

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY  
Monday, February 13, 2017

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

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

**Others present:** Admin. Assist. Peg Stalter, City Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Police Lt. Adam Rosendahl, Ross Brown (WGCY/Ford County Record), Gary Lutterbie, Susie Tongate, Vickie Lorenzen, Mike Lorenzen, Helen Mott, Ed Day.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** led by Alderman John Carlson.

**Approval of Council Minutes:** Alderman Jan Hall motioned to approve the minutes of January 23, 2017; seconded by Alderman Laura Miller. MC 5-0. Alderman John Carlson was present but did not vote because he had not received the minutes for his review. Aldermen Brandon Roderick and Scott Davis were absent.

**Mayor Dickey recognized visitors:** None.

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

**Administrative Report:** Peg Stalter reported that water bills would be mailed Wednesday and that residents can now pay their bills electronically either through the city's website or via a card reader inside City Hall. She also reported that Assistant Brenda Daniels and husband will be moving to Texas in the near future and asked permission to begin advertising for her replacement. Council gave permission to begin advertising for the position.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Ordinance Committee** – Alderman Jan Hall offered no report.

**Street and Alley** – Alderman John Carlson offered no report. Randy Stauffer reported that the 1998 pickup truck is in bad condition and needs to be replaced. He also reported that during the last wind storm, the pole supporting the tornado siren was lost and they will make attempts to re-assemble and remount the siren on a new pole to see if it still works. He will report back to Council.

**Police/Health, Light and Nuisance** - No report. Police Lt Adam Rosendahl offered no report.

**Finance Committee** –No report.

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

**Water and Sewer** – Alderman Nelda Jordan offered no report. City Superintendent Randy Stauffer reported that there are issues with the pump going out at well #5 at 13<sup>th</sup> and State Street which should be repaired by the weekend.

**Parks and Buildings** –Alderman Barb Yergler reported that the Rotary is planning on attending the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting to review their plans for the North Park Playground area.

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

**CDAP** – Peg Stalter reported that the report was emailed to Council for review and that all accounts are current.

**Pool Board** –Alderman Barb Yergler reported that the first meeting will be this week.

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

**Downtown Committee** – Alderman Barb Yergler offered no report.

**Public Recreation/Fishing Committee**–Gary Lutterbie reported that they want to plant trees this year around the Pond, lay concrete floor in the Pavilion and develop the North side of the pond for Monarch butterflies, designate a handicap area, and work with the Fire Department to control burn a small area of brush. He also reported that the Gibson Hospital has agreed to sponsor this year's fishing derby with the date to be announced. Alderman Jan Hall reminded Randy Stauffer that only \$5,320.00 remains in the forestry account until May 1, with all of the spending so far on maintenance.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A.) **Consideration of North Park Playground Improvements.** Alderman Barb Yergler requested to table this item until the Rotary Club can be present to review the plans. No action.
- B.) **Consideration of Special Liquor License for the Sand Trap in conjunction with 2017 Harvest Festival.** This item was held to a future meeting.
- C.) **Consideration of approval to pay Clark Dietz check.** All work and repairs to the downtown lights have been completed. Alderman John Carlson motioned to approve payment of the Clark Dietz check for \$821.00; seconded by Alderman Dennis Pardick. MC 6-0. Aldermen Brandon Roderick and Scott Davis were absent.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

- A.) **TIF #2 check in the amount of \$454.00.** Alderman Laura Miller motioned to approve payment; second by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 5-0. Alderman John Carlson owns property in the TIF and abstained from the vote. Aldermen Brandon Roderick and Scott Davis were absent.
- B.) **General Fund Bills** totaling \$104,518.44. Alderman John Carlson motioned to approve payment of the general bills; second by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 6-0. Aldermen Brandon Roderick and Scott Davis were absent.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A.) **Consideration of approval to demolish the abandoned house at 403 W 10<sup>th</sup> Street.** Randy Stauffer reported receiving 2 bids and recommended to accept the lower bid of \$6500.00 from Lee Farms. Alderman Jan Hall noted Ordinance 2013-O-07 which limits demolition of private residences to \$5000.00 per demo. She also asked if the city would be responsible for back property taxes, which total around \$5000.00. Mayor Dickey said that once the demolition is completed, a lien would be placed against the property owner for half the cost. Attorney Marc Miller reported that Ford County has approved moving forward with the project. Alderman Jan Hall motioned to approve the Lee Excavating bid of \$6500.00 to demolish 403 W 10<sup>th</sup> Street with funds from property improvement fund and to put a lien on the property following demolition; second by Alderman Barb Yergler. MC 6-0. Aldermen Brandon Roderick and Scott Davis were absent.

B.) **Consideration of Norfolk Southern RR License Agreement for the CSO Project.** Alderman Jan Hall motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the Norfolk Southern RR License Agreement to place a sewer line underneath the Norfolk Southern Railroad Crossing with payment of \$30,100.00 from the contingency line for the sewer; second by Alderman Barb Yergler. MC 6-0. Aldermen Brandon Roderick and Scott Davis were absent.

C.) **Consideration to increase the Chief of Police Cell Phone reimbursement from \$25.00 per month to \$100.00/month.** Alderman John Carlson motioned to approve the Chief of Police cell phone monthly reimbursement to from \$25.00/month to \$100.00/ month, effective November 1, 2016; second by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 6-0. Aldermen Brandon Roderick and Scott Davis were absent.

**Announcements:** none

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

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