

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

The meeting was called to order at the Villas of Hollybrook, 1400 N Melvin, Gibson City, IL, at 7:02 pm by Mayor Daniel E. Dickey.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Scott Davis.

Roll Call:	Ward #1	Barb Yergler, present; Brandon Roderick, present
	Ward #2	Jan Hall, present; Nelda Jordan, absent
	Ward #3	John Carlson, present; Scott Davis, present
	Ward #4	Dennis Pardick, absent; Laura Miller, present

Others present: City Attorney Marc Miller, Admin. Admin Assistant Peg Stalter, Chief Steve Cushman, Jeanne Noellsch (News Gazette), Ross Brown (WGCV), City Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Tom Mayfield of National Healthcare Capital, Howard Nettleton and Mary 'Jo' Nettleton, Camilla Lohmeyer, Kayla Rodgers (Gibson City Villas of Hollybrook executive director), Sandra Shambrook, Lesley Davis, Jessalyn Davis, Bryan Coffey and Rob Schmitt of GAH, Lori Lutz, Amana Darbutt, Marie Grider, Debbie Getty, James Fleisch, Karen Wright, Tom Townsend, Gary Lutterbie.

Approval of Council Minutes: Alderman Laura Miller motioned to approve the minutes of January 25, 2016; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 6-0. Aldermen Nelda Jordan and Dennis Pardick were absent.

City Clerk Carla Moxley administered the Oath of Office to install Jessalyn Davis as the newest Junior Alderman.

Mayor Dickey recognized visitors: Rob Schmitt and Bryan Coffey of GAH were present to give advance information about the hospital's plan to refinance a total debt of \$14.5 million. Tom Mayfield of National Healthcare Capital has previously consulted with the Hospital and explained that the refinancing would work very similar to the hospital's 2010 request. There is no liability incurred by the city and the Hospital would pay for City Attorney Marc Miller's fees to review the proposal. Hospital officials hope to present the plan for council review and vote in March, 2016. Karen Rodgers, Executive Director of Villas of Hollybrook, Gibson City, was introduced, as was the former Mayor of Sibley.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Administrative Report: Admin Assistant Peg Stalter offered no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ordinance Committee – Alderman Jan Hall offered no report, referring to new business.

Street and Alley – Alderman John Carlson reported on the January 26th Committee meeting. The proposed street sign ordinance was discussed and determined that the police department would monitor these areas and report any accidents to the committee before amending the current Stop Sign Ordinance. Any action adding stop east-west traffic at Guthrie & 11th and Wood and 12th would be delayed until the City's stop sign Ordinance is updated. Davis Welding has presented plans to improve parking and drainage for its 511 W 8th Street location at their expense, including removing a dead tree on the west side of the property and add a drain from the rear of the property to a catch basin. A drawing and list of proposed improvements will be presented at the next meeting. The committee also recommended obtaining an updated quote for cleaning the ditch at Borders property west of 47th North.

Police/Health, Light and Nuisance – Brandon Roderick offered no report. Chief Cushman reported that the new squad car has arrived, costing \$25,355.00.

Finance Committee – Alderman Scott Davis offered no report.

Personnel Committee – No report.

Water and Sewer – No report.

Parks and Buildings – Alderman Barb Yergler offered no report.

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 – No report.

Downtown Committee – Alderman Barb Yergler reported that bids are being sought.

Public Recreation/Fishing Committee – Alderman Brandon Roderick offered no report. Gary Lutterbie inquired as to how much land around the pond is available for improvements to the recreation area and would the parking lot improvement need to be bid. Council commented that if the estimate would not exceed \$6000.00, bidding would not be necessary. He and committee members will put a plan together to present at the next meeting. Mr. Lutterbie reported that Gene May of Central Ill. Disposal offered a dumpster for the site for free with weekly emptying. If the dumpster is abused, it will be locked. Mr. May also donated \$500.00 for improvements to the area. The Council also determined that all facilities at the pond should be ADA approved. Mr. Lutterbie also thanked City Superintendent Randy Stauffer for installing the dozer valve to regulate the pond's depth and reported that the pond level has increased by 2 feet. .

OLD BUSINESS: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

TIF2 bills: Three (3) TIF2 bills for \$4815.70. Alderman Jan Hall motioned to approve the three (3) TIF2 bills totaling \$4815.70; seconded by Alderman Scott Davis. No discussion. Alderman John Carlson abstained stating he owns property in the TIF. Aldermen Nelda Jordan and Dennis Pardick were absent. MC 5-0-1 abstain.

General Bills totaling \$458,494.14. Alderman Laura Miller motioned to approve the general bills totaling \$458,494.14; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. Aldermen Nelda Jordan and Dennis Pardick were absent. MC 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A.) Consideration of a Lee Farms Excavating Estimate to clean ditch. Randy Stauffer reported that funds for this project would be taken out of contingency funds, as there is no money left in this year's budget for this project which includes grinding trees and brush, leveling and hauling dirt and machinery. A bid from Lee Excavating was received in the amount of \$5050.00 for this project. Alderman John Carlson motioned to approve the Lee Excavating Bid of \$5050.00 to clean out the ditch that parallels ILL 47 across from Kuhns Equipment and near the property of Danny Borders, with city dump trucks to assist in hauling the dirt; seconded by Brandon Roderick. Aldermen Nelda Jordan and Dennis Pardick were absent. MC 6-0.

B.) Consideration of Ordinance (2016-O-02), amending the revised code of ordinances relating to liquor. City Attorney Marc Miller reported that this Ordinance would eliminate License F and give all licensees permission to begin serving alcohol at 11:00 AM on Sundays. Alderman Jan Hall motioned to approve Ordinance 2016-O-02 as presented; seconded by Alderman Brandon Roderick. Alderman Laura Miller abstained, stating conflict of interest, because her business, Gibson Bowl, holds a liquor license, Alderman John Carlson voted against. Aldermen Nelda Jordan and Dennis Pardick were absent. MC 4-1-1 abstain.

C.) Consideration of Ordinance (2016-O-03), revising the City of Gibson City's Code of ordinances to provide for municipal utility taxes. Alderman Jan Hall motioned to approve Ordinance 2016-O-03 as presented, which allows only the city to be free of the municipal tax on electricity; seconded by Alderman Scott Davis. Aldermen Nelda Jordan and Dennis Pardick were absent. MC 6-0.

Announcements: The Council and guests were invited for refreshments served by the Villas of Hollybrook.

ADJOURN: Alderman Brandon Roderick motioned to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Laura Miller. Council was poled with 6 ayes/ 0 objections.

APPROVED

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