminal justice and needs 150 hours (unpaid) to complete an internship. Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, **made a motion to allow Kurt Callan as a police intern for college for 150 unpaid hours.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Reed, Smith, Nelsen, Walden, and Burgess voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Sullivan was absent.

The cost to replace a watermain between West Samuel and West Illinois Street is \$25,000.00. Mayor Page would like to use the American Rescue Funds to pay for the replacement. Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Smith, made the **motion to approve the replacement of the watermain between West Samuel and West Illinois for the cost of \$25,000.00 using the American Rescue Act Funds.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Smith, Walden, Reed, Burgess and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Sullivan was absent.

Sanitary Sewer Project Phase 1 is getting ready to be closed. The final payment has not been done yet. Final items are being completed.

Sanitary Sewer Project Phase 2 is working on getting the loan agreement and possibly will start in the fall.

Water Project System Improvements are working on some waterlines on Samuel Street and the nitrate removal system is working on getting an operating permit.

The new Water Plant is waiting for the USEPA on the next step to move forward. The application is ready.

The Larochelle Project is almost complete. The seeding will be done in the fall.

The new sign at the Park was put up today. A big thank you to Joan Stringer, Fisher's Welding, GSI and Holthaus Byers for all their help.

There was a question regarding the TIF money for 125 S Chestnut was discussed.

Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Smith, made a **motion to adjourn at 7:47 pm**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Burgess, Nelsen, Reed, Walden and Smith voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Sullivan was absent.

**Public Comments:**

None

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Derek Page  
Mayor

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Janet Waller  
City Clerk

Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Burgess, made a **motion to approve the City Council minutes of August 3, 2022**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Smith, Walden, Reed, Burgess and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.