

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY  
Monday, July 13, 2015

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

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

**Others present:** City Attorney Marc Miller, Admin, Assistant Peg Stalter, City Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Police Chief Steve Cushman, Patti Welander (Gibson City Courier), Jean Noellsch (News Gazette/Paxton Record), Steven Kelly, Denny Houser, Patti Meunier, Lesley Davis, Marc Petersen.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Alderman Laura Miller.

**Approval of Council Minutes:** Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to approve the minutes of June 22, 2015 and July 8, 2015; seconded by Alderman John Carlson. MC 6-0. No discussion. Alderman Barb Yergler and Brandon Roderick were absent.

**Mayor Dickey recognized visitors:** 1.) Patti Meunier, on behalf of the Mothers of GCMS Senior Students, requested permission to paint Falcons on Sangamon Ave, from the railroad track leading to the field, on both sides of the street. Council agreed to this request. She also asked if footballs with the players numbers be placed on the poles. Council recommended she contact Ameren for that permission, since they own the poles. 2.) Steven Kelly, of One Earth Energy, presented copies of their proposed settlement with the City for the release of the escrow funds. He also stated that Attorney Tague was being uncooperative and non-responsive to settlement discussions with One Earth Attorneys. Mr. Kelley inquired as to when the city will settle this matter. City Attorney Marc Miller recommended that the Council not comment on Mr. Kelly's statements, but take them under consideration.

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

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**Street and Alley** – Superintendent Randy Stauffer reported that a tree needs to be removed at 215 N Guthrie in order to repair the sidewalk. He will contact the residents prior to the activity.

**Police/Health, Light and Nuisance** – Chief Cushman requested that a meeting be called in order to have representatives from the Internet providers explain what this project will involve. A meeting will be called in the near future.

**Finance Committee** – Alderman Scott Davis reported on the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, discussing the 2015-2016 Budget, with line items being reviewed without change. He reported that the monies collected for the Rotary North Park Project and the money allocated to the TIF #4 need to be accounted for in the Appropriation report.

**Personnel Committee** – Alderman Dennis Pardick offered no report and will report on Item H on the agenda.

**Water and Sewer** – Alderman Nelda Jordan offered no report.

**Parks and Buildings** –Superintendent Randy Stauffer reported that the upgrade at North Park has been slowed by the current rains. The equipment is due to arrive this week and will be staged at the Water Plant. Council recommended that the Water Plant gates be locked 24/7.

**Economic and Industrial Development** – Alderman Laura Miller called a meeting for Thursday, July 16 at 7 pm to discuss the downtown revitalization and do a walk around downtown.

**CDAP** – No report.

**Pool Board** –No report.

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

**Downtown Committee** – No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

**TIF2 bills: Six (6) TIF2 bills for \$ 753,768.63.** Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve the six (6) TIF2 bills for \$753,768.63; seconded by Alderman Dennis Pardick. MC 5-0-1 abstain. Alderman John Carlson abstained for the reason he owns property in the TIF. Aldermen Barb Yergler and Brandon Roderick were absent.

**TIF3 bills: One (1) TIF3 bill for \$4331.83.** Alderman John Carlson motioned to approve the one (1) TIF3 bill for \$4331.83; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 4-0-2 abstain. Alderman Laura Miller and Scott Davis own property in the TIF and abstained. Aldermen Barb Yergler and Brandon Roderick were absent.

**TIF4 – One (1) TIF4 bill for \$15,000.00.** Attorney Marc Miller recommended that approval of this bill be voted on at the next meeting when all information for TIF4 is in place. No action was taken.

**General Bills totaling \$185,341.48.** Alderman Laura Miller motioned to approve the general bills; seconded by Alderman Scott Davis. MC 6-0. Aldermen Barb Yergler and Brandon Roderick were absent.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A.) Consideration of Planning Commission Motion to strike the phrase “when operated not for profit” from zoning code 40-8-7 RI section B special uses number (6). (Ordinance 2015-O-08).** Alderman Jan Hall motioned to approve Ordinance 2015-O-08, striking the phrase ‘when operated not for profit’ from zoning code 40-8-7 R1 section B special uses (6)’ seconded by Alderman John Carlson. MC 5-0. Alderman Scott Davis abstained, stating conflict of interest. Aldermen Barb Yergler and Brandon Roderick were absent.
- B.) Consideration Ordinance 2015-0-09, providing for a Community Development Assistance Program for Farmer City Chiropractic Office Building, LLC.** Alderman Jan Hall motioned to approve Ordinance 2015-O-09, providing for a Community Development Assistance Program for Farmer City Chiropractic Office Building. LLC.; seconded by Alderman Scott Davis. MC 6-0. Aldermen Barb Yergler and Brandon Roderick were absent.
- C.) Consideration of 1 day liquor license for Kruse Center on July 18, 2015, in conjunction with the Greyhound Festival.** Alderman Jan Hall motioned to approve the request for a 1 day special liquor license for Kruse Center, in conjunction with the Greyhound Festival, allowing alcohol beverages to be consumed in the fenced area adjacent to the building from 3 pm to 11:00 pm. for a fee of \$1.00; seconded by Alderman Laura Miller. MC 6-0. Aldermen Barb Yergler and Brandon Roderick were absent. Following the vote, as a point of order, Alderman Laura Miller withdrew her second and vote, due to conflict of interest, stating she cannot vote on any alcohol related issues since she is a license holder. Alderman Dennis Pardick seconded the original motion made by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 5-0-1 abstain..Alderman Laura Miller abstained stating conflict of interest.
- D.) Consideration of 2 day liquor license for the Sand Trap on July 17 and 18, in conjunction with the Greyhound Festival and the Chatsworth Class Reunion.** Marc Petersen requested a 2 day special liquor license to allow alcoholic beverages to be consumed in a fenced area adjacent to his building, in conjunction with the Greyhound Festival and Chatsworth Class Reunion. Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to approve the 2 day special liquor license for the Sand Trap on July 17 and July 18, in conjunction with the Greyhound Festival and Chatsworth Class Reunion for a fee of \$1.00 and the condition that the outdoor music volume be controlled; seconded by Alderman Scott Davis. MC 5-0-1 abstain. Alderman Laura Miller abstained due to conflict of interest. Aldermen Barb Yergler and Brandon Roderick were absent.
- E.) Consideration of 1 day special liquor license for the American Legion on August 1, 2015, in conjunction with the Eric Hyatt Benefit.** Dennis Houser of the American Legion requested a 1 day special liquor license, in conjunction with the Eric Hyatt Benefit, block off 9<sup>th</sup> street from Sangamon to the Rail Road Track between Ace Hardware and the Legion Building. The license would be valid from 4pm to close of business and would allow alcohol consumption in the outside fenced area to those persons 21 years of age or older. Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to approve a 1 day special liquor license for the American Legion, in conjunction with the Eric Hyatt Benefit and to waive the fee of \$1.00; seconded by Alderman Scott Davis. MC 5-0-1 abstain. Alderman Laura Miller abstained due to conflict of interest. Aldermen Barb Yergler and Brandon Roderick were absent.
- F.) Consideration of the approval of a collective bargaining agreement by and between Gibson City and IL. Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council police officer’s bargaining unit, May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2019.** Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to approve Ordinance 2015-O-10, the collective bargaining agreement by and between Gibson City and the IL. Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council police officer’s bargaining unit from May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2019; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 6-0. Aldermen Barb Yergler and Brandon Roderick were absent.
- G.) Consideration of Camera Bids.** This item is tabled until more information can be obtained.
- H.)** Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to enter into Executive Session for the limited purpose to discuss the employment/compensation of 1 or more City Employees; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 6-0. Aldermen Bar Yergler and Brandon Roderick were absent.
- I.) Return to open session for the approval of the employment/compensation of 1 or more city employees.** Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to authorize Superintendent Randy Stauffer to hire a qualified sewer plant operator at \$20.00/hr. plus full benefits, effective July 29, 2015 and to give all city employees the 3½%COL increase effective May 1, 2015 and a \$2.00/hr. raise to Wayne Link effective May 1, 2015; seconded by Alderman Laura Miller. MC 6-0. Alderman Barb Yergler and Brandon Roderick were absent.

**ADJOURN:** Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Laura Miller. . Council was poled with 6 ayes/ 0 objections. Alderman Barb Yergler and Brandon Roderick were absent.

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