

ASSUMPTION CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, August 2, 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, Kandy Smith, Travis Sullivan, Donny Walden and Ross Workman. Also present were Mayor Derek Page, Attorney Stephen Hedinger, Police Chief Brian Wade, Officer Jackson Bugg, Water Supt Jack Duncan, Water Employee Dana Owens, Treasurer Angel Palmer and City Clerk Janet Waller.

Present in the audience were Ron Legner from Chastain and Associates, Jane Brackett, Barb Davidson, Kim Porter, Mark Bingham and Joe Beyers from Bingham Professionals Services, John Holthaus, Julie Holthaus, Eric Hubner, Kara Hubner, Shawn Baker, Joe Mink, Joyce Throneburg, Marilyn Ashinhurst, Kay Clutter and Felicia King from the Golden Prairie News.

Council Member Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Workman, made a **motion to approve the minutes of July 5, 2023 City Council Meeting**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Workman, Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Reed and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.

Approval of Bills:

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

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Communications from the Mayor:

WCIA will be in Assumption on August 4th for an "Our town series".

Assumption Fest will be held August 17 thru August 19.

The City will be applying for disaster relief thru Christian County.

The City is currently looking for a garbage contractor as the current contract ends December 31, 2023.

The City has notified the owner of the old Bond School to mow and have the trees cleaned up on their property.

The School Resource Officer has been sworn in and looking forward to working with our school.

Communications from the City Attorney:

Attorney Stephen Hedinger has been working on the consent order for the last violation. Payment has been made and fully complied with.

Attorney Stephen Hedinger reported there has been another violation notice and has had positive response so far from the IEPA in correcting the issue.

The basic steps were missed on 712 E Illinois. Attorney Hedinger went over the options and the council agreed to go with the bid process for the property.

Attorney Hedinger reported there are liens on 326 N Poplar and will continue the process for the abandoned property.

Communications from the Treasurer:

Nothing to report.

Communications from the Alderpersons:

Nothing to report.

Under New Business:

The CD 1212724 for \$20,173.52 is up for renewal. Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve to renew CD 1212724 for \$20,173.52 for the best possible rate.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Reed, Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Workman and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.

The anti-wrap bearings for the park swing will cost \$626.96. Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Workman, made a **motion to approve the purchase of antiwrap bearings for the park swing for \$626.96.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Smith, Reed, Nelsen, Walden and Workman voting aye and 0 nays.

The owner of 205 N Poplar would like a sidewalk and will pay for half of the sidewalk thru the 50/50 sidewalk program. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Smith, made a **motion to approve a sidewalk for 205 N Poplar thru the 50/50 sidewalk program.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Smith, Sullivan, Walden, Workman, Nelsen and Reed voting aye and 0 nays.

Mayor Page would like the council to consider approving Bingham Professionals Services for the Engineer for the Baxmeyer Subdivision. Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Reed, made a **motion to approve Resolution 2023-8 hiring Bingham Professionals Services as the Engineer for the Baxmeyer Subdivision.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Smith, Workman, Reed and Sullivan voting aye and Nelsen voting nay.

The council discussed a possible ordinance for the Baxmeyer Subdivision. Attorney Stephen Hedinger will put together an ordinance for possibly the next council meeting.

The council also discussed a covenant's provision for the Baxmeyer Subdivision. The council discussed and the Grow Assumption committee agreed there will be an 18 month time limit to build a house. Alderperson Reed and Walden have joined the Grow Assumption Committee.

A computer for the School Resource Officer will cost \$1,603.04 from CTI. Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Workman, made a **motion to approve the purchase of the computer for \$1,603.04 for the School Resource Officer.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Smith, Reed, Nelsen, Walden and Workman voting aye and 0 nays.

A generator maintenance program was discussed. Water Supt Jack Duncan would like to table until more information is obtained.

The disbursement for Petersburg Plumbing is \$232,611.08. Council Member Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve the disbursement for Peterburg Plumbing for \$232,611.08.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Smith, Reed, Nelsen, Walden and Workman voting aye and 0 nays.

The council reviewed the following invoices from Chastain & Associates.

Motion to approve Chastain & Associates invoices:	
0000044 Sewer Separation Phase 2	\$26,029.79
0000054 Water Improvements Phase 1 EPA Loan	\$54.00
7644.01 Water System Improvements Phase 2	\$727.57
7644.02 Water System Improvements Phase 2	\$675.43
7644-37 Water Improvements – Water Plant Addition	\$1,120.85
8493-05 Advisory Services	\$144.00
Total Amount	\$28,751.64

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made the **motion to approve the invoices for Chastain & Associates totaling \$28,751.64**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Smith, Workman, Nelsen, Reed and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays.

Sanitary Sewer Phase 2 will resume work in August when Petersburg Plumbing returns.

Water System Improvements continue to close out the paperwork.

Water Treatment Plant continues finishing up electrical and control along with mechanicals to get ready for bid.

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to go into Executive Session at 7:50 pm for 5 ILCS 120/2 Personnel**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Reed, Smith, Sullivan, Walden and Workman voting aye and 0 nays.

Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Workman, made a **motion to go into regular session at 8:45 pm**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Workman, Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Reed and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.

Public was notified they may return to the meeting.

No action taken.

Public Comments:

The public thanked the Bromwell Lodge for having an Emergency Center when the power was out.

The public was concerned with health and safety in our community and if there is a plan in place.

Council Member Workman, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to adjourn at 8:46 pm**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Workman, Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Reed and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.

Derek Page
Mayor

Janet Waller
City Clerk

Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve the City Council minutes of the July 5, 2023 meeting**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Reed, Smith, Sullivan, Walden and Workman voting aye and 0 nays.