

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY  
Monday, January 9, 2017

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

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

**Others present:** City Attorney Marc Miller, Admin, Admin. Assist. Peg Stalter, City Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Police Chief Eric Hyatt, Ross Brown (WGKY/Ford County Record), Deb McCullough (WGKY), Brodie Doman, Steve Cushman, Mike Friend (Farnsworth Group), Marc Petersen, Matt Barnard (Shop Copter), Sara Bielfeldt (Chamber of Commerce).

**Pledge of Allegiance:** led by Brodie Doman of Boy Scout Troop 29.

**Approval of Council Minutes:** Alderman Jan Hall motioned to approve the minutes of December 27, 2016; seconded by Alderman Brandon Roderick. MC 6-0. Aldermen John Carlson and Laura Miller were absent.

**Mayor Dickey recognized visitors:** 1.) Brodie Doman of Boy Scout Troop 29 is working on his Citizenship Badge, 2.) Mike Friend of Farnsworth Group, 3.) Matt Barnard introduced himself as owner of Crop Copter, located in the old Gibson Courier building. His business supplies ag drones. .

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

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**Street and Alley** – No report.

**Police/Health, Light and Nuisance** –Alderman Brandon Roderick offered no report.

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

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

**Water and Sewer** – Alderman Nelda Jordan offered no report. City Superintendent Randy Stauffer referred to New Item C.

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

**Economic and Industrial Development** –No report.

**CDAP** – Peg Stalter reported a balance of \$138,466.32 with all current.

**Pool Board** –Alderman Barb Yergler offered no report.

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

**Downtown Committee** – Alderman Barb Yergler inquired as to when the Xmas tree would be removed. Randy Stauffer reported it would be removed this week.

**Public Recreation/Fishing Committee**-Alderman Brandon Roderick offered no report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A.) **Consideration of Ameren Easement.** No action. Mayor Dickey requested that this item be removed from old business until council action is required.

B.) **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.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

A.) **General Fund Bills** totaling \$82,984.31. Alderman Scott Davis motioned to approve payment of the general bills; second by Alderman Nelda Jordan. MC 6-0. Aldermen John Carlson and Laura Miller were absent.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A.)Presentation of 2017 Harvest Festival Event – Ryan Minion**

This item was tabled to next meeting.

**B.)Consideration of Special Liquor License for the Sand Trap in conjunction with Harvest Festival.** Marc Petersen requested that this be held until next meeting. Council agreed.

**C.) Consideration of Bids to rebuild/replace Water Plant High-Service Pump.** Randy Stauffer reported that he had received 2 bids and 1 bid which was late. He also reported that the motors would be refurbished by Bodine Electric at an estimated cost of \$3000-\$5000 per motor. After discussion, Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve the bid of \$34,570.00 from Municipal Well and Pump of Waupun, Wisc; second by Alderman Scott Davis. MC 6-0. Aldermen John Carlson and Laura Miller were absent.

**D.) Consideration of Ordinance amending the Revised Code of Ordinances to Provide for a downtown Façade Grant Program.** Alderman Davis reported \$20,000.00 is in the budget for 2016-2017. The Ordinance is modeled after the property improvement project and specifies not more than \$5000.00 be granted per year per business. Ordinance Committee Chairman Jan Hall asked why she had not been contacted concerning this issue. Mayor Dickey replied that the matter was an urgent issue and he had contacted Alderman Scott Davis and Brandon Roderick. Sara Bielfeldt had inquired as to any city assistance in remodeling of the building at 101 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Alderman Hall stated that she agrees with the \$5000.00 per fiscal year per property. She suggested to open this grant program to other businesses outside the downtown area but limiting it to only commercial businesses (not out of home). She also suggested that the application form be presented to the council for approval. After further discussion, the proposed Ordinance was tabled in order to make changes to several of the items. No action was taken.

**Announcements:** Mayor Dickey announced that \$99,630.00 of USDA grant monies for the downtown lighting project had been deposited to city accounts. The total amount on this project was \$443,694.95.

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

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