

ASSUMPTION CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, September 6, 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, Officer Jackson Bugg, Water Employee Dana Owens and City Clerk Janet Waller. Absent was Treasurer Palmer.

Present in the audience were John Holthaus, Julie Holthaus, Sean Baker, Joyce Throneburg, Marilyn Ashinhurst, Felicia King from the Golden Prairie News, Bob Bantner, Dr Joe Sheehan, Earl Simmons, Renee Oldham, Marsha Webb, Lynn Zuber, Jackie Dooley and Tom Dooley.

Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve the minutes of August 2, 2023 City Council Meeting**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Reed, Smith, Sullivan, Walden and Workman voting aye and 0 nays.

Approval of Bills:

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

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

The public commented there are too many weeds around town and would like the Mayor to do something about it. There are also junk cars around that needs to be cleaned up.

Communications from the Mayor:

There has been a request for a defibrillator for the concession stand.

Mayor Page will be attending the IML Conference in Chicago and will be paying for it himself.

September 22 and 23 will be City wide dumpster days.

Mayor Page apologized for the inconvenience of the blacktop being closed due to the Sanitary Sewer Project.

Mayor Page and Joyce Throneburg attended an Enterprise Meeting in Taylorville.

Mayor Page would like to look at taking possession of the old Bond School.

Communications from the City Attorney:

The compliance agreement has been signed with the Illinois EPA.

712 E Illinois property bids have been advertised and will be opened at the October Council Meeting.

Communications from the Treasurer:

Treasurer was absent.

Communications from the Alderpersons:

Nothing to report.

Under New Business:

The council was given a presentation by Dr Joseph Sheehan from Kerry Farms. Dr Joseph Sheehan updated everyone on electrical charging stations and infrastructure grants with private entities.

Council Member Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve Kerry Farms as the participating private entity.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Smith, Reed, Nelsen, Walden and Workman voting aye and 0 nays.

Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve the release of Closed Session Meeting minutes for: 1-5-22, 2-7-22, 3-2-22, 4-4-22, 5-4-22, 7-6-22, 11-2-22, 1-4-23 and 4-5-23.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Reed, Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Workman and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.

Mayor Page opened the discussion for amending an ordinance to change the serving liquor age from 21 to 18 year olds. The council listened to the local establishments reasons for their requests to amend the age. After discussion, it was agreed to have an ordinance written up and to vote at the next council meeting to allow the change of the serving age from 21 to 18 years old.

A TIF application from the Knotty Pine Bar and Grill was reviewed. Mayor Page asked for a motion for \$5,000.00 for the TIF application. Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Workman, **made a motion to approve \$5,000 from the TIF for the Knotty Pine Bar and Grill.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Smith, Sullivan, Walden, Workman, Nelsen and Reed voting aye and 0 nays.

A quote was received from Hutchins Excavating for concrete sidewalks on Chestnut Street for \$11,500.00. It includes Barnes Power Plant, Wadds of Hair, replace ADA and sidewalk by laundromat and also at ADA by Wempen Lumber. Council Member Walden, seconded by Sullivan, made a **motion to approve \$11,500.00 for Hutchins Excavating for concrete sidewalks at front of Barnes Power Plant, in front of Wadds of Hair, replace ADA and sidewalk by laundromat and also at ADA by Wempen Lumber.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Smith, Workman, Nelsen, Reed and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays.

A quote for sidewalks going to Casey's on Colegrove was \$15,500.00 from Hutchins Excavating. Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, **made a motion to approve \$15,500.00 for Hutchins Excavating.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Reed, Smith, Sullivan, Walden and Workman voting aye and 0 nays.

A quote for a path to Dollar General was \$6,000.00 from Corz Enterprises. Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve \$6,000.00 from the ARPA fund for the path to Dollar General.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Workman, Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Reed and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.

The cost of a new hydrant is approximately \$5,000.00. Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve not to exceed \$5,000 from the ARPA fund for a new hydrant.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Reed, Walden, Sullivan, Smith, Workman and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.

Mayor Page asked the council to approve \$15,000.00 for 120Water for the development of a service line inventory from the Lead Service Grant. Council Member Nelsen,

seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to approve \$15,000.00 from the Lead Service Grant for 120Water**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Smith, Sullivan, Walden, Workman, Nelsen and Reed voting aye and 0 nays.

City Hall has been having phone issues. The council reviewed quotes from CTI and discussed possibly getting cell phones instead of regular phones. Council Member Workman, seconded by Nelsen, made a **motion to approve phones for a monthly cost of \$104.85 and a one-time cost of equipment for \$421.30 from CTI for City Hall**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Nelsen, Smith, Reed, Walden and Workman voting aye and 0 nays.

Mayor Page asked for comments or questions on a proposal received for trash disposal from Wallace Refuse and Disposal. The council and public discussed the trash billing and the trash totes will be on the streets not in the alleys. 1 tote for trash and 1 tote for recycling will be provided. Additional totes will be \$10.00. There has been no response from Waste Management after numerous attempts. The council agreed to place on the agenda for October.

An ordinance adopting and improving an amended Assumption Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and related redevelopment projects for the proposed amended Redevelopment Project Area of the City of Assumption, Christian County, Illinois was presented to the council. Council Member Smith, seconded by Reed, **made a motion to approve Ordinance 800 adopting and improving an amended Assumption Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and related Redevelopment Projects for the proposed amended Redevelopment Project Area of the City of Assumption, Christian County, Illinois was approved**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Smith, Workman, Reed and Sullivan voting aye and Nelsen voting nay.

An ordinance adding additional parcels of property to the Assumption Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area of the City of Assumption, Christian County, Illinois was also presented. Council Member Reed, seconded by Council Member Workman, made a **motion to approve Ordinance 801 adding additional parcels of property to the Assumption Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area of the City of Assumption, Christian County, Illinois**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Reed, Smith, Sullivan, Walden and Workman voting aye and Nelsen voting nay.

An ordinance adopting Tax Increment Financing for the Amended Redevelopment Project Area for the City of Assumption, Christian County was presented. Council Member Reed, seconded by Council Member Workman, made a **motion to approve Ordinance 802 adopting Tax Increment Financing for the Amended Redevelopment Project Area for the City of Assumption, Christian County**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Reed, Walden, Sullivan, Smith and Workman voting aye and Nelsen voting nay.

The council reviewed the following invoices from Chastain & Associates.

Motion to approve Chastain invoices:

000045 Sewer Separation Phase 2	\$13,210.61
000055 Water Improvements Phase 1 EPA Loan	\$162.00
7644.01-14 Water System Improvements Phase 2	\$1,567.42
7644.02 Water System Improvements Phase 2	\$924.37
7644-38 Water Improvements – Water Plant Addition	\$9,601.09
8493-00 Advisory Services	\$1,639.43
Total Amount	\$27,104.92

Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a motion to approve payment of the above listed Chastain & Associate invoices. Motion carried with Alderperson Walden, Smith, Workman, Nelsen, Reed and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays.

Public Comments:

Marsha Webb introduced herself to the council and audience. She is running for Representative.

The public discussed again following up on ordinances when letters are mailed out and fines should be done.

Council Member Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Workman, made a **motion to adjourn at 8:26 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 Nelsen, seconded by Smith, made a motion to approve the September 6, 2023 City Council Minutes at the October 4, 2023 City Council Meeting. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Reed, Smith, Sullivan, Walden and Workman voting aye and 0 nays.