

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY
Monday, July 10, 2017

Call to order by Mayor Daniel Dickey at 7:00 pm

Roll Call: Ward #1 Susan Tongate, present; Brandon Roderick, absent
 Ward #2 Randy Wyant, present; Nelda Jordan, present
 Ward #3 Doug Parsons, present; Scott Davis, present
 Ward #4 Dennis Pardick, present; Laura Miller, present
 Jr Alderman Jessalyn Davis, absent

Others present: Assistant Peg Stalter, City Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Police Chief Eric Hyatt, Ross Brown (WGCY and Ford County Record), Daton Getty, Sharon Heavilin, Andy Little, Reed Smith, Emilie Emberton, Bill Kruse Alex Brown.

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Alderman Laura Miller.

Approval of Council Minutes: Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve the minutes of June 26, 2017; seconded by Alderman Susan Tongate. **MC 7-0.**

Mayor Dickey recognized visitors: 1.) Sharon Heavilin requested that 8th Street between Sangamon and the Alley to the East be blocked for the Sunday, July 16th Historical Downtown Tours. Council approved and asked that she work with Randy Stauffer on the placement. 2.) A request was made by Reed Smith, Alex Brown, Kimberly Weissinger and Emilie Emberton who are summer interns at GAHHS, to add signs to the North Park promoting health. Randy Stauffer commented that the City could make the signs and place them where the group desires. Council approved the project. 3.) Bill Kruse requested a 1 day liquor outdoor license in conjunction with the Greyhound Festival to be held on July 15, 2017 between 3 pm and 10 pm. Council approved the request for a fee of \$1.00.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Administrative Report: Admin Assistant Peg Stalter offered no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ordinance Committee – Alderman Nelda Jordan offered no report.

Street and Alley –Alderman Doug Parsons reported on their committee meeting of July 6th, discussing the downtown development and 15th street development. Randy Stauffer reported that his department has an old truck and snowplow for sale and would like to sell it as a package deal.

Police/Health, Light and Nuisance – Chief Hyatt reported that he would like to sell a 1996 Chrysler that the department does not use on a regular basis and that he would be advertising on social media.

Finance Committee –Alderman Scott Davis will report later in the meeting.

Personnel Committee – Alderman Dennis Pardick will report later in the meeting.

Water and Sewer – Alderman Randy Wyant reported on the July 6th committee meeting to discuss an increase in sewer rates to help fund the CSO project.

Parks/Buildings/ Technology – Alderman Susan Tongate reported that Taylor Braasch is working on the City website and asked if the city would want a logo designed. Samples of logos would be presented to the council for approval.

Economic/Industrial Development – Alderman Laura Miller called a committee meeting for Monday, July 17 at 7 pm to discuss Railside.

OLD BUSINESS:

A.) Consideration of Donohue & Associates, Inc New Terms and Conditions. This item is held to a future meeting.

B.) Consideration of Lott Blvd resurfacing project engineer's Final Payment Estimate. Alderman Doug Parsons motioned to approve payment of the final payment of \$14,254.35 out of MFT funds; second by Alderman Dennis Pardick. **MC 7-0.**

C.) Consideration of Ordinance authorizing the Sale of Real Estate located at 303 N Jordan Drive. Mayor Dickey asked that this be held since the application had just been received.

D.) Consideration of 2017/2018 Budget. Alderman Scott Davis reported on the budget meeting. Total expenses are projected at \$7,260,180.00, with \$7,758,360.00 on hand. Projected income is projected to be \$6,489,895.00, with about \$300,300.00 in expenses coming from savings. Alderman Scott Davis motioned to approve the operating budget as presented for 2017/2018; second by Alderman Laura Miller. **MC 7-0.**

E.) Consideration of Ordinance (2017-O-08) of Budget/Appropriation of the City of Gibson City for 2017/2018. Alderman Scott Davis reported that this is required by the State of Illinois. Alderman Scott Davis motioned that the Budget/Appropriation Ordinance 2017-O-08 be approved as presented; second by Alderman Laura Miller. **MC 7-0.**

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

- A.) **MFT check (1) one totaling \$14,254.35.** Alderman Scott Davis motioned to approve payment of 1 MFT check for \$14,254.35; second by Alderman Doug Parsons. **MC 7-0.**
- B.) **TIF 3 check – One (1) check totaling \$4,438.47.** Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve payment of the 1 TIF 3 check for \$4,438.47; second by Alderman Susan Tongate. **MC 5-0** with Aldermen Scott Davis and Laura Miller abstaining stating they each own property in the TIF.
- C.) **TIF #2 bill –Five checks (5) TIF #2 bills totaling \$858,256.47.** Alderman Laura Miller motioned to approve payment of the 5 TIF2 checks; second by Alderman Susan Tongate. **MC 7-0.**
- D.) **General Fund Bills totaling \$ 149,858.76.** Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve payment of the general bills; second by Alderman Scott Davis. **MC 7-0.**

NEW BUSINESS:

A.) **Consideration of a special liquor 1-day license for The Kruse Center in conjunction with the Greyhound Festival.** Alderman Susan Tongate motioned to approve a 1 day outdoor liquor license to Kruse Center in conjunction with the Greyhound Festival between 3 pm to 10 pm, within a fenced area and for a fee of \$1.00; second by Alderman Doug Parsons. **MC 6-0.** Alderman Laura Miller abstained stating conflict of interest.

B.) **Consideration of Informational Signs to be posted at the North Park.** 4 summer interns at GACCH request permission to construct Health and Fitness stations at the North Park. The signs would be 2 feet off the sidewalk. Randy Stauffer commented that the city could supply the sign material and post them at each point. Alderman Susan Tongate motioned to approve the project at the North Park with the City supplying sign material and posting the signs; second by Alderman Randy Wyant. Council was poled with 7 ayes.

C.) **Consideration of Change in Plans for Lott Blvd.** Randy Stauffer reported that the original estimate for the Lott Blvd. project was \$567,534.97 with the final cost \$570,173.84. Alderman Doug Parsons motioned to approve the change order; second by Alderman Scott Davis. **MC 7-0.**

D.) **Consideration of Final Report of Improvement Constructed under the IL Highway Code.** Randy Stauffer reported that the IDOT inspection was held and the joint cracks were discussed. The cracks in the pavement are not under the contractor's responsibility per the contract. Alderman Randy Wyant motioned to approve the Final report as presented; second by Alderman Doug Parsons. **MC 7-0.** This item was held to the next meeting, for further fact gathering. The Council was poled with 7 ayes.

E.) **Consideration of Sewer Rate Increase.** Alderman Randy Wyant reported that the committee recommends a 25% increase to the Sewer rate to help pay for the continuation of the mandated CSO project. Alderman Wyant motioned to direct the city attorney to draw up an ordinance to increase the sewer rate 25%; second by Alderman Doug Parsons. **MC 7-0.**

F.) **Consideration of Downtown Improvements.** Alderman Doug Parsons reported that improvements to the downtown would include removal of 24 trees and replacing 22 stone planters. Alderman Parsons motioned to approve the cost, not to exceed \$42,850.50 out of the street and alley budget for improvements to the downtown area; second by Alderman Scott Davis. **MC 7-0.**

G.) **Consideration of New Truck Snow Plow upgrade.** Randy Stauffer reported that the upgrade to the snow plow would allow better street clearance. Alderman Doug Parsons motioned to approve \$605.50, not to exceed, for a large V blade for the snow plow; second by Alderman Laura Miller. **MC 7-0.**

H.) **Consideration of UTV Ordinance.** This item was held for corrections to errors in the ordinance.

I.) Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to enter into Exec. Session to consider employment/compensation of 2 or more City Employees; second by Alderman Susan Tongate. **MC 7-0.**

J.) Return to open session...

Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to give all non union city employees a 3.5% wage increase retroactive to May 1, 2017, Wayne Link increase \$2.00/hr. and Dave Merritt increase \$1.00/hr., both retroactive to May 1, 2017, police department employees Lisa Helgesen \$1.00/hr. increase retroactive to July 8 plus a \$25.00/ month stipend, Officer Tony Row, promoted to Sergeant, \$1.00/hr. increase retroactive to July 8 plus a \$25.00/month cell phone stipend, Assistant Administrative Assistant Taylor Braasch \$2.00/hr. increase effective July 25; second by Alderman Randy Wyant. **MC 7-0.**

Announcements/Comments: Gary Lutterbie reported that the Youth Fishing Derby was held with 25 kids participating.

ADJOURN: Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Scott Davis. Council was poled with 7 ayes/ 0 objections.

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