

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY

Monday, July 23, 2018

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

Roll Call: Ward #1 Susan Tongate, present; Greg Houtzel, present
Ward #2 Randy Wyant, present; Nelda Jordan, present
Ward #3 Doug Parsons, present; Scott Davis, present
Ward #4 Dennis Pardick, absent; Laura Miller, present
Jr Alderman Abby Spiller, present; Jr. Alderman Mady Schutte, present

Others present: City Attorney Marc Miller, City Treasurer Scott Shull, Admin. Assistant Peg Stalter, City Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Police Chief Adam Rosendahl, Ross Brown (WGCY and Ford County Record), Mike Friend (Farnsworth Group), Daton Getty (Getty Lawncare), Gary Lutterbie (Jordan Pond), Karen Kummerow (Community Outreach), Jennifer Thomas and Marc Petersen (Harvest Fest), Todd and Abby McNutt (MCS)

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Alderman Doug Parsons.

Approval of Council Minutes: Alderman Doug Parsons motioned to approve the regular council minutes of July 9, 2018 with Tony Row's title being corrected to Lt.; second by Alderman Scott Davis. MC 7-0.
Alderman Susie Tongate motioned to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of Monday, July 16, 2018; second by Alderman Nelda Jordan. Alderman Dennis Pardick was absent.

Mayor Dickey recognized visitors: 1.) Mike Friend of Farnsworth was making his monthly visit. 2.) Karen Kummerow, representing the Community Outreach Program, requested to use 3 golf carts which are not street ready, on Saturday August 25 and Sunday August to transport food items and people to the North Park Pavilion during the event in which civic organizations and local churches participate. Chief Adam Rosendahl stated he had no problem with the request. Council approved the request.

Treasurer's Report: City Treasurer Scott Shull presented the City's Financial Report as of June 2018 with no questions.

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 offered no report. Randy Stauffer reported that they are currently spray patching and will paint new stripes on the road soon.

Police/Health, Light and Nuisance –Alderman Greg Houtzel offered no report. Chief Rosendahl reported that there were no problems during the July 20th Friday Night Cruise, where Bayern Stube and American Legion were serving food and alcohol on the sidewalk between the 2 businesses without fencing. The area was monitored and no problems occurred.

Finance Committee –Alderman Scott Davis offered no report.

Personnel Committee – No report.

Water and Sewer - Alderman Randy Wyant offered no report. Randy Stauffer clarified the recent news that Gibson City might have Lead in the water, especially following hydrant flushing which was beginning. This is false information.....Randy reported that there has been no lead lines or lead in the city's water. The report that was published was the same report that was published last year and is a requirement of the state.

Parks / Buildings / Technology – Alderman Susie Tongate reported that ACT Theater will be holding its plays this weekend and requested that the pavilion be power washed and cleaned prior to Friday. Mayor Dickey reported that the new fans have been installed at the North Park Pavilion. Randy reported that a tree was lost at the South Park during a recent storm and that if people want to donate trees to be planted, there is a need for 4. They are to contact Randy at City Hall.

Economic/Industrial Development – Alderman Laura Miller offered no report, but referred to Item B in old business.

OLD BUSINESS:

A.) Consideration of Ordinance 2018-O- (held), establishing a Food Truck Vendor Licensing and Regulations to the revised Code of Ordinances for the City of Gibson City.

This item is being held for clarification of the wording.

B.) Consideration of Ordinance 2018-O-08, authorizing the sale of a portion of Jordan Industrial Park. Alderman Laura Miller motioned to sell 8.4 acres of Jordan Industrial park to DCT at 80% of the \$140,000.00 appraised value, resulting in a sales price of \$112,000.00, as stated in the Ordinance 2018-O-08; second by Alderman Doug Parsons. MC 7-0. Alderman Dennis Pardick was absent.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

- A.) **TIF #2 bills---Two (2) TIF #2 bill totaling \$725.00.** Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve payment of two (2) TIF #2 bills; second by Alderman Susie Tongate. **MC 6-0 with Alderman Greg Houtzel abstaining, stating he lives in the TIF.** Alderman Dennis Pardick was absent.
- B.) **General Fund Bills totaling \$109,242.44.** Alderman Laura Miller motioned to approve payment of the general bills; second by Alderman Randy Wyant. **MC 7-0.** Alderman Dennis Pardick was absent.

New Business:

- A.) **Harvest Fest Update and Requests.** Jennifer Thomas and Marc Petersen presented the update information of the upcoming Harvest Fest activities. The bands and vendors are booked. They are requesting that alcohol be allowed to be served and consumed within a fenced area adjacent to the designated fenced beer tent which would include food vendors. They requested barricades, trash cans, power outlets, picnic tables during the event from Public Works Department. The new request involves Saturday Morning (7am – 9 am) Coffee & Cars, to be held on 7th street. The street would be barricaded for the event, but opened afterward. The 2nd request is to hold a race (0.5K) sponsored by the Gibson Hospital and Corn Belt Shrine Club, with funds to benefit the Shriners Hospital. This item will be further discussed and voted upon at the next meeting.
- B.) **Consideration of Jordan Pond Projects.** Gary Lutterbie presented that budget items for the Jordan Pond for 2018, including Dog Park Fencing, installation of Park benches, trash receptacles, bag dispensers for the dog park, finish rip-rap around the pond, plant trees and handicap parking pad and sidewalk as TIF eligible, non TIT projects to include porta potties, contingency and bags for the dog park coming to a total of \$34,951.35. Alderman Scott Davis motioned to approve the 2018 Jordan Pond Budget in the amount of \$31,181.35 in TIF eligible projects and \$3770.00 for non-TIF projects, totaling \$34951.35; second by Alderman Laura Miller. MC 6-0, with Alderman Greg Houtzel abstaining, stating he lives in the TIF. Alderman Dennis Pardick was absent.
- C.) **Approval of Ordinance 2018-O-09, amending Chapter 7 of the Gibson City Municipal Code to Regulate wireless Facilities Deployment.** Attorney Marc Miller explained that the INL ordinance must be passed by the end of July according the State of Illinois. Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve Ordinance 2018-O-09 as presented; second by Alderman Susie Tongate. MC 7 ayes-0 against. Alderman Dennis Pardick was absent.
- D.) **Consideration of North Park Pavilion Repair Bid.** Randy Stauffer reported the receipt of 1 bid from Bash & Pepper, although he had contacted local contractors to submit bids, with no response. After some discussion, Alderman Randy Wyant motioned to approve Bash & Pepper's bid, not to exceed \$6500.00, with the possibility of the funds being TIF eligible; second by Alderman Susie Tongate. MC 5-1 and 1 abstain. Alderman Doug Parsons voted against stating that he feels more bids need to be obtained and Alderman Greg Houtzel stating he lives in the TIF area. Alderman Dennis Pardick was absent.
- E.) **Consideration of Purchase from the MCS Office Technologies Upgrade.** Todd McNutt explained the status of the current system. And recommends upgrading to accommodate more storage and service. The entire system would be upgraded, including the computer equipment used by the council and police department. Alderman Susie Tongate motioned to accept the MCS bid, not to exceed \$35,297.04; second by Alderman Randy Wyant. MC 7-0. Alderman Dennis Pardick remained absent.
- F.) **Alderman Susie Tongate motioned to enter into Executive Session for the limited purpose of discussing the Employment /Performance and/or Compensation of 1 or more City Employees, pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(b)(1);** second by Alderman Doug Parsons. MC 7-0.
- G.) **Return to open session.** Alderman Scott Davis motioned to increase all non-union city employees' salaries by 3% retroactive to May 1, 2018 and to increase Taylor Braasch's hourly compensation to \$14.00 per hour and increase Dave Merritt by an additional \$0.50 in addition to the percentage increase, retroactive to May 1, 2018; second by Alderman Laura Miller. MC 7-0

Announcements: none

ADJOURN: Alderman Greg Houtzel motioned to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Susie Tongate. . Council was poled with 7 ayes/ 0 against. **MC**

APPROVED

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