

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY  
Monday, April 22, 2019

**Call to order** at 7:00 pm by Mayor Dickey.

**Roll Call:** Ward #1 Susan Tongate, present; Greg Houtzel, present  
Ward #2 Randy Wyant, present; Nelda Jordan, absent  
Ward #3 Doug Parsons, present; Scott Davis, absent  
Ward #4 Dennis Pardick, absent; Laura Miller, present  
Jr Alderman Abby Spiller, absent; Jr. Alderman Mady Schutte, present

**Others present:** City Attorney Marc Miller, City Treasurer Scott Shull, Police Officer Kaleb Kraft, Admin Assist. Peg Stalter, City Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Deb McCullough (WGCY), Jean Noellsch (Ford County Record), Mike Friend (Farnsworth Group), Aaron Franks, Jan Hall, Jeff Anderson (Anderson's Outdoor), Dale Denny and Billie Jo Denny and Logan Heavilin (Ed Day Skate Park), Gary Lutterbie (Jordan Pond), Rachel Wenger (GAH), Angela Lage and Sue O'Neal (City Hall Janitorial), Kim Burdette, Rob Schmitt, Aaron Kafer, Mitchel and Jackie Quinley (Scouts and Youth Group), Andrew Hamilton, Jeremy Brier, Eric Quinley and son.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** led by Alderman Laura Miller.

**Approval of Council Minutes:** Alderman Doug Parsons motioned to approve the council minutes of April 8, 2019; second by Alderman Laura Miller. **MC 5-0.**

**Mayor Dickey recognized visitors:** 1.) Mike Friend of Farnsworth Group, 2.) Tammy Burdett, 3.) Jeff Anderson of Anderson Outdoor

**Treasurer's Report:** City Treasurer Scott Shull gave the Financial report as of March 2019.

**Administrative Report:** Admin Assistant Peg Stalter offered no report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Ordinance Committee** – No report.

**Street and Alley** – Alderman Doug Parsons offered no report.

**Police/Health, Light and Nuisance** – Alderman Greg Houtzel offered no report.

**Finance Committee** – No report..

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

**Water and Sewer** – Alderman Randy Wyant offered no report.

**Parks / Buildings / Technology** – Susie Tongate reported 1.) that on May 11, 2019 starting at 8 am, GAH will host its annual run on the usual route, working with Randy Stauffer and the Police Department for their particular needs., 2.) opening day for the Pool will be May 31, 2019, 3.) updated the Pool Exploratory Committee visits, 4.) Gary Lutterbie reported the revised budget for Jordan Pond concerning a walkway around the pond and materials suggested to use and that GAH donated \$1000.00 for the fishing derby and stocking the fish.

**Economic/Industrial Development** – Alderman Laura Miller offered no report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A.) Consideration of special event/ Liquor License for the American Legion in conjunction with the Kyle Burdette Celebration of Life Music Fest on May 18, 2019.** Alderman Doug Parsons motioned to approve a one day special event/liquor license for the American Legion in conjunction with the Kyle Burdette Celebration of Life Music Fest from 2 pm to 8 pm, blocking the side walk to the East and South of the building with fencing for overflow and for a fee of \$1.00; second by Alderman Randy Wyant. MC 4-0 with Alderman Laura Miller abstaining, stating conflict of interest.

**B.) Consideration of Lift Station Lot 12 for the Jordan Industrial Site.** Superintendent Randy Stauffer asked for this discussion to be delayed, as he needs additional information to present. Council agreed.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

**A.) General Fund Bills totaling \$ 88,369.92.** Alderman Laura Miller motioned to approve payment of the general bills; second by Alderman Susie Tongate. **MC 4/0,** Alderman Randy Wyant abstained, stating he has a pending invoice in the bills.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A.) Consideration and approval of GAH Physicians North Park request for June 1, 2019.** Rachel Wenger asked for a special license to permit serving of alcohol at the GAH Physicians event at the North Park on June 1, 2019. Alderman Susie Tongate motioned to approve this request from 4 – 8 pm for a fee of \$1.00; second by Alderman Randy Wyant. MC 4-0, with Alderman Laura Miller abstaining, stating conflict of interest.

**B.) Announcement concerning 'Friday Night Under the Lights in Downtown Gibson City'.** Alderman Susie Tongate announced that this event will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday night from May through September and invites everyone to come to cruise Main Street during that time and asks any businesses or groups planning something special to contact Susie. Fliers have been made and are being distributed with more information. Mayor Dickey poled the Council with 5 ayes and no objections.

- C.) Presentation about the Ball Fields.** Kaleb Kraft, representing the Baseball Board, reported that the ball park at McMillen Park and West Park fields need resurfacing upgrade. The Lions Club is ready to make a donation of \$30,000.00 toward the project. Matt Birky will truck in the material. Jeff Anderson of Anderson's Outdoor Sports in Paxton works with Midwest Athletes on projects such as this and presented pictures before and after of resurfacing, replacing about 3 inches of the lime with a better grade material. The cost of the upgrade is estimated to be \$27,640.00 for McMillen Field and \$23,550.00 for the West Park for a total of \$51,190.00. It is recommended to upgrade both parks at the same time following this season. The Baseball Board requests \$21,190.00 which is TIF eligible. Alderman Laura Miller motioned to approve hiring Midwest Athlete Fields to renovate McMillen Field and the West Park baseball fields as proposed for a total of \$26,070.00 and Anderson Sports and Turf to supply materials totaling \$25,120.00 for a total of \$51,190.00 recognizing that the city will be receiving \$30,000.00 from the Lion's Club. The Mayor shall be authorized to execute contracts on behalf of the City under such items he deems customary and appropriate. The funds shall be paid from the receipts from the Lions Club with the balance being paid from TIF District #2; second by Alderman Doug Parsons. MC 4-0 with Alderman Greg Houtzel abstaining, stating that he owns property in the TIF.
- D.) Presentation about the Ed Day Skate Park.** Billie Denny reported that there is \$19,900.00 in the fund at City Hall with \$14,000.00 to be added. The 'Queen of Hearts' raffle is now over \$7400.00, they will be holding a garage sale at the Bank on 119 N Church Street, Gun raffle will be sold for a Glock1, with the drawing to be held July 3<sup>rd</sup>, and they will be adding new people to the committee in May.
- E.) Consideration and approval of Façade Grant for Steidinger Holdings, LLC Property at 111 S Sangamon Ave, Gibson City.** The application presented with an amount of over \$10,000.00. Alderman Doug Parsons motioned to approve a Façade Grant of \$5000.00 to Steidinger Holding, LLC; second by Alderman Randy Wyant. MC 6-0.
- F.) Presentation of an Ordinance amending Ordinances which established and encompassed contiguous portions of Territory within the Bloomington Normal McLean County Gibson City Ford County Enterprise Zone (and all amendatory Ordinance thereto).** Andrew Hamilton representing the above named Enterprise Zone, reported that Brandt Industries is asking for an extension on their project. No council action was taken at this time.
- G.) Consideration of a Resolution of Council Meeting Dates for 2019-2020 Fiscal Year.** Alderman Greg Houtzel motioned to approve 2019-R-01 as presented; second by Alderman Susie Tongate. MC 5-0.
- H.) Consideration of Downtown Planter/Welcome Sign Program.** The council discussed sponsoring the Downtown Planter/Welcome Sign Program using previous years format. The City would provide each of the 18 sponsors with \$75.00 Gibson City Bucks to help purchase flowers and decorations and provide them with a sign and stand to advertise their business. Sponsors would be required to plant, water, fertilize and care for their planter. The Welcome Sign sponsor will be provided by the City \$125.00 Gibson Bucks to plant and maintain the sign. Appointed judges will award \$200.00 Gibson Bucks for 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$125.00 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place and \$75.00 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place to be donated to a local charity of their choice. Alderman Laura Miller motioned to approve the Downtown planter/Welcome Sign Program with local businesses using the same format as previously used; second by Alderman Randy Wyant. MC 5-0.
- I.) Consideration of PortaPotties for the Ball Fields.** No council action was taken at this time.
- J.) Consideration to begin Hydrant Flushing starting on Sunday, April 28, 2019.** City Superintendent Randy Stauffer reported that Hydrant Flushing would begin Sunday, April 28, 2019 and should be able to complete this project within a week.
- K.) Alderman Doug Parsons motioned to enter into Executive Session for the limited purpose of discussing the employment and compensation of 1 or more city employees pursuant to 5ILCS 120/20 (c) (1) ; second by Alderman Laura Miller. MC 5-0.**
- L.) Return to open session for the approval of employments/compensation of 1 or more city employees.** Alderman Laura Miller motioned to approve compensation for the City Police Personnel pursuant to the contract with the Fraternal Order of Police as presented with annual increases of 3%, 3 ½%, 3%, 3 ½%, plus a \$1.00 increase for added certifications, and increasing vacation time to 4 weeks after 12 years of service; second by Alderman Susie Tongate. MC 5-0.
- Adjourn:** Alderman Laura Miller motioned to adjourn; second by Alderman Greg Houtzel. Council was poled with 5 ayes.

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