

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY  
Monday, July 22, 2019

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

**Roll Call:**

Ward #1	Susan Tongate, present; Greg Houtzel, present
Ward #2	Randy Wyant, present; Aaron Franks, absent
Ward #3	Scott Davis, present; Aaron Kafer, present
Ward #4	Dennis Pardick, absent; Denis Fisher, present
Jr Alderman	Abby Spiller, absent; Jr. Alderman Mady Schutte, present

**Others present:** City Treasurer Scott Shull, City Attorney Marc Miller, City Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Admin Assistant Peg Stalter, Police Captain Kaleb Kraft, Ross Brown (WGCY/Ford County Record), Mike Friend (Farnsworth Group), Jennifer Thomas (Black & White/ 2019 Harvest Fest). Gary Lutterbie (Jordan Pond), residents Ronald Conover, Jan Hall, Rob Schmitt, Jeremy Baier (PGIBChurch).

**Pledge of Allegiance:** led by Alderman Denis Fisher.

**Approval of Council Minutes:** Alderman Scott Davis motioned to approve the minutes of July 8, 2019; second by Alderman Susie Tongate. MC 6-0. Aldermen Dennis Pardick and Aaron Franks were absent.

**Mayor Dickey recognized visitors:** 1.) Mike Friend (Farnsworth Group); 2.) Ron Conover requested more of an effort to clean up town, reporting that unlicensed vehicles are parked various places and trees stumps are in walkway of 4<sup>th</sup> and Sangamon, unsightly buildings and yards. Captain Kaleb Kraft responded that the Department had just mailed warnings to several residents and will be following up, 3.) Kaleb Kraft on behalf of the Baseball board reported that the McMillen Field should be ready for play by Wednesday and the Roy Reamer field will be next to be fixed. He also reported that the Lions Club has been assisting, Jeff Anderson donated the material, and sprinklers donated by McMillen.

**Treasurer's Report:** City Treasurer Scott Shull reported on the June 2019 Financial Report.

**Administrative Report:** Admin Assistant Peg Stalter offered no report. Mayor Dickey reported the winners of the Downtown Planters for the season as 1<sup>st</sup> place Anderson Ford (\$200.00 Gibson Bucks to choice of charity, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Scott's Family Pharmacy (\$125.00 Gibson Bucks to choice of charity and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Healing Begins Now (\$75.00 Gibson Buck to choice of charity).

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Ordinance Committee** – No report. Resident Ronald Conover and Sgt. Kaleb Kraft made comments above concerning areas needed to be cleaned up. The Police Department urges residents to call the department with their problems.

**Street and Alley** –Alderman Greg Houtzel offered no report.

**Police/Health, Light and Nuisance** – Alderman Aaron Kafer offered no report, but called a committee meeting for July 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm with the agenda to be announced.

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

**Personnel Committee** – No report.

**Water and Sewer** – Alderman Randy Wyant offered no report. City Superintendent Randy Stauffer reported receiving several calls concerning possible sewer smells in the area. He assured the council that the smells are not from the city, but are from the West part of town.

**Parks / Buildings / Technology** – Alderman Susie Tongate reports that volunteers are needed for the 2020 Census and that the Exploratory Pool Committee met with the engineer on site. The engineer will be submitting numbers soon. Gary Lutterbie of Jordan Pond asked about their budget. Alderman Scott Davis responded that \$12,000.00 has been budgets, but no decision had been made for what projects, although a new path and planting trees have been suggested.

**Economic/Industrial Development** –Alderman Denis Fisher offered no report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

**A.) TIF2 check – One (1) checks for \$6,475.00.** Alderman Randy Wyant motioned to approve payment; second by Alderman Susie Tongate. MC 5-0. Alderman Greg Houtzel abstained, stating he owns property in TIF2. Aldermen Dennis Pardick and Aaron Franks were absent.

**B.) General Fund Bills totaling \$108,920.77.** Alderman Susie Tongate motioned to approve payment; second by Alderman Randy Wyant. MC 6-0. Alderman Greg Houtzel questioned the bill for new tires on the loader. Randy Stauffer reported that there was 1 flat tire and needed to be changed. Alderman Greg Houtzel questioned the United Paving bill. Randy Stauffer responded that this was for patching in areas of town. Also, the Midwest meter bill has been turned over to Insurance for reimbursement (lightning damage).

**Council Minutes July 22, 2019 continued**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A.) Open Meeting update from City Attorney** – City Attorney Marc Miller reminded the council that no meeting of 3 should take place without public notice. Any emails should be between 2 parties only. No texting during any meeting. If any of the council has any questions, they should contact Mr. Miller.
- B.) Consideration of Harvest Fest requests.** Rachel Thomas representing the Harvest Fest presented an extensive list of requests for council approval, including use of any picnic tables that are available, plastic garbage containers, orange snow fence, concrete tire fence supports, dumpsters from the North Park, barricades, cones, street closures and detour signs. In addition, use of downtown electrical outlets from Friday, Sept. 13 to Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Thomas also presented a list of street closures that will be needed during Harvest Fest and will work with Randy Stauffer and the Police Department. The hospital tent will be placed in front of City Hall. A large entertainment tent will be placed at Farmer's Market. Alderman Scott Davis motioned to approve the list of requests; second by Alderman Kafer. MC 6-0. In a separate matter, Mrs. Thomas requested a city donation to Harvest Fest. Alderman Scott Davis motioned to approve a city financial donation of \$5000.00 from the marketing budget; second by Alderman Randy Wyant. MC 5-1. Alderman Aaron Kafer voted against.
- C.) Consideration of Pedestrian Crossing lights at 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Sangamon Ave.** Randy Stauffer reported that the School district is requesting crossing lights at 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Sangamon Ave. The school will pay 2/3 of the cost with the city paying 1/3. The current estimate is \$25,000.00 but they are needing 3 bids. Alderman Aaron Kafer motioned to approve 1/3 of the total estimated cost, not to exceed \$8,333.34 out of TIF2; seconded by Alderman Denis Fisher. MC 5-0. Alderman Greg Houtzel abstained stating he owns property in the TIF.
- D.) Consideration and approval of Budget/Appropriation Ordinance 2019-O-15 of the City of Gibson City for 2019-2020.** Alderman Scott Davis motioned to approve Ordinance 2019-O-15 as presented; second by Alderman Susie Tongate. MC 6-0.

**Announcement:** none

**Adjourn:** Alderman Susie Tongate motioned to adjourn; second by Alderman Aaron Kafer. Council was polled with 6 ayes/ no objections.

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