

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY
Monday, March 24, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Daniel E. Dickey at 7:00 pm

Roll Call: Ward #1 Barb Yergler, present; Dean Kidd, absent
Ward #2 Jan Hall, present; Nelda Jordan, present
Ward #3 John Carlson, present; Scott Davis, present
Ward #4 Dennis Pardick, absent; Laura Miller, present
Jr. Alderman Faith Duke, absent; Ross Brown, absent

Mayor Dickey announced that Ross Brown had resigned his position of Jr. Alderman.

Others present: Admin Assistant Peg Stalter, City Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Police Officer David Nelson, Patti Welander (Gibson City Courier), Ryan Ferguson (Paxton Record and New Gazette), Debra McCullough (WGCY radio), Jim Killian, John and Emily Mauer, Bill Romshek and Jeanne M Taylor.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Laura Miller.

Approval of Council Minutes: Nelda Jordan motioned to approve the minutes of March 10, 2014; seconded by Laura Miller. MC 6-0. Dean Kidd and Dennis Pardick were absent.

Mayor Dickey recognized visitors: 1.) Bill Romshek, residing at 223 W 15th St, requested permission to erect a 6 ft. privacy fence and asked that the barbed wire atop the current fence be taken down. Council recommended following the building permit guidelines and approved taking down the barbed wire in question. 2.) Jeanne Taylor, owner of the building at 202 N. Sangamon, requested permission to erect outside stairs on the South side of the building to accommodate upstairs apartment renters. The staircase would be of wood and be enclosed at the bottom to prevent unwanted persons entering. The Council discussed the request, suggesting submitting a drawing of the plans and follow the building permit guidelines. 3.) John Mauer, local farmer, expressed interest in purchasing approx. 2-3 acres on the West side of Jordan Park to erect a grain-drying facility for his personal use. After Council discussion, Chairman Barb Yergler called an Economic & Industrial Development Committee meeting for March 31 at 7:00 pm to further discuss Mr. Mauer's request.

Treasurer's Report: No report. Treasurer's report was sent to all council members for review.

Administrative Report: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ordinance Committee – No report.

Streets and Alley –Randy Stauffer reported that he is in the process of gathering bids for road repair project. Randy also requested permission for the ILL. Dept. of Ag to hang emerald ash boar boxes in trees around town to check for the presence of beetles. Council agreed.

Police/Health, Light and Nuisance –No report.

Finance Committee –No report.

Personnel Committee – No report.

Water and Sewer- John Carlson reported on emails that he is receiving concerning the energy upgrade at the water plant. Randy Stauffer reported that the ILL. Electric Works is to install blower controls by May 15 in order to qualify for grant monies.

Parks and Buildings – Jan Hall reported on the mowing bid received from Getty Lawn Care.

Economic and Industrial Development – Committee Meeting called for Monday, March 31 at 7:00 pm

CDAP –.Peg Stalter reported that the figures are in the Financial report.

Pool Board – No report.

Recycling Board– No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

A.) **Consideration of IPCS Wireless Site Agreement.** Mayor Dickey reported that Attorney Marc Miller had reviewed the agreement and recommended that Mayor sign the agreement.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

TIF 2 bills: Nelda Jordan motioned to approve the one (1) TIF 2 bill for \$ 1,755.00; seconded by Jan Hall. MC. 5-0. John Carlson owns property in the TIF and abstained. Dean Kidd and Dennis Pardick were absent.

TIF 3 bills: No bills.

General Bills: Laura Miller motioned to approve the general bills totaling \$71,605.32; seconded by Barb Yergler. MC 6-0. Nelda Jordan asked for clarification of check #41255.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consideration of Downtown Revitalization Committee Additional Mayor Appointments.** Scott Davis motioned to approve the addition of Marty Nuss and Roger Cramer as new members and Shawn Adkins replacing Ron Woolums; seconded by Laura Miller. Council was poled with 6 ayes.
- B. Consideration of Resolution 2014-R-01, Council Meeting Dates for 2014-2015 Fiscal Year.** Jan Hall motioned to approve the Council Meeting Dates for Fiscal Year 2014-2015; seconded by Barb Yergler. Council was poled with 6 ayes.
- C. Consideration of Mowing Bid.** Jan Hall motioned to approve the Mowing Bid submitted by Getty Lawncare with no increase over last year; seconded by John Carlson. MC 6-0. Dennis Pardick and Dean Kidd were absent.
- D. Consideration of Go-Kart/Dirt Bikes Ordinance 2014-O-03.** Jan Hall motioned to approve Ordinance 2014-O-03 as presented; seconded by Nelda Jordan. MC. 5-1. John Carlson voting against. Dennis Pardick and Dean Kidd were absent.
- E. Barb Yergler motioned to enter into Executive session to consider the Employment and Compensation of 1 or more City Employees, seconded by Nelda Jordan. MC 6-0.**
- F. Return to Open Session for the Approval of Employment and Compensation of 1 or more City Employees.** Following the Executive Committee's recommendation, Barb Yergler motioned to approve a \$4.00 per hour wage increase for Jim Killian, effective May 1, 2014, with no Cost of Living increase at that time; seconded by Jan Hall. MC 6-0. Dennis Pardick and Dean Kidd were absent.

ADJOURN: Laura Miller motioned to adjourn; seconded by Scott Davis. Council poled 6 ayes.

APPROVED

ATTEST