

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY
Monday, August 26, 2019

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

Roll Call:

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| Ward #1 | Susan Tongate, present; Greg Houtzel, present |
| Ward #2 | Randy Wyant, absent; Aaron Franks, absent |
| Ward #3 | Scott Davis, absent; Aaron Kafer, present |
| Ward #4 | Dennis Pardick, present; Denis Fisher, present |
| Jr Alderman | Abby Spiller, absent; Jr. Alderman Mady Schutte, absent |

Others present: City Attorney Marc Miller, City Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Admin Assistant Peg Stalter, Police Chief Adam Rosendahl, Jan Hall (WGCY), Mike Friend (Farnsworth Group), Gary Lutterbie (Jordan Pond), Billie Jo and Dale Denny (Skate Park), Ben Arteman (Burgers & Beer), Nicole Miller, Paula Dickey, local residents Matthew Kutemeier, Ron Conover, Les Marti, Ida Wahls, Nick Day, and Bill Kirby.

Pledge of Allegiance led by City Attorney Marc Miller.

Approval of Council Minutes: Alderman Greg Houtzel motioned to approve the minutes of August 12, 2019; second by Alderman Aaron Kafer. MC 6-0.

Mayor Dickey recognized visitors: 1.) Mike Friend (Farnsworth Group); 2) Matt Kutemeier, 3.) Resident Ida Wahls referred to a recent article in the paper that announced the city is planning on getting Wi-Fi for downtown, in addition to installing a speaker system and encouraged the council to put these projects out for bid, in addition to mentioned the water problems, need for middle class housing and deteriorating curbs in the residential areas in town that need to be addressed, 4.) Resident Ron Conover recommended that the city not get the planned Wi-Fi for downtown, stating that if the businesses wanted it, that they should make it available, 5.) Billie Jo Denny of the Skate Park Committee reported on the progress of their fundraising projects and outlined future fundraisers, including Queen of Hearts, garage sale on City Cleanup weekend, talking to an engineer on plans for the skate park at an estimated cost of \$7500.00 and reported that the account at the City is \$33,900.00 plus the \$2000.00 donated tonight. 6.) Les Marti of New Beginnings Church announced a Rural Conference is being planned for October 4 and 5 and requested using the parking lot to the South of the Church (leaving an area for the Saturday Farmers Market). They will be hosting bands and pastors during this conference. Council approved his request. Mr. Marti also reminded residents that there are NO Parking signs on the street, allowing for Hearthside trucks to pass, 7.) Matt Kutemeier, representing the GCMS Senior Class, requested permission to paint the Falcon logo on the main street. Council approved his request, 8.) Bill Kirby of the Gibson Chamber of Commerce.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Administrative Report: Admin Assistant Peg Stalter reported that the Annual audit has been completed and the council should be getting the report in the near future.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ordinance Committee – Alderman Aaron Franks offered no report.

Street and Alley – Alderman Greg Houtzel or City Superintendent Randy Stauffer offered no report.

Police/Health, Light and Nuisance – Alderman Aaron Kafer offered no report.

Finance /Efficiency Committee – Alderman Scott Davis offered no report.

Personnel Committee – Alderman Dennis Pardick offered no report.

Water and Sewer – Alderman Randy Wyant offered no report.

Parks / Buildings / Technology – Alderman Susie Tongate reported on their August 15th meeting. The committee discussed the proposed project for obtaining WIFI and installing a speaker system downtown for an estimated \$65,000.00 as Phase 3 of the Downtown Revitalization Project. She also reported that the Pool Board met on August 21st and that Randy Ferguson has agreed to manage the pool for another year and that Hannah Cliff will be in charge of the lifeguards for next season. Gary Lutterbie of the Jordan Pond announced that the path around the pond has been completed and the Gibson Hospital donated \$3700.00 for the pavilion.

Economic/Industrial Development – Alderman Denis Fisher offered no report.

OLD BUSINESS:

A.) Consideration of Special Liquor License for American Legion on Sept 14 in conjunction with Harvest Fest. Bill Kirby announce that the Legion will be serving alcoholic beverages for those persons participating in the Absurd 1/3 Walk inside the building and will not need a special license.

B.) Consideration of a Special Liquor License for Burgers & Beer in conjunction with Harvest Fest. Ben Arteman of Burgers & Beer requested a Special Liquor License for Sept 13 for outdoor service (in a fenced area in the alley area of their property) from 4 pm to 11 pm and on Sept 14th from 11 am to 11 pm. The area will be monitored. Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to approve the special liquor license for Burgers & Beer for outside alcohol service and consumption in the fenced alley on Sept 13 (4 pm to 11 pm) and on Sept 14th (11 am to 11pm) for a fee of \$1.00; second by Alderman Susie Tongate. MC 6-0.

Council Meeting August 26, 2019 continued:

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

- A.) TIF2 check – Two (2) checks for \$15,604.00.** Alderman Denis Fisher motioned to approve payment; second by Alderman Aaron Franks. MC 5-0. Alderman Greg Houtzel abstained, stating he owns property in TIF2.
- B.) General Fund Bills totaling \$114,117.61.** Alderman Denis Fisher motioned to approve payment; second by Alderman Susie Tongate. MC 6-0

NEW BUSINESS:

- A.) Consideration of Engineering Services agreement with Donahue & Assoc, Inc.** – City Superintendent Randy staffer reported we are seeking a grant to build a new 500 thousand gallon water tower. The City will find out about the grant soon. The city will need to purchase the land at the site and the engineering needs to be completed. Once a loan is approved, bids can be advertised and accepted for the project. Alderman Susie Tongate motioned to authorize Mayor Dickey to sign the contract with Donahue & Assoc, Inc and approve their contract for engineering the project, not to exceed \$218,033.; second by Alderman Dennis Pardick. MC 6-0.
- B.) Consideration of Truck Bids.** City Superintendent Randy Stauffer presented the need to purchase 2 trucks for the low bid from Ford. Alderman Denis Fisher motioned to approve the purchase from Anderson Ford of a 2020 Ford ½ ton 4 wheel drive truck, not to exceed \$28,360.00 and a 2019 ¾ ton Ram 4 wheel drive truck with a snow plow, not to exceed 30,860.00 for a total purchase of \$59,220.00; second by Alderman Aaron Kafer. MC 6-0
- C.) Consideration to sell the 2010 Chevy Impala Squad Car.** Chief Rosendahl asked to table this item for the next meeting. Council agreed.

Announcement: Randy Stauffer reported that Ford County Housing wants to borrow the City's Stencil for handicap parking. Council approved.

Adjourn: Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to adjourn; second by Alderman Greg Houtzel. Council was polled with 6 ayes/ no objections.

APPROVED

ATTEST