

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY
Monday, April 14, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Dean Kidd at 7:00 pm

Roll Call:

Ward #1	Barb Yergler, present; Dean Kidd, present
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

Others present: Admin Assistant Peg Stalter, Police Chief Steve Cushman, City Attorney Marc Miller, Patti Welander (Gibson City Courier), Ryan Ferguson (Paxton Record and New Gazette), Debra McCullough (WGCY radio), Ellen Lee, Denny Houser, Mary Timm, Wayne Link, Jodi Carden, Marc Petersen, Jerry Skinner, Kristi Reynolds, Trey Reynolds, Ashleigh Skinner.

Scott Davis motioned to approve Mayor Dickey's appointment of Dean Kidd as Mayor Pro-Tem for tonight's meeting; seconded by Laura Miller. Council poled with 6 ayes/ 0 nays.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderwoman Nelda Jordan.

Approval of Council Minutes: Scott Davis motioned to approve the minutes of March 24, 2014; seconded by Nelda Jordan. MC 7-0. Dennis Pardick was absent.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kidd extended the Council's condolences to Barbara Yergler on the passing of her mother. He also welcomed Mayor Dickey's son, Seth, home on leave from the Army after spending approx. 6 months in Afghanistan.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kidd recognized visitors: 1.) Jerry Skinner thanked the Council in advance for reconsidering the Go-Kart Ordinance. 2.) Denny Houser of the American Legion requested permission to sell Poppies at the corner of 8th and Sangamon and Rt. 9 and Rt. 47 on May 17th from 8 am to noon. He also requested the use of 8 cones to be placed at those corners. Council approved the Legion's request.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Administrative Report: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ordinance Committee – Laura Miller reported on the committee meeting of March 31st. The committee discussed the Coin-Operated Amusement Machine fees. The committee also suggests reviewing the current Ordinance Book and clean up certain areas. John Carlson brought to attention several ordinances that are not being enforced. Chief Cushman commented that ordinances are enforced as needed.

Streets and Alley –Scott Davis presented a letter from the GCMS 5th grade class, requesting permission to decorate the dividing blocks on Lott Blvd. by the Elementary School for Earth Day (April 22, 2014). The City will paint the blocks white before they are decorated. Council approved this request.

Police/Health, Light and Nuisance –Dean Kidd reported the Downtown Revitalization Committee is finalizing the application for a \$100,000.00 grant for the downtown light project and will be submitted on April 23rd. Mr. Kidd reported that he had been contacted by a resident living next to a property in disrepair. Attorney Marc Miller addressed this issue.

Finance Committee –No report.

Personnel Committee – No report.

Water and Sewer- John Carlson reported a plugged sewer on the West side of town. Randy Stauffer was not present to address this issue.

Parks and Buildings – Jan Hall reported on the meeting concerning the Rotary Club North Park play area project. Gene Everett presented the Rotary's idea with an estimate cost of \$95,000.00. Jan requested a picnic table and/or bench to be placed at the swing set areas in both parks for adults supervising their children at play. No motions were presented

Economic and Industrial Development – Barb Yergler reported on the March 31st with no motions to present. The Industrial park future was discussed with the committee wanting a guideline for future projects at the park. A request from Mr. Mauer to purchase an area of the park to erect grain bins was denied by the committee.

CDAP –.Peg Stalter reported a balance of \$149,074.12 with all accounts current.

Pool Board – Dean Kidd announced a Board Meeting to be held April 15th.

Recycling Board– No report.

OLD BUSINESS: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

TIF 2 bills: No bills.

TIF 3 bills: Nelda Jordan motioned to approve the 1 TIF 3 bill for \$10,000.00; seconded by Jan Hall. MC 5-0. Laura Miller and Scott Davis own property in the TIF and abstained. Dennis Pardick was absent.

General Bills: Barb Yergler motioned to approve the general bills totaling \$ 99,885.28; seconded by Laura Miller. MC 7-0. John Carlson asked about the NSF fee charged by the Bank of Gibson. Peg Stalter responded.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consideration of Annexation of the Carley Property.** Mary Timm reported that the committee met at 6:30 pm prior to Council meeting and approved annexation of 7.82 acres as requested by the Carleys. Ellen Lee, representing the Carleys, fielded questions from the Council. Jan Hall motioned to approve Ordinance 2014-O-04, annexing the described 7.82 acres to the city and zone it residential; seconded by John Carlson. MC with 7 ayes.
- B. Consideration of 1 day Liquor License for the Sand Trap on Sat., July 19, 2014.** Marc Petersen of the Sand Trap requested the extension of a fenced outside beer garden during normal hours, with a band performing outside on Saturday, July 19, 2014. The council suggested some type of noise control for the live band. Mr. Petersen agreed. Laura Miller motioned to approve the 1 day License for normal hours and within a specified fenced area on the property on July 19th for a fee of \$1.00; seconded by John Carlson. MC. 7-0. Dennis Pardick was absent.
- C. Consideration of Jodi Carden's Request for the City to Vacate Property.** City Attorney Marc Miller will research the legalities of vacating the requested property and will report to Council before any motion is entertained.
- D. Consideration of Ordinance 2014-O-05, Repealing Article 5 (Regulation of Coin Operated Amusement Machines).** John Carlson motioned to adopt Ordinance 2014-O-05; seconded by Jan Hall. MC 6-0. Dennis Pardick was absent. Laura Miller abstained stating conflict of interest.
- E. Consideration of Clean-up Day date.** Laura Miller motioned to approve Clean-Up Day for May 24, 2014 from 8 am to noon with collection at Strebeck's; seconded by Nelda Jordan. MC 7-0.
- F. Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Employment and Compensation of 1 or more City Employees.** Scott Davis motioned to table the Executive Session to the next Council meeting, in the absence of Mayor Dickey and Alderman Pardick; seconded by Nelda Jordan. Council poled with 7 ayes.

Prior to adjournment, several attending residents raised questions about the Ordinance concerning Go Carts/Dirt Bikes, asking for leniency and/or reconsideration. Several alternatives were offered during the discussion.

ADJOURN: Jan Hall motioned to adjourn; seconded by Laura Miller. Council poled 7 ayes.

APPROVED

ATTEST