

**CITY OF ASSUMPTION**  
**Committee of the Whole Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 18, 2025**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall by Alderperson Matt Hunter with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was answered by Aldermen Matt Hunter, Gary Nelsen, Kim Porter, Selena Reed and Travis Sullivan. Also present were Mayor Derek Page, Police Chief Seath Hubbs, Street Supt Darin Damery, Water Collector Tanya Rhoades, Water Employee Dana Owens, Treasurer Angel Palmer and City Clerk Janet Waller. Alderperson Donny Walden arrived at 6:06 pm and Water Supt Jack Duncan arrived at 6:38 pm.

Present in the audience were Engineer Ron Legner from Chastain and Associates, Bill Herbord, Janis Herbord and Herb Palmer.

**Public Comments:**

None

**Under New Business:**

Council Member Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve the minutes of February 18, 2025**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Hunter, Nelsen, Porter, Reed and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Walden was absent.

Engineer Ron Legner updated the committee.

Sanitary Sewer Phase 2 has 1 crew working. A disbursement for Petersburg Plumbing will be \$105,320.70. The project is 85% complete with a completion date of June 30, 2025.

There will be a change order of an addition of \$654.00.

The Watermain and Lead Service Project has had no crews on site for last few weeks. They are expected to return to the job site next week.

The Water Treatment Plant is working on site preparation and relocation of tile. There will be a change order for the relocation of an extra field tile. They continue to work on shop drawings.

The Water Treatment Plant will need public notification before a disbursement to the City will be done. This could be via website, newspaper ad or a physical sign on the

site. The physical sign could **cost up to \$4,000.00**. The committee would like to put an article on the website and also post at City Hall.

### **Water Collector update by Tanya Rhoades:**

The collector has been working on entering deposits as bills were due on March 10, 2025.

The lease is up on the printer in the Water Department. The cost to buyout the copier is \$500.00 or do a new lease for a new printer. The committee decided to go with a new printer. It will be placed on the agenda for council.

### **Streets by Darin Damery:**

The 2025 MFT has been approved. An additional \$10,000.00 of rock will need to be approved.

It is time to advertise for the summer helpers. The hiring of up to 2 summer helpers will be on the agenda.

Street Supt went over the budget. It is up 1.9% overall.

The cost of street lighting is up \$500.00 a month. The subdivision lighting was added but not sure if that was the reason of the increase.

Sidewalks will be done on main street.

There are a couple of trees with a 20 foot base that will need to be removed.

The ARPA money has been spent.

MFT will be used to do the Leafland intersection along with the Water Project.

325 N Locust would like to cut the curb on Locust Street to make a bigger driveway. Mayor Page will let him know it is ok.

A reminder needs to be put out that limbs are only allowed in the piles and no yard waste allowed. Limbs must be placed in the alley. Pickup will begin when the ground is ready.

A discussion of a 24 notice for spraying for mosquitos for municipalities was discussed. There are many factors including the wind and also 30 year old equipment.

### **Police by Chief Hubbs:**

Mayor Page swore in Seath Hubbs as Police Chief.

The vest finally came in.

Seath has been at the required training for the last 2 weeks.

There has been 2 wrecks at Leafland and Route 51.

The speed limit sign has a dead battery.

The tow ordinance was discussed and will be placed on the council agenda.

It was questioned if the Chief needed to be bonded to accept payment for the golf cart stickers. City Clerk will follow up.

### **Parks by Dana Owens:**

The park cameras are working.

A swing is broke and the parts will cost \$150.00.

April 26<sup>th</sup> is Conner's Cleanup Day.

### **Water by Jack Duncan:**

The subdivision will need an automatic flush hydrant for the long term for the Baxmeyer Watermain. Water Supt will get quotes.

Water Supt reminded the committee that we will still need a pump in the near future but the cost is close to \$100,000.00. There is no funding for pumps or equipment.

The neighboring field to the water plant would like stakes put out so the farmer can plant.

A rain gauge and a overflow meter will be put on the agenda for council.

If there are any issues that need to be cleaned up from the Sewer project please let Jack know so they can get them addressed before June 30, 2025.

### **Finance by Mayor Page:**

Advertising for a Summer Recreation Director will be needed if we wish to continue to run the program.

Mayor Page read the wording for the legal representative for the handbook. The committee agree to change it to say the City shall provide legal representation.

The Lucky D's building roof has collapsed. Mayor Page will reach out to the owner and the City Attorney.

The Zoning Meeting will be held April 14<sup>th</sup> on the variance for the Whimsical Whisker's Shelter.

The animal control ordinance was discussed on the limit of the number of 5 animals per household and will be on the agenda for council.

**Other:**

**Public Comments:**

The Assumption Fest Member asked the council to increase the contribution for advertising from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00 due to a price increase in the carnival.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm. Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Hunter, Nelsen, Porter, Reed, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

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Janet Waller  
City Clerk

Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Hunter, made a **motion to approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2025**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Porter, Reed, Sullivan, Walden and Hunter voting aye and 0 nays.