

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY
Monday, August 8, 2016

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

Roll Call: Ward #1 Barb Yergler, present; Brandon Roderick, 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 Jessalyn Davis, absent

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman John Carlson.

Others present: Admin. Assistant Peg Stalter, City Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Police Chief Steve Cushman, Ross Brown (WGCY/Paxton Record), Gary Lutterbie, Sara Bielfeldt (Gibson City Chamber), Dan Kearfott, Daton Getty, Bob Dillon (D.E.C.)

Approval of Council Minutes: Alderman Laura Miller motioned to approve the minutes of July 25, 2016; seconded by Alderman Nelda Jordan. MC 7-0.

Mayor Dickey recognized visitors: 1.)Sara Bielfeldt representing the Gibson City Chamber of Commerce announced the Gibson City Fright Night event scheduled for October 25th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm to be held in the downtown area. She requested Sangamon Ave be closed from 8th to 9th Street for this event. The application will be voted on in Old Business. She also announced the date of the ‘Lighted Parade’ to be November 19th with no rain date chosen and requested that the normal roads be closed that have been closed in previous years. This also will be voted on in Old Business.2.) Dan Kearfott of Kearfott Graphics presented an idea of placing banners honoring active Military members on the new light poles at no cost to the city, with each pole displaying a double-sided banner featuring the photo and name of the active military person along with the name of the donor or sponsor. Sizes include 36” x 18” for \$250.00 per year and 60” x30” for \$350.00 per year. Council approved the idea of the Downtown Banner Program saluting our Active Military.

Treasurer’s Report: No report.

Administrative Report: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ordinance Committee –Alderman Jan Hall expressed concern of the amount of merchandise for sale appearing on the downtown sidewalks. The original ordinance states items can be 3 ft. out and 3 ft. high. mainly for sidewalk sales. She will call a meeting to discuss this item.

Street and Alley – Alderman John Carlson reported on his committee meeting held on Aug 4 with Aldermen Jan Hall, Barb Yergler, Scott Davis, Nelda Jordan and Sean Widner and Ross Brown in attendance. Discussion included the 2 additional lights to be installed, using washed river rock at the corners to avoid traffic hazard. Sean Widner discussed upgrading the railroad crossing uptown as well as other crossings. No motions were made.

Police/Health, Light and Nuisance –Alderman Brandon Roderick reported that the bids for the 2004 Tahoe will be opened later in the meeting. He also called an Executive Session for August 22 to discuss personnel.

Finance Committee – Alderman Scott Davis offered no report.

Personnel Committee –No report.

Water and Sewer – Alderman Nelda Jordan offered no report.

Parks and Buildings –Alderman Barb Yergler reported that there are issues with the South Park Restrooms that need to be addressed.

Economic and Industrial Development –Alderman Laura Miller offered no report.

CDAP – Admin Assist Peg Stalter reported that the CDAP report was emailed to council.

Pool Board –Alderman Barb Yergler offered no report.

Recycling Board– Alderman Nelda Jordan offered no report.

Downtown Committee – Alderman Barb Yergler offered no report.

Public Recreation/Fishing Committee-Gary Lutterbie reported that the trash receptacles and grills have been installed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A.) **Consideration of Ordinance 2016-O-12, amending the revised code of Ordinances to provide for a Sidewalk Café License.** Alderman Jan Hall motioned to approve this ordinance with changes in the wording identifying the Liquor Commissioner/Mayor as the person in charge of reviewing the applications and adding that the outdoor furniture should be of some weight, so as to not be blown around; second by Alderman Barb Yergler. MC 6-0. Alderman Laura Miller abstained stating conflict of interest. Alderman Dennis Pardick was absent.
- B.) **Consideration of application for the ‘Lighted Christmas Parade’.** Alderman Hall motioned to approve the ‘Lighted Christmas Parade’ for November 19th (**Resolution 2016-R-06**); seconded by Alderman Brandon Roderick. MC 7-0. Alderman Dennis Pardick was absent.
- C.) **Consideration of an application for the ‘Octoberfest’ event.** Sara Bielfeldt announced that the event is now called ‘Gibson City Fright Night’ and is scheduled downtown between 8th and 9th streets on October 25th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Alderman Laura Miller motioned to approve the ‘Gibson City Fright Night’; seconded by Alderman Brandon Roderick. MC with 7 ayes/ no opposition. Alderman Dennis Pardick was absent.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

- A.) **MFT checks-** One (1) bill for \$104,590.57. Alderman Barb Yergler motioned to approve payment of this check; seconded by Alderman Scott Davis. MC 7-0.
- B.) **TIF 2 Bills** – Six (6) bills totaling \$ 10,595.22. Alderman Laura Miller motioned to approve the (6) TIF2 bills; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 6-0. Alderman John Carlson owns property in the TIF and abstained.
- C.) **General Fund Bills** totaling \$ 359,724.41. Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve the general bills; seconded by Alderman Scott Davis. MC 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A.) **Consideration of Electric Supplier.** Alderman Scott Davis reported he met with 3 suppliers and gave them each the same time-frame in order to properly compare prices. He received 2 offers. Mr. Bob Dillon presented an energy only bid for 42 months with Noble Americas. Alderman Scott Davis motioned to approve Nobel Americas Contract to begin September 1, 2016; seconded by Alderman John Carlson. MC 7-0. Alderman Dennis Pardick was absent.
- B.) **Consideration of 2004 Tahoe Bids.** Chief Cushman reported three bids had been received with the bid from Larry David being the highest at \$4250.00. Chief Cushman recommended accepting Mr. David’s bid for the 2004 Tahoe. Alderman Brandon Roderick motioned to accept the high bid from Larry David of \$4250.00 for the 2004 Tahoe; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. MC. 7-0. Alderman Dennis Pardick was absent.

Announcements:

ADJOURN: Alderman John Carlson motioned to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Laura Miller. Council was poled with 7 ayes/ 0 objections.

APPROVED

ATTEST