

CITY OF ASSUMPTION
Committee of the Whole Meeting
Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:15 p.m. at City Hall by Alderperson Donny Walden.

Roll call was answered by Aldermen Gary Nelsen, Kim Porter, Selena Reed, Kandy Smith, Travis Sullivan and Donny Walden. Also present were Police Chief Brian Wade, Street Supt Darin Damery, Water Employee Dana Owens and City Clerk Janet Waller.

Present in the audience was Engineer Ron Legner from Chastain and Associates, Engineer Mark Bingham of Bingham Professional Services, Zoning Chairman Joe Mink and Ricky Bradshaw.

Water Supt Jack Duncan was absent.

Public Comments:

Zoning Chairman Mink will be having a Zoning Meeting on September 24, 2024 for shipping storage containers. There has been a request for storage containers. He would also like to discuss the process of building permits.

Under New Business:

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Smith, made a **motion to approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of August 20, 2024.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Nelsen, Smith, Reed, Sullivan and Porter voting aye and 0 nays.

Engineer Ron Legner updated the committee on the Sanitary Sewer Phase 2 Project. A pay request for Petersburg Plumbing will be \$258,481.66. There will be additional request on the agenda for council.

The Water Treatment Plant bid was approved at the Special Meeting prior to this meeting. The City will need to amend the borrowing ordinance due to the increase in costs.

There will be an increase of \$35,000.00 for the additional work and documents for the rebidding of the Water Plant.

It was questioned if there will need to be a Phase 3 for the Sanitary Sewer Project. An assessment will be done after Phase 2 is completed June 30, 2025.

An update on the subdivision was given by Engineer Mark Bingham. The watermain is waiting on the sample to come back. Some rock has been hauled in for the road. The concrete v gutter will be starting. An invoice for Holthaus Beyers for \$13,680 and

\$2,160.00 will be on the agenda for approval. A couple soft spots was excavated and rock put in. There will be additional rock hauled in also. Mark will be meeting on site with Ameren to get a starting date. The final thing will be backfill for the final grade and also seeded approximately 20 feet off the v-gutter for the council meeting in October.

There will also be invoices from Gaither Farms and TJ Excavating for the hauling and spreading of the rock.

Mayor Page updated the committee on Water Supt Jack Duncan. He will possibly be out for 2 weeks. Scott Myers will be covering for Jack as he has a Class B and Class 4 license. He will be considered an independent contractor and will be paid \$34.00 a day.

Aldersperson Nelsen would like to increase the salary for Water Supt Jack Duncan as both licenses were upgraded last year for renewal. It would be an increase of \$1.50 for each license. They had discussed the licenses with Water Supt Jack Duncan. They would raise his salary up to \$31.00 an hour.

We will be adding to the agenda the discharge monitoring reports to review at the committee meeting.

No other items for water.

Streets by Street Supt Darin Damery:

Dumpster days will be September 27 and September 28, 2024.

Leaf vac will October 28 thru November 26, 2024.

Trees have been cut and there is a couple of stumps to finish up.

Street Supt is looking at other places to purchase a computer. Possibly looking at Best Buy or Sams Club to purchase the computer.

Police:

Everything is in for the new squad except the mount for the computer and the cages.

An ad for 7 days was \$34.00 a day for Indeed for an officer. We did not receive a good response.

January will be when we could send someone to the training academy. We will need to do interviews and a fitness test to qualify.

The 2015 squad is still at Dave Reed Automotive for repair.

Parks by Dana Owens:

Wareham Security has prices for security cameras for the park and concession stands. The cameras will not have internet and we will have to download the video. It stores up to 30 days.

Finance:

The City is looking for ideas for insurance for employees. Mayor Page, Donny Walden and Travis Sullivan will ask for ideas at the IML Conference.

Trick or Treat will be October 30 & October 31 from 5 to 8 pm.

Mayor Page would like the City to get information on insurance for water leaks and will reach out to the City of Assumption.

The fireworks for 2025 are in the budget and will proceed for 2025. The cost will be looked at in 2026.

Aldersperson Porter asked for clarification on the clerks pay. The City Clerk pay was discussed again about merging the collector and clerk or leaving it as is. It was discussed if the amount is at least minimum wage. No changes made.

Mayor Page looked at the junk cars on properties. The council discussed on how to address. Letters were mailed in May and they were supposed to be towed in 30 days according to the letter. The council needs to decide if the residents will be fined or what is the next step?

The camper will be moved by September 24th.

Other:

Taylorville is thinking about starting a new subdivision. It was brought up at a school board meeting. It was suggested to advertise our subdivision in the Taylorville area. October 17th Mayor Page will be talking at the Christian County Economic Meeting. Advertising was discussed at the Grow Assumption meeting and using a realtor for a \$5,000 lot is not feasible.

The house on Sarah Street with cockroaches was discussed. Attorney Hedinger was going to follow up with the Health Department and see if there is anything the Health Department could do.

Public Comments:

The public addressed an Aldersperson that has a junk car. He was not aware that he was in violation of the policy.

Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Porter, made a **motion to adjourn at 7:36 pm**. Motion carried with Alderspersons Reed, Walden, Smith, Nelsen, Sullivan and Porter voting aye and 0 nays.

Janet Waller
City Clerk