

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY
Monday, July 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Daniel Dickey.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Brandon Roderick.

Others present: City Attorney Marc Miller, Admin. Assistant Peg Stalter, City Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Police Chief Steve Cushman, Ross Brown(WGCY/Paxton Record), Gary Lutterbie, Daton Getty, Steven Kelly (One Earth Energy), Tom Jacob (Jacob & Klein), Jeremy Darnell, Chic Meredith, Susie Tongate.

Approval of Council Minutes: Alderman Laura Miller motioned to approve the minutes of June 27, 2016; seconded by Alderman Nelda Jordan. MC 6-0.

Mayor Dickey recognized visitors: 1.) Chic Meredith announced the Relay for Life scheduled for Aug. 6, 2016 and requested permission to close 13th street between Church and Lott Blvd. for the event. She also requested that the Fire Department hose off the pavilion and tables. The event will be held 2pm to 10pm although they need access to the area from 10 am to 10 pm. Council approved the request. 2.) Susie Tongate announced that she is working with WCIA 3 for local business profiles and interviews on ‘Our Town’ on CI Living to run July 18 to July 22, with the final live broadcasting and activities scheduled at the North Park from 5 pm to 7 pm on July 22nd. She was concerned about parking at the North Park. Alderman John Carlson recommended diagonal parking on 14th Street and Lott Blvd. Randy Stauffer suggested removing the barricades on Lott Blvd. if necessary. The ACT Theater performances are also scheduled for that night.3.) Jeremy Darnell introduced himself as the new GCMS district Superintendent. 4.) Bill Kruse requested a 1-day liquor license for July 16 at the Kruse Center in conjunction with the Greyhound Festival, with the outside tented area to be fenced during the event. The Mayor polled the Council which indicated support for his issuance of a special event liquor license to Kruse Center for the Greyhound event on July 16, 2016 located at 207 N Lawrence for a fee of \$1.00. The council indicated unanimous support.

Treasurer’s Report: No report.

Administrative Report: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ordinance Committee –Alderman Jan Hall offered no report.

Street and Alley – Alderman John Carlson again reminded residents to not put grass cuttings in the street, according to city ordinance. Randy Stauffer reported that he has not been contacted as to when the asphalt portion of Lott Blvd. resurfacing project will start. The delay is likely due to recent wet weather.

Police/Health, Light and Nuisance –Alderman Brandon Roderick offered no report. Police Chief Cushman also offered no report.

Finance Committee – Alderman Scott Davis offered no report.

Personnel Committee –No report.

Water and Sewer – Alderman Nelda Jordan offered no report.

Parks and Buildings –Alderman Barb Yergler reported that the Park cameras have been installed, the Wi-Fi is working. Chief Cushman will meet with MCS for some tweaking of the system. .

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

CDAP – Admin Assist Peg Stalter reported the CDAP report had been sent to the Council, noting that not all accounts are current.

Pool Board –Alderman Barb Yergler offered no report.

Recycling Board– Alderman Nelda Jordan offered no report.

Downtown Committee – Alderman Barb Yergler offered no report.

Public Recreation/Fishing Committee-Gary Lutterbie reported that the pavilion construction is complete and the area is being used on a regular basis.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A.) Consideration of concrete sidewalk at 103/105 S Sangamon Ave, not to exceed \$6500.00.**
Council tabled this item until the 1st phase of the downtown project is completed. City Superintendent Randy Stauffer reported he received a bid for 60% of the original bid of \$6500.00. Alderman Jan Hall said she did not feel it was necessary to pour new concrete right away if it was going to be torn up in the future. Mayor requested to remove this item from the agenda until the future. Council agreed.
- B.) Consideration of replacing the fence around the wastewater lift station at Railside Drive.**
Superintendent Stauffer asked to table this item until he can obtain more information. Council agreed.
- C.) Consideration to allow sidewalk seating at downtown restaurants.** Alderman Jan Hall reported that she had spoken with Champaign officials concerning their policy for outside seating areas and felt that the best solution would be an ordinance addressing this issue. She offered to work with Attorney Marc Miller to draft an ordinance for the next meeting. No further action was taken.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

- A.) MFT bills** – Two (2) bills totaling \$146,852.0. Alderman John Carlson motioned to approve payment of the MFT bills; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 6-0. Aldermen Barb Yergler and Dennis Pardick were absent.
- B.) TIF 2 Bills** – Five (5) bills totaling \$ 9,340.71. Alderman Scott Davis motioned to approve the (5) TIF2 bills; seconded by Alderman Brandon Roderick. MC 5-0/1 abstain. Alderman John Carlson abstained stating he owns property in the TIF. Aldermen Barb Yergler and Dennis Pardick were absent.
- C.) General Fund Bills** totaling \$ 133,854.01. Alderman Scott Davis motioned to approve the general bills; seconded by Alderman Nelda Jordan. MC 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A.) Consideration of application for the ‘Lighted Christmas Parade’.** Mayor Dickey asked that this item be held to the next meeting. Council agreed.
- B.) Consideration of application for the ‘Octoberfest’ event.** Mayor Dickey asked that this item be held to the next meeting. Council agreed.
- C.) Brandon Roderick motioned to enter into Exec. Session for the limited purpose of discussing litigation relating the One Earth Energy Tax appeal;** second by Scott Davis. MC 6-0.
- D.) Return to Open Session.**

Announcements: none

ADJOURN: Alderman John Carlson motioned to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Scott Davis. Council was polled with 6 ayes/ 0 objections.

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