

ASSUMPTION CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

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, Donny Walden and Ross Workman. Also, present were Mayor Derek Page, Attorney Stephen Hedinger, Employee Dana Owens and City Clerk Janet Waller.

Present in the audience were Joyce Throneburg, Brent and Wendy Wallace from Wallace Refuse and Engineer Ron Legner from Chastain's

Aldersperson Travis Sullivan was absent due to a work emergency.

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Workman, made a **motion to approve the minutes of December 6, 2023 City Council Meeting**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Reed, Smith, Walden and Workman voting aye and 0 nays. Sullivan was absent.

Approval of Bills:

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

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

No comments

Communications from the Mayor:

Mayor Page updated the City is still working with Fema. The insurance did pay \$26,554.06 for the tree damage.

Mayor Page signed the paperwork for the closing on the subdivision. The City now owns the property. A preconstruction meeting will be held on January 8th at 10 am at City Hall.

A digital speed limit sign is now posted and will be moved as needed.

Communications from the City Attorney:

Attorney is finalizing the water plant property and also the infrastructure loan for the subdivision.

Communications from the Treasurer:

Nothing to report.

Communications from the Alderpersons:

The property at 712 E Illinois was discussed regarding the status. Hopefully everything will be finalized by the end of the week.

Under New Business:

Engineer Ron Legner gave an update on the Watermain Project by St Peter, West Samuel and Larochelle Street. The services have been done and the plumbing crew will be back in the beginning of February.

Sanitary Sewer Phase 2 is working on Larochele and south on Third Street. Petersburg Plumbing should be back to work on January 8th.

The Water Treatment Plant is waiting for the 30 days on the borrowing ordinance since it was printed in the Breeze Courier paper. The property needs to be finalized soon. Bids will be advertised in the near future.

The disbursement for the Sanitary Sewer Main Project Phase 2 is \$187,363.97. Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to approve the Sanitary Sewer Main Phase 2 Project disbursement of \$187,363.97**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Smith, Walden, Workman, Reed and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays. Sullivan was absent.

The Sanitary Sewer Phase 2 pay request for Petersburg Plumbing is \$175,258.94. Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve the Sanitary Sewer Phase 2 pay request for Petersburg Plumbing for \$175,258.94**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Smith, Reed, Walden and Workman voting aye and 0 nays. Sullivan was absent.

The disbursement for the Watermain Project is \$54,592.81. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Workman made a **motion to approve the disbursement for \$54,592.81**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Reed, Walden, Smith, Workman and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays. Sullivan was absent.

The Watermain Project pay request for Petersburg Plumbing is \$49,960.61. Council Member Workman, seconded by Nelsen, made a **motion to approve the pay request for Petersburg Plumbing for the Watermain Project for \$49,960.61**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Nelsen, Smith, Workman and Reed voting aye and 0 nays. Sullivan was absent.

A change order for a 2" service connection on St Peter Street will be an addition of \$8,475.47 to the project. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to approve the change order addition of \$8,475.47 for the Watermain Project**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Reed, Smith, Walden, and Workman voting aye and 0 nays. Sullivan was absent.

Motion to approve Chastain invoices:	
000049 Sewer Separation Phase 2	\$12,105.03
7644.01-18 Water System Improvements Phase 2	\$3,134.25
7644.02-12 Water System Improvements – Lead Service	\$4,632.20
7644-42 Water Improvements – Water Plant Addition	\$20,730.44
Total Amount	\$40,601.92

Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve the listed Chastain invoices above for a total of \$40,601.92**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Workman, Walden, Smith, Reed and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays. Sullivan was absent.

The cost of fireworks for the July 4, 2024 is \$9,000.00. Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to approve \$9,000.00 for the cost of the July 4, 2024 fireworks**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Smith, Reed, Walden and Workman voting aye and 0 nays. Sullivan was absent.

Mayor Page presented a preliminary ordinance to the council for a Committee of the Whole. The meeting will be held on the third Tuesday of the month at 6 pm at City Hall. All committees will meet on 1 night instead of each of separate nights. The Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk will receive \$100.00 for the Committee of the Whole meeting which will remain the same pay received for the 4 monthly committee meetings. Alderpersons will receive \$50.00 for the Committee of the Whole meeting which will remain the same pay received for their 2 monthly committee meetings. Mayor Page asked the council to raise the employees pay from \$25 to \$50 for the Committee of the Whole Meeting for their 1 monthly committee meeting. The employees will be able to give their report for their department and leave. Alderperson Nelsen discussed the purpose of the Committee of the Whole was not to increase the cost to the City but to have all Alderpersons at a meeting so everyone got the information. Nothing will

change except all the committees are on one night so everyone can get the same information. Alderman Nelsen noted the cost to pay 6 employees at \$50 for 12 Committee of the Whole Meetings. This will be a significant increase to the budget. We are trying to streamline things and watch the budget. Mayor Page feels it is well worth it to increase the employees meeting pay. Alderperson Nelsen said we didn't change anyone else's pay. It doesn't make any sense to double the employees pay. Alderperson Nelsen made a motion to leave the employee pay the same at \$25 and to not increase the cost to the City but the motion did not receive as second and failed. Council Member Reed, seconded by Council Member Smith, made a **motion to approve Ordinance 811 for Committee of the Whole with employees receiving pay of \$50.00 for the Committee of the Whole meeting.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Smith, Walden, Workman, Reed and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.

The council discussed whether or not to renew the Illinois Park District fee for \$300.00. The council decided not to renew at this time.

There were no sealed bids received for the 1999 Dodge 1500 Ram Pickup. Bids will be extended for another month to be opened at the next council meeting.

The City has not received a signed contract from Wallace Refuse and Disposal yet. Mayor Page provided them a list and noted Wallace feels he was over promised. Brent and Wendy are here to see what things can be done to fix the issue. Mayor Page noted in the past money had been given to Advanced Disposal from the City for recycling which was around \$6,800.00 since the City was previously paying for recycling. Brent and Wendy Wallace informed the council they ordered 600 trash totes for Assumption. They have only 450 totes delivered to residents. Brent informed that is a loss of \$32,400 of income for his business each year. Brent noted people with a second tote helps but he is still losing \$8.00 a month for second totes. Brent noted if a trash tote is over flowing, he will deliver an additional tote to the resident for a cost of \$10.00. Mayor Page discussed possibly the City could pay them something out of the RHG fund to help rectify the situation and pass the increase to the residents in a year or two. The Alderpersons would like to wait a month to see if any of the residents were missed before making any decisions.

The purchase agreement for potential buyers for the Baxmeyer Subdivision was reviewed by the council. Some changes were needed and will be revised. The agreement should be on the agenda for February City Council Meeting.

Public Comments:

Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to adjourn at 8:18 pm.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Reed, Smith, Walden and Workman voting aye and 0 nays. Sullivan was absent

Derek Page
Mayor

Janet Waller
City Clerk

Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Smith, made a **motion to approve the City Council Meeting minutes of January 3, 2024.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Reed, Smith, Sullivan, Walden and Workman voting aye and 0 nays.