

# **ASSUMPTION CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, September 7, 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, Treasurer Angel Palmer and City Clerk Janet Waller.

Present in the audience was Mark Bingham from Chastain and Associates, Travis Sullivan and Joyce Throneburg.

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

## **Approval of Bills:**

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

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

No comments.

## **Communications from the Mayor:**

Mayor Page informed the council that he has had meetings with IDOT this week. It is looking like there will be a J turn on Rt 51 and Leafland. It will be approximately 18 to 24 months before a J turn can be completed. The traffic study showed the fastest speed thru the intersection was 115 miles per hour. The county, state police and local police will need to up patrols on Rt 51. Pavement markings are rated as a D in the study and they will be updating the markings. Signage was rated as a C. The signs are inconsistent from different directions. A mobile device for speed notification will also be moved periodically. There were 1,100 vehicles traveling East, 1,400 vehicles traveling West, 3,900 vehicles North and 5,000 vehicles going South.

A public hearing will be done by IDOT when they start the process to proceed with the J turn. The state will pay for the J turn.

Mayor Page presented to the City a framed Assumption Strong shirt from St Jude's and will be hung at City Hall.

French Heritage Days will be September 17<sup>th</sup> in Assumption.

Rummage Sales will be September 15 thru the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Dumpster days will be September 23 and 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Page, Alderperson Walden and Sullivan will be attending the IML Conference in Chicago.

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

The property at 112 N Locust will be demolished by September 14<sup>th</sup>. The City will impose a \$100.00 fine and a daily fine if it is not demolished by September 14<sup>th</sup>.

712 E Illinois will be conveyed to the new owner upon receiving the Judicial Deed. The new owners have asked they be given until July 1, 2023 to complete the demolition and removal of the property that is there.

The City was served a complaint and a response will be filed this week.

A judicial deed was granted on the Roemer property. An appraisal will be needed before the property can be sold.

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

Treasurer Palmer noted the Water Fund is getting low and she had to transfer from the General Fund to pay Burdick Plumbing.

Mark explained it is a service and the City is responsible for paying. It is a contract with the contractor and not with the State of Illinois. It would make the City liable and he would like the Attorney to look over the contract. The City is only getting funds to pay for the project.

Attorney Moredock explained the City should pay and the liability could cause the City issues. Attorney Moredock will look over the contract.

Mark noted we can halt construction if there are issues and we are doing many projects. The State should be paying soon as their fiscal year is in the middle of the year and it seems to be slow paying.

Mayor Page explained the Prompt Payment Act and we have to pay.

Mayor Page informed the council that TIF owes the General Fund \$52,000.

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

Alderperson Nelsen noted ACPA will be having another community cleanup in October and if anyone has an idea for the area for the next pickup to let him know.

Alderperson Burgess would like an update on the retention pond at GSI.

Alderperson Burgess noted there has been many calls regarding backed up sewage in basements due to the heavy rains.

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

Mayor Page asked for a motion to advise and consent Travis Sullivan to the council. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made **a motion to advise and consent Travis Sullivan to the council**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Reed, Smith, Nelsen, Walden and Burgess voting aye and 0 nays.

Mayor Page explained the 180 day rule before the election for an increase in pay for newly elected officials in 2023 that are running for a 4 year term. The council did not make a motion for the increase in pay to \$150.00 per month.

The council went over the current residency limit of 10 miles and discussed whether to amend or eliminate the residency requirement for all employees. The council discussed possibly setting some kind of guideline. The council agreed to amend the ordinance to a 50 mile radius. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made **a motion to amend Ordinance 790 to a 50 mile radius for residency requirement**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Burgess, Sullivan, Smith, Nelsen, Walden and Reed voting aye and 0 nays.

The community assessment and revitalization plan was recently completed with the Illinois Housing Development Authority. A resolution for the City housing needs assessment and community revitalization plan was presented to be included in the plan.

The community assessment and revitalization plan is worth 10 points towards grants and will also be a great tool for developers. Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to adopt Resolution 2022-4 for City Housing needs assessment and Community Revitalization Plan**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Burgess, Nelsen, Reed, Walden and Smith voting aye and 0 nays.

Alderperson Nelsen went over the single house rehab and roof grant. A resolution authorizing the City to participate in the Home Repair and Accessibility Program with the Illinois Housing Authority was presented and will be included in the grant if it is approved. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Walden, made a **motion to adopt Resolution 2022-5 authorizing the City to participate in the Home Repair and Accessibility Program with the Illinois Housing Authority**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Reed, Smith, Nelsen, Walden, Burgess and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays.

The council reviewed a TIF application for 133 S Chestnut with a request of \$8,500.00. Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve a TIF application for 133 S Chestnut for \$8,500.00**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Smith, Walden, Sullivan, Reed, Burgess and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.

A preliminary subdivision plan for Grow Assumption was presented by Mark Bingham. The preliminary plan was reviewed by the council. The council discussed on the next possible step. Council Member Walden, seconded by Reed, made a **motion to allow the preliminary subdivision plan for Grow Assumption to be distributed to the public**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Nelsen, Smith, Burgess, Reed and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays.

The GIS system is due for the yearly renewal for \$700.00. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to submit payment for the yearly renewal for \$700.00 for the GIS system**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Walden, Reed, Smith, Burgess and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays.

CUSI billing software for the water and sewer is also due for renewal for \$1,700.00. Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to submit payment for the yearly renewal for \$1,700.00 for the CUSI billing software**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Burgess, Reed, Nelsen, Sullivan, Smith and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

Mark Bingham reviewed the Sanitary Sewer Phase 2 loan agreement and the modification of the principal loan forgiveness. The cost of the project is \$7.6 million. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to approve the Sanitary Sewer Phase 2 loan agreement with modification of principal loan forgiveness**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Burgess, Nelsen, Reed, Walden and Smith voting aye and 0 nays.

The disbursement for Burdick Plumbing for the Larochelle Project is \$27,586.80. Mark clarified that the pay disbursements are approved at council before they are submitted to the state. It is usually 30 to 45 days before the check comes back from the state for payment of the disbursement. Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve the disbursement for Burdick Plumbing for the Larochelle Project for \$27,586.80**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Smith, Walden, Sullivan, Reed, Nelsen and Burgess voting aye and 0 nays.

The disbursement for Burdick Plumbing for Division B for lead is \$39,704.70. Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve the disbursement for Burdick Plumbing for Division B for lead for \$39,704.70**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Reed, Smith, Nelsen, Walden, Burgess and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays.

Mark Bingham asked the council to consider a 90 day extension for Division A and B for Water Project. The extension is for the nitrate install for Division A and watermain for Division B. Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve a 90 day extension for Division A and B for the Water Project.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Smith, Reed, Nelsen, Sullivan and Burgess voting aye and 0 nays.

Mark reviewed a change order for non-lead for Division B for Burdick Plumbing for \$3,850.00. Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve a change order for non-lead for Division B for Burdick Plumbing for \$3,850.00.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Burgess, Reed, Nelsen, Sullivan, Smith and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

Mark explained Sanitary Sewer Phase 1 is close to being done with the punch list soon.

Sanitary Sewer Phase 2 will be moving with a pre-construction meeting and will be discussed at the Water meeting.

Water Project Phase 2 grant application is being completed and turned in soon.

The Larochelle Project is almost completed and will be working on cleaning up and seeding.

Employee Dana Owens noted that after the Assumption Fest was done the tent company has left anchors in the basketballs courts and had an issue with the company using spray foam filling the anchors in the road with spray foam. The issue needs to be fixed. Attorney Moredock would like to look over pictures, contract and the information from the Assumption Fest insurance company. Barricades should be put up or clearly mark the area.

Council Member Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Reed, made a **motion to adjourn at 8:23 pm.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Burgess, Nelsen, Reed, Smith, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

#### **Public Comments:**

None

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Derek Page  
Mayor

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Janet Waller  
City Clerk

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