

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY  
Monday, August 11, 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, present; Scott Davis, present
Ward #4	Dennis Pardick, present; Laura Miller, present
Jr. Alderman	Faith Duke, absent

**Others present:** City Attorney Marc Miller, Admin. Assistant Peg Stalter, Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Police Chief Steve Cushman, Patti Welander (Gibson City Courier), Ryan Ferguson (Paxton Record/New Gazette), Debbie McCullough (WGCY radio), Randal Arends, Bonnie Arends, Ellen Hanks, Michael Sandmark, Sharon Heavilin, Greg Brucker, Darryl Coates, Paula Dickey.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Alderwoman Laura Miller.

**Approval of Council Minutes:** Scott Davis motioned to approve the minutes of July 28, 2014; seconded by Barb Yergler. MC 8-0. No discussion.

**Mayor Dickey recognized visitors:** 1.) Darrell Coates of the Dept. Natural Resources reported that Emerald Ash Bore has been detected in Gibson City Ash trees. He recommends that the City take a positive approach and begin to plant small trees to take the place of the Ash trees being threatened and recommends to increase the number of trees planted in town.

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

**Administrative Report:** Peg Stalter offered no report. City Clerk Carla Moxley reported that the Garbage Hauler Permits will be coming due in September. She asked that the council look at the current Ordinance and application prior to mailing the notices to the 2 companies currently servicing Gibson City. Chief Cushman reported that his department does not do the inspections. Dennis Pardick will contact John Schertz, in Elliott, who inspects trash trucks and will report at next meeting. Notifications will be held until that time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Ordinance Committee** –Jan Hall reported that last week's scheduled meeting was postponed to another date and time to be announced, due to the length of the closed personnel meeting.

**Streets and Alley** – Randy Stauffer reported that the oil and chip project is completed and lines on the streets are being drawn. John Carlson reminded the Council and Media that residents continue to mow grass clippings into the streets. He questioned Chief Cushman who asked that he be emailed a list of those who are continuing with that practice.

**Police/Health, Light and Nuisance** – Chief Cushman reported the July Summary of the Department's Activities. He estimates that approx.70 Golf Carts are now licensed in the City.

**Finance Committee** – Scott Davis offered no report.

**Personnel Committee** – Dennis Pardick will report the committee's recommendations in item E.

**Water and Sewer** – Randy Stauffer offered no report and referred to item D in new business.

**Parks and Buildings** – Barb Yergler offered no report.

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

**CDAP** – Peg Stalter reported that all accounts are current with a balance of \$156,527.00.

**Pool Board** – Dean Kidd offered no report.

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

**Downtown Committee** – Barb Yergler asked that Sharon Heavilin and Mark Sandmark report on the recent survey taken. One comment was for outdoor speakers downtown. John Carlson reported that the speakers have in place and the control is located at Ace Hardware, but has not been used for some time.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

**TIF 2 bills:** Barb Yergler motioned to approve the 2 (two) bills for \$ 842.83; seconded by Jan Hall. MC 7-0. John Carlson owns property in the TIF and abstained from the vote.

**TIF 3 bills:** No bills

**General Bills:** Nelda Jordan motioned to approve the general bills totaling \$112,388.52; seconded by Dean Kidd. MC 8-0. John Carlson inquired of the bill for Water Control Plant. Randy reported that the control panel needed repaired.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A.) Consideration of reimbursing the demolition of 103 & 105 S. Sangamon Ave.** Following discussion, Dean Kidd motioned to authorize the Mayor to reimburse Randall Arends, Inc. funds in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 for the demolition of the buildings at 103/105 S. Sangamon Street, contingent upon satisfactory evidence of demolition resulting in a level empty lot. The city shall provide fill to be transported by the property owner. All work is to be completed pursuant to a bid provided by Lee Excavating per estimate 2014-E080 by reference incorporated herein. All funds to be paid out of the Downtown Revitalization Fund; seconded by Scott Davis. MC. 5-3. Nelda Jordan, Jan Hall, and John Carlson voting against.
- B.) Consideration of the selling of the 2 city lawn mowers by bid.** Dennis Pardick motioned to authorize the city superintendent to take bids for the sale of two City lawnmowers which have been declared surplus property with the bids to be submitted by Friday, September 5 at 11:00 am.; seconded by John Carlson. MC 8-0.
- C.) Consideration of Downtown Signs.** Mayor asked that this item be tabled to next meeting.
- D.) Consideration of accepting price quote for rehabilitation of Well #5.** Randy Stauffer reported that he has funds available for the rehabilitation of Well #5 and has received several bids for the project. John Carlson motioned to award the bid to Municipal Well and Pump not to exceed \$15,000.00; seconded by Laura Miller. MC 8-0.
- E.) Consideration for the approval of Employment and Compensation of One or More City Employees.** Dean Kidd reported on the closed personnel meeting. The committee reviewed the applicants for the Street and Alley Department and recommends that the Council approve the hiring of Josh Lindsey at \$14.00/hr. plus benefits, effective August 18, 2014. Dean Kidd motioned to approve the hiring of Joshua Lindsey at \$14.00/hr. plus benefits, effective August 18, 2014; seconded by Dennis Pardick. MC 8-0.
- F.)** Dennis Pardick motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss imminent litigation concerning One Earth Energy tax appeals and to discuss the employment and compensation of 1 or more employees.

**Announcements:** none

**ADJOURN:** John Carlson motioned to adjourn; seconded by Laura Miller. .  
Council was poled with 8 ayes/ 0 objections.

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