

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY
Monday, April 10, 2017

Call to order by Mayor Daniel Dickey at 7:00 pm

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

Others present: City Attorney Marc Miller, Admin. Assist Peg Stalter, City Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Police Chief Eric Hyatt, Ross Brown (Ford County Record/WGCY), Denny Troyer and Harry Groom (American Legion), Ed Day, Taylor Braasch, Susie Tongate, Sue O'Neal, Chic Meredith, Melissa Cushman, Kayla Rodgers (Villas of Hollybrook, Dayton Getty (Getty Lawn Care) and Amanda Wetherell.

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Alderman Dennis Pardick.

Approval of Council Minutes: Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve the minutes of March 27, 2017; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 7-0. Alderman John Carlson was absent.

Mayor Dickey recognized visitors: 1.)Kayla Rodgers of the Villas of Hollybrook announced their plans for a 5K run/walk on Saturday, June 17th starting at 10:00 A.M. to start at the Villas and requested council permission. She provided a map of the scheduled run and will seek advice and support from Superintendent Randy Stauffer and Police Chief Eric Hyatt. Council approved the event. 2.) Chic Meredith from the Relay for Life announced plans for the Survivor Dinner on August 5, 2017 at the North park. She requested assistance in blocking off 13th Street at Lott Blvd. and asked that the Fire Department set up a tent. She also would need a key to turn of water for the event and asked for a late closure of the restrooms. The event is scheduled from 10 am to 10:30 pm with no overnight parking. Council approved the event and requests. 3.) Amanda Wetherell and son voiced concern about the cutting down of trees in the city without notification, in particular the tree cut down at 15th Street and Lott Blvd. She would like a new tree planted. Randy Stauffer reported that new trees will be available in 30-60 days. Alderman Jan Hall reported that she had donated door hangers to notify residents a week in advance of any plans to cut down trees, asked Randy Stauffer if they were being used and urged him to check that they are. 4.) Denny Troyer of the American Legion asked for a 1 day liquor license to be issued in conjunction with the Cornbelt Shriner's Concert. This was acted upon in New Business Item A.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Administrative Report: Admin Assist. Peg Stalter reported that water bills would be mailed next Monday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ordinance Committee – Alderman Jan Hall offered no report.

Street and Alley – Randy Stauffer reported that his department needs 2 trucks (1 new and 1 used). He will report more at the next meeting. .

Police/Health, Light and Nuisance – Alderman Brandon Roderick and Chief Hyatt offered no reports.

Finance Committee –Alderman Scott Davis reported that funds from 1 Earth Energy had been transferred to the Forestry as a result of a sale of property.

Personnel Committee – Alderman Dennis Pardick offered no report, but referred to the Executive session later in the meeting.

Water and Sewer – Alderman Nelda Jordan offered no report. Randy Stauffer reported that I pump is installed and 1 needs to be repaired. The newly hired operator Mark Webster is now at the plant. He also reported a water leak at Sangamon and 14th which has been repaired.

Parks and Buildings –Alderman Barb Yergler will report on the March 10th meeting in new business.

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

CDAP – Admin Assist Peg Stalter offered no report.

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-Alderman Brandon Roderick offered no report. Admin Assist. Peg Stalter reported that the fish had arrived and put in the pond.

OLD BUSINESS:

A.) **Consideration of Special Liquor License for the Sand Trap in conjunction with 2017 Harvest Festival.** This item was held to a future meeting.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

- A.) **TIF #2 bill – One (1) TIF #2 bill for \$4,355.13.** Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve payment of the 1 TIF2 bill; second by Alderman Laura Miller. **MC 7-0.** Alderman John Carlson was absent.
- B.) **General Fund Bills totaling \$ 81,855.66.** Alderman Jan Hall motioned to approve payment of the general bills; second by Alderman Brandon Roderick. **MC 7-0.** Alderman John Carlson was absent.

NEW BUSINESS:

A.) **Consideration of a Special Liquor License for the American Legion in conjunction with the Cornbelt Shriner's Concert on Saturday, July 8, 2017.** Denny Troyer from the American Legion requested the license to be used in the fenced area on 9th street between American Legion building and Ace Hardware on Saturday July 8, 2017 fro 5 pm to midnight. Alderman Brandon Roderick motioned to approve the 1 day liquor license fro a fee of \$1.00; second by Alderman Dennis Pardick. **MC 6 ayes /0 against /1 abstain.** Alderman Laura Miller abstained because of conflict of interest. Alderman John Carlson was absent.

B.) **Consideration of CSO Sewer Separation Phase 3B – State Street Bids.** Mayor Dickey asked that this item be held until after meeting with the Water/Sewer, Streets and Alley and Finance Committees. Council agreed.

C.) **Consideration of CSO Sewer Separation- Phase 4- North Park bids.** Mayor Dickey asked that this item be held until meeting with the Water/Sewer, Streets and Alley and Finance Committees. Council agreed.

D.) **Consideration to hire Donohue & Assoc, Inc for the Design, Bid Phase and Construction related services for painting the Water Towers.** Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to table this item to the next meeting; second by Alderman Jan Hall. **MC 7-0.** Alderman John Carlson was absent.

E.) **Consideration of Ordinance 2017-O-03, amending the Revised Code of Ordinances for the City of Gibson to change the Residency Requirement for the position of Lead Wastewater Operator.**

Attorney Marc Miller explained that this Ordinance would allow the position of wastewater operator to reside within 11 miles of the City and would apply only to this position. Alderman Jan Hall motioned to approve Ordinance 2017-O-03; second by Alderman Laura Miller. **MC 7-0.**

F.) **Consideration of Cleaning Bids.** Committee Chairman Alderman Barb Yergler reported that 3 bids were received and reviewed on March 30th. Bids were received from Melissa Cushman, Sue O'Neal and Angie Lage, and Greg Jones. The committee asked and answered questions of Cushman and O'Neal/Lage, while Greg Jones was not present. Committee members had individually inspected City Hall in the past week and spoke individually with various city employees for input on the quality of current cleaning services. Feedback pointed out areas of dissatisfaction with the current cleaning services and the committee concurred. Alderman Yergler mentioned that both O'Neal and Lage have had many years of commercial cleaning experience and hold appropriate insurance requirements. Alderman Barb Yergler motioned to award the 1 year cleaning contract to Oneal and Lage at \$300.00/ week for the City Hall/ Police Department cleaning and \$20.00/hour for cleaning the restrooms at the parks; second by Alderman Jan Hall. Prior to the vote, Melissa Cushman demanded to know just who complained and about what. When asked if she was present when her children were cleaning, she answered no. Alderman Jan Hall reminded Ms. Cushman that she was hired for the job, not her children, who at times were unsupervised. Alderman Yergler and Hall decided to continue with the motion on the table as stated. **MC 6-1.** Alderman Scott Davis voting against the motion and Alderman John Carlson was absent.

G.) **Consideration of Mowing Bids.** Chairman Alderman Barb Yergler reported receiving 3 bids for the City Mowing Contract which were reviewed by the committee on March 30th. She reported that Wayne Link stated that Getty Lawn Care was doing a suitable job, but recommended that the City crews take back the mowing of city properties. In talking with the City Superintendent Stauffer for his input, he did not agree that the City crew should take the responsibility of mowing all city properties at this time. Alderman Barb Yergler motioned to accept Getty Lawn Care bid for a 1 year contract at approx. \$895.00 weekly and \$32.00 hourly for lots; second by Alderman Jan Hall. **MC 7-0.** Alderman John Carlson was absent.

H.) **Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to enter into Exec. Session to consider the employment/compensation of 1 or more City Employees; second by Alderman Brandon Roderick.** **MC. 7-0.**

I.) **Return to Open Session for the Approval of Employment and Compensation of 1 or more City Employees.** Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to approve the hiring of Taylor Braasch for the position vacated by Brenda Daniels for 5 hrs a day/ 5 days a week at \$10.00 /hour with 1 year probation and incentives for pay increases; second by Alderman Jan Hall. **MC 7-0.**

Announcements/Comments:

ADJOURN: Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Brandon Roderick. Council was poled with 7 ayes/ 0 objections.

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