

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY
Monday, July 8, 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, absent; Aaron Franks, present
Ward #3	Scott Davis, present; Aaron Kafer, present
Ward #4	Dennis Pardick, absent; Denis Fisher, present
Jr Alderman	Abby Spiller, present; Jr. Alderman Mady Schutte, absent

Others present: City Attorney Marc Miller, City Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Admin Assistant Peg Stalter, Police Captain Kaleb Kraft, Police Officer Austin Rosembaum, Ross Brown (WGCY/Ford County Record), Mike Friend (Farnsworth Group), J.B. Daughenbaugh, Joe Thompson and Matt Robinson (all of Alliance Grain), Teresa Schneider (NBCF), Debra Stewart (Bayern Stube), Hunter Johnson, Jean Williams, Harry and Dorri Groom, Stacy and Chad Johnson, Valerie Johnson, Judy Jo Arbour, Val Hunt, Delmar Case, Marc Petersen (Sand Trap) and Jeremy and Lavinie Baier (local church).

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Alderman Aaron Kafer.

Approval of Council Minutes: Alderman Susie Tongate motioned to approve the minutes of June 24, 2019; second by Alderman Denis Fisher. MC 7-0.

Mayor Dickey recognized visitors: 1.) Jeremy Baier and daughter, 2.) Judy Jo Arbour, 3.) Delmar Case, 4.) Joe Thompson, 5.) Mike Friend ,6.) Jean Williams, 7.) Val Hunt, 8.) Varlerie Johnson, 9.) Harry Groom.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Administrative Report: Admin Assistant Peg Stalter offered no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ordinance Committee – Alderman Aaron Franks offered no report.

Street and Alley –Alderman Greg Houtzel offered no report.

Police/Health, Light and Nuisance – Alderman Aaron Kafer offered no report.

Finance Committee –Alderman Scott Davis offered no report.

Personnel Committee – No report.

Water and Sewer – Alderman Randy Wyant offered no report

Parks / Buildings / Technology – Alderman Susie Tongate offered no report.

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

OLD BUSINESS: none

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

A.) TIF2 check – Two (2) checks for \$631.00. Alderman Randy Wyant motioned to approve payment of two (2) TIF2 checks for \$631.00; second by Alderman Denis Fisher. MC 6-0. Alderman Greg Houtzel abstained, stating he owns property in TIF2. Alderman Dennis Pardick was absent.

B.) General Fund – Kafer Ag- 1 check for \$744.93. Alderman Susie Tongate motioned to approve payment of the 1 General Fund- Kafer Ag- bill for \$744.93; second by Alderman Greg Houtzel. MC 6-0. Alderman Aaron Kafer abstained, stating conflict of interest.

C.) General Fund Bills totaling \$119,544.98. Alderman Scott Davis motioned to approve payment of the general bills; second by Alderman Susie Tongate. MC 7-0.

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NEW BUSINESS:

- A.) **Consideration and approval of a Façade Grant Application for Bayern Stube, located at 209 N Sangamon.** Alderman Denis Fisher motioned to approve a Façade Grant to Bayern Stube for \$1781.55, which is half of the estimated total for replacing the door and is allowed by Ordinance; second by Alderman Aaron Kafer. MC 6-1. Alderman Aaron Franks voted against.
- B.) **Consideration of a Special License for the Sand Trap in conjunction with the Harvest Fest on September 13/14.** Alderman motioned to approve the Special License for the Sand Trap for a fee of \$1.00, on September 13 (3 pm to midnight) and September 14 (10 am to midnight) in conjunction with the Harvest Fest held downtown with the tent being fenced and entrance monitored, and in case of inclement weather, a similar license for the Sand Trap at its location for \$1.00 fee; second by Alderman Aaron Franks. MC 7-0.
- C.) **Consideration of Ordinance 2019-O-13, a contract agreement with Alliance Grain concerning partnering with the City for a Grant.** Marc Miller presented the Ordinance for review, stating that the city will essentially be an escrow agent for the grant through the US Department of Agriculture and Alliance Grain will reimburse the city for any reasonable costs. The city will apply for the grant which will then be used by Alliance Grain which is seeking money to upgrade its Bloomer Line RR between Colfax and Cullom, in addition to other RR repair projects. Alderman Randy Wyant motioned to approve the Ordinance 2019-O-13 with a change of amendment to the agreement; second by Alderman Aaron Franks. MC 7-0.
- D.) **Consideration and approval to purchase picnic tables for the parks.** Superintendent Randy Stauffer presented bids for 20 new tables and 4 handicap tables. He recommended the bid from Jamestown Advanced Products. Alderman Aaron Kafer motioned to purchase 20 wooden picnic tables and 4 handicap picnic tables from Jamestown Advanced Products, not to exceed \$8,552.00; second by Alderman Denis Fisher. MC 7-0.
- E.) **Consideration of Backhoe and Wheel Loader Bids.** City Superintendent Randy Stauffer discussed 4 bids with the council and recommended purchasing from Birkey's Farm Store in Gibson City. Alderman Susie Tongate motioned to purchase the backhoe and wheel loader from Birkey's Farm Store for the low bid of \$165,745.00; second by Alderman Randy Wyant. MC 6-0. Alderman Aaron Franks abstained, stating conflict of interest.
- F.) **Consideration of Ordinance 2019-O-14, making amended Appropriations for the fiscal year commencing on the 1st day of May 2018 and ending on the 30th day of April 2019.** Attorney Marc Miller reported that several line items needed to be amended by Ordinance. Alderman Scott Davis motioned to approve Ordinance 2019-O-14; second by Alderman Denis Fisher. MC 7-0.
- G.) **Consideration to sell the K-9 Dog and related K-9 Officer items.** Alderman Scott Davis motioned to approve the sale of the K-9 Dog and related K-9 Officer items to the City of Normal for \$4000.00, which had been offered by the department; second by Alderman Aaron Franks. MC 7-0.
- H.) Alderman Susie Tongate motioned to enter into Exec. Session to consider the Employment/Compensation of 1 or more City Employees pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2 C(1); second by Alderman Aaron Kafer. MC 7-0.
- I.) Return to open session for the approval of Employment/Compensation of 1 or more City employees. Alderman Aaron Franks motioned to approve the hiring of Hunter Johnson to the Gibson City Police Department at a stating wage of \$22.30/hour with full benefits, effective July 8, 2019; second by Alderman Aaron Kafer. MC 7-0. City Clerk Carla Moxley administered the Oath to Hunter Johnson and introduced him to the council.

Announcement: Harry Groom of the Corn Belt Shriners publicly thanked the city workers for their help in making the recent event a success.

Adjourn: Alderman Scott Davis motioned to adjourn; second by Alderman Susie Tongate. Council was polled with 7 ayes/ no objections.

APPROVED

ATTEST