

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY  
Monday, May 12, 2014

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

**Roll Call:**

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

**Others present:** Attorney Marc Miller, Admin. Assistant Peg Stalter, Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Police Chief Steve Cushman, Patti Welander (Gibson City Courier), Ryan Ferguson (Paxton Record and New Gazette), Debra McCullough (WGCY radio), Bryan Timm, Wayne Link, Jodi Carden, Jacob Dickey, Rebecca Craig, and Lesley Davis.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Superintendent Randy Stauffer.

**Approval of Council Minutes:** Dennis Pardick motioned to approve the minutes of April 28, 2014; seconded by Laura Miller. MC 7-0. John Carlson was absent.

**Mayor Dickey recognized visitors:** 1.) Lesley Davis announced the Power Up 5K run to be May 31<sup>st</sup> and asked for Police Escort and Road markers. Council agreed. 2.) Jacob Dickey thanked everyone for making his brother's homecoming from Afghanistan a surprise and a success. He suggested that a group be formed to do this 'Welcome Home' to any local serviceman or woman, involving the High School and interested persons. Council agreed. 3.) Bryan Timm offered his unpaid assistance to help with the City's website and social media. Council agreed to his request. 4.) A representative for The Relay for Life announced the event will be held June 7<sup>th</sup> at the North Park from 2:00 pm to midnight. More information will be forthcoming.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report.

**Administrative Report:** No report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Ordinance Committee** – Laura Miller offered No report.

**Streets and Alley** – Randy Stauffer reported that the 2 residents have requested that the storm drainage ditches at Railside next to their property be mowed. Jan Hall inquired as to whose responsibility it is to move the Drainage Ditches. If the ditch is on private property, it is the owner's responsibility to mow.

**Police/Health, Light and Nuisance** – Chief Cushman reported that 21 notices have been issued to property owners for violation of clean –up. The department will follow up on those notices following the City Clean-Up Day.

**Finance Committee** – Nelda Jordan offered no report.

**Personnel Committee** – Dennis Pardick offered no report.

**Water and Sewer**–Randy also reported that hydrant flushing is scheduled to begin Sunday, May 11 during night hours. .

**Parks and Buildings** – Chief Cushman reported vandals are messing up the North and South Park Restrooms and suggests that cameras be installed, as was previously discussed.

**Economic and Industrial Development** – Barb Yergler offered no report.

**CDAP** –Peg Stalter reported all accounts current with the balance of \$150,374.21.

**Pool Board** – Dean Kidd reported that June 6<sup>th</sup> will be opening day with 10 returning life guards and several more to be hired. The Concession stand is being rented with expectations of being open longer hours.

**Recycling Board**– Nelda Jordan offered no report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A.) Consideration of Ordinance 2014-O-06, vacating a portion of Nelson Avenue.** Jan Hall motioned to approve Ordinance 2014-O-06, vacating a portion of Nelson Avenue as described; seconded by Dennis Pardick. MC 7-0. John Carlson was absent.

**B.) Consideration of 2014-2015 Committee Appointments.** Dennis Pardick motioned to approve the 2014-2015 Committee Appointments as presented; seconded by Laura Miller. MC 7-0. John Carlson was absent.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

**TIF 2 bills:** Dean Kidd motioned to approve the two (2) TIF 2 bills for \$7,448.20; seconded by Nelda Jordan. MC 7-0. John Carlson was absent.

**TIF 3 bills:** No bills.

**General Bills:** Nelda Jordan motioned to approve the general bills totaling \$ 92,228.50; seconded by Scott Davis. MC 7-0. John Carlson was absent.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Presentation by and Consideration of Gibson City Garden Club request.** Rebecca Craig, on behalf of the 25 Garden Club members, presented their suggestion of planting and caring for several areas in town, including the large planter at the North Park. She presented a bid from Ropp's Flower Factory for \$555.58 for the project, with no additional cost to the city. Barb Yergler motioned to approve the Garden Club project and \$555.58 to Ropp's Flower Factory for flowers; seconded by Dean Kidd. MC 7-0. John Carlson was absent.
- B. Consideration of Spray Patch Bids.** Randy Stauffer reported receiving 2 bids for this project and recommended that council accept the low bid from AMZ for \$7.00/ gal. Scott Davis motioned to accept the bid of \$7.00/ gal from AMZ; seconded by Jan Hall. MC 7-0. John Carlson was absent.
- C. Consideration of a Pedestrian Crosswalk at Melvin and 19<sup>th</sup> Street.** Randy Stauffer reported that the School Board agreed to pay 2/3 of the quote from Laesch Electric, Towanda, for installing a Pedestrian Crosswalk at N. Melvin and 19<sup>th</sup> Streets, which will include 3 flashing lights and pushbuttons. The City will purchase and install 3 poles. The lights are solar with 5 year battery. Scott Davis motioned to agree to pay \$5982.00 as the City's share of installing Pedestrian Crosswalk Lights at North Melvin and 19<sup>th</sup> Streets and purchasing and installing 3 poles; seconded by Laura Miller. MC 7-0. John Carlson was absent.
- D. Consideration of the 'Buy Gibson City' program.** This year's program will start May 17<sup>th</sup> and end Sept. 30, 2014. After discussion, Dennis Pardick motioned to accept the terms of the 'Buy Gibson City' program; seconded by Dean Kidd. MC 7-0. John Carlson was absent.
- E. Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Employment and Compensation of 1 or more City Employees.** Dennis Pardick motioned to enter into Executive Section for the purposes of discussing impending litigation involving 1 Earth Energy tax appeal and to review and approve previous Executive Session minutes; seconded by Jan Hall. MC 7-0. John Carlson was absent.
- F. Return to Open Session**

**ADJOURN:** Jan Hall motioned to adjourn; seconded by Dennis Pardick. Council poled 7 ayes.

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