

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY
Monday, July 24, 2017

Call to order by City Clerk Carla Moxley at 7:00 pm

Roll Call: Ward #1 Susan Tongate, present; Brandon Roderick, present
 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: City Treasurer Scott Shull, City Attorney Marc Miller, Assistant Peg Stalter, City Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Police Lt Adam Rosendahl, Ross Brown (WGCY and Ford County Record), Gary Lutterbie, Daton Getty, Andy Little, Ben Arteman and Julie Schroeder (Burgers and Beer), Jennifer Thomas and Marc Petersen (Harvest Fest Event), Andrea and Steve Killian(Johnny-on-the-Spot), and Don Garard.

Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to approve Alderman Scott Davis as Mayor Pro-Tem for this meeting, in the absence of Mayor Dickey: second by Brandon Roderick. Council was poled with 7 ayes.

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Alderman Dennis Pardick.

Mayor Pro-Tem Scott Davis read a short statement in tribute to Chief Eric Hyatt and then asked for a moment of silence in memory of Chief Hyatt's 11 years of service and dedication to the City of Gibson City. Mr. Davis asked that the council attend Chief Hyatt's services as a group, and announced that City Hall would be closed at 11:30 am on Wednesday, so that everyone could attend. Mayor Dickey is cutting his vacation short and will be back to attend the services. Visitation is scheduled for Tuesday at Lamb Funeral Home 4pm -8pm and Services will be at the American Lutheran Church on Wednesday at 11:30 am.

Approval of Council Minutes: Alderman Laura Miller motioned to approve the minutes of July 10, 2017; seconded by Alderman Randy Wyant. **MC 8-0.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Davis recognized visitors: None

Treasurer's Report: City Treasurer Scott Davis presented the City Financial Report as of June 30, 2017.

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. City Superintendent Randy Stauffer reported that the downtown project has started with sidewalk replacement, starting on 8th Street.

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

Finance Committee –Alderman Scott Davis offered no report.

Personnel Committee – Alderman Dennis Pardick offered no report.

Water and Sewer – Alderman Randy Wyant offered no report. Randy Stauffer reported that work has begun on the CSO project.

Parks/Buildings/ Technology – Alderman Susan Tongate reported that Taylor Braasch is working on the City website and will be presenting suggestions for City logos for the council to review and approve..

Economic/Industrial Development – Alderman Laura Miller reported on the committee meeting with Guy Percy who is involved with the Railside Golf Course, asking if the City could help financially. No decision was made.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

B.)Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to enter into Exec. Session to discuss the sale of property located at 303 N Jordan Drive; second by Alderman Brandon Roderick. **MC 8-0.**

C.)Return to open session.

D.) Consideration of Ordinance (2017-O-11) authorizing the Sale of Real Estate located at 303 N Jordan Drive. Following Executive Session, Alderman Laura Miller motioned to approve the Sale of Real Estate located at 303 N Jordan Drive to Steve and Andrea Killian (Johnny on the Spot Port-a-Potties, Inc) for a price of \$16,000.00, reduced from \$20,000.00; second by Brandon Roderick. **MC 7-0.** Alderman Randy Wyant abstained from the vote, stating conflict of interest.

E.) Consideration of Ordinance (2017-O-09) amending the Gibson City Municipal code to regulate Golf Carts. Alderman Randy Wyant motioned to approve Ordinance (2017-O-09) as presented with updates to include Off Road Recreational Vehicles; second by Alderman Brandon Roderick. **MC 8-0.**

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

- A.) **TIF #2 bill –One check (1) TIF #2 bills totaling \$670.00.** Alderman Laura Miller motioned to approve payment of the 1 TIF2 check; second by Alderman Susan Tongate. **MC 8-0.**
- B.) **General Fund Bills totaling \$ 124,474.99.** Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve payment of the general bills; second by Alderman Doug Parsons. **MC 8-0.**

NEW BUSINESS:

A.)_Consideration of a Special 2-day liquor license for Burgers and Beer in conjunction with Harvest Fest. Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to approve a 2 day outdoor liquor license to Burgers and Beer located at 109 W 8th Street, in conjunction with the Harvest Fest between 11 am to midnight on Friday Sept 8 and Saturday Sept.9, within a fenced area and for a fee of \$1.00 and subject to the terms of the license issued; second by Alderman Randy Wyant. **MC 7-0.** Alderman Laura Miller abstained, stating conflict of interest.

B.) Consideration of City Pond improvements. Alderman Susan Tongate motioned to approve the City Pond Improvements for a total of \$34,950.00, to be paid from TIF funds, including hiring Don Unzicker to install a parking lot for \$7,000.00, approve purchasing a handicap fishing dock from VW Dock Company for \$18,500.00, approve rip-rap for the shoreline to be installed by Lee Excavating for \$4000.00 and to approve the other city pond improvements as presented; second by Alderman Randy Wyant. **MC 8-0.**

C.) Consideration of Harvest Fest Details. Alderman Randy Wyant motioned to approve the Harvest Fest Event as presented and approve a City contribution of \$1500.00 to be paid out of the city's advertising budget; second by Alderman Susan Tongate. **MC 8-0.**

D.) Consideration of Ordinance (2017-O-10), amending Sewer Rates. Alderman Doug Parsons motioned to approve increasing sewer rates by 25% effective with the next billing cycle; second by Alderman Randy Wyant. **MC 7-1.** Alderman Brandon Roderick voted against.

E.) Consideration of Ordinance (2017-O-12) approving and authorizing the Execution of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District Redevelopment agreement by and between the City of Gibson City, Ford County, IL and Johnny on the Spot Porta Potties, Inc. Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to approve Ordinance 2017-O-12 as presented; second by Alderman Brandon Roderick. **MC 7-0.** Alderman Randy Wyant abstained, stating conflict of interest.

Announcements/Comments:

Alderman Susan Tongate informed the council that she has ribbons to be placed on the light poles downtown in honor of Chief Eric Hyatt and asked that Randy and his crew assist with putting them on the poles prior to Chief Hyatt's funeral on Wednesday.

Randy Stauffer noted that a tree that had been recently cut down had a plaque on the tree with the Ehnfield name on it. It was decided to give the plaque to his daughters.

There has also been a request to plant a tree in the honor of Bob Crossman and place a plaque.

ADJOURN: Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Brandon Roderick. Council was poled with 8 ayes/ 0 objections.

APPROVED

ATTEST