

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY
Monday, June 12, 2017

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

Roll Call: Ward #1 Susan Tongate, present; Brandon Roderick, present
 Ward #2 Randy Wyant, present; Nelda Jordan, present
 Ward #3 vacant seat; Scott Davis, present
 Ward #4 Dennis Pardick, present; Laura Miller, present
 Jr Alderman Jessalyn Davis, absent

Others present: City Attorney Marc Miller, Admin. Assistant Peg Stalter, City Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Police Chief Eric Hyatt, Ross Brown (WGCY and Ford County Record), Gary Lutterbie, Taylor Braasch, Billie Jo Denny, Dale Denny, Pete Royal, Danielle Brown, Bonnie Clark, Brandon Clark, Karissa Baillie, Dayton Baillie, Barbara Bielfeldt, Sara Bielfeldt, Sidney Schaefer, Doug Parsons, Warren Clark, Charlotte Clark, Sandra Day-Alexander, Logan Heavilin, Nick Day, Tyler Young, Dayton Getty, Mike Friends of Farnsworth Group, and Steve Killian of Johnny on the Spot.

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Alderman Brandon Roderick.

Approval of Council Minutes: Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve the minutes of May 22, 2017; seconded by Alderman Randy Wyant. **MC 7-0.**

City Clerk Carla Moxley sworn in Doug Parsons to fill the Alderman Ward 3 seat, recently vacated by the death of Ed Day.

Mayor Dickey recognized visitors: 1.) Mike Friend of Farnsworth attended the meeting. 2.) Representatives of GCMS Education Association reported planning a 5K run on Saturday, October 28 at the North Park starting at 9:00 am. They will work with Chief Hyatt and Randy Stauffer concerning the logistics and needs. Council approved by pole 8-0. 3.) Dale Denny reported that he has formed a committee to work on the Ed Day Skate Park with estimates being obtained. 4.) Alderman Randy Wyant reported being asked about crossing the Highway to get to Big R and County Market in just one place and if they could drive on the sidewalk to get to Country Kettle, the Bank, etc. Attorney Miller reported that the sidewalks and highway are State Property which does not allow access to golf carts. 5.) Alderman Susan Tongate reported concerns of Hearthside with cars parking on both sides of street during ball games at West Park, stating that there is little room for the semis to access Hearthside. Chief Hyatt and Alderman Tongate will work together on a temporary solution since the season ends late June and will work on a more permanent solution for next season. 6.) Residents were present to discuss the proposed sidewalk installation from Melvin to Sangamon on 15th street, stating their concerns that the sidewalk would be very close to their houses and/ or driveways which would limit access to their properties restricting use of their driveways and property. Mr. Warren Clark and Pete Royal and others voiced their desire to have the sidewalk on the south side of the street to avoid problems. Randy Stauffer explained the future sidewalk plans, that the city easement is 66 feet from the center of the road, meaning that it includes 33 feet off the curb and reported that the project was not in final stages. Mayor Dickey agreed that the city would look into the problem before making a final decision of the placement of the sidewalk.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Administrative Report: Admin Assistant Peg Stalter reported that water bills will be mailed on June 15th. City Clerk Carla Moxley noted the 'Newly Elected Officials' Workshop are now taking place and encouraged newly elected officials to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ordinance Committee – No report.

Street and Alley –No report.

Police/Health, Light and Nuisance – No report.

Finance Committee –Alderman Scott Davis reported that a Budget meeting will be called next week to discuss the budget.

Personnel Committee – Alderman Dennis Pardick offered no report, but referred to Item G under new business.

Water and Sewer – Alderman Nelda Jordan offered no report.

Parks and Buildings – No report.

Economic and Industrial Development – No report.

CDAP – No report.

Pool Board –No report.

Recycling Board– Alderman Nelda Jordan offered no report.

Downtown Committee - No report.

Public Recreation/Fishing Committee–Alderman Brandon Roderick offered no report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A.) **Consideration of Donohue & Associates, Inc New Terms and Conditions.** Attorney Marc Miller recommended to hold this item is held to a future meeting.
- B.) **Consideration of Lott Blvd. engineer's Final Payment Estimate.** Mike Friend of Farnsworth recommended this item is held to the next meeting, until further information can be gathered.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

- A.) **TIF #2 bill –Seven (7) TIF #2 bills for \$5,310.43.** Alderman Laura Miller motioned to approve payment of the 7 TIF2 bills; second by Alderman Nelda Jordan. **MC 7-0.** Alderman Doug Parsons abstained.
- B.) **General Fund Bills totaling \$ 150,778.30.** Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve payment of the general bills; second by Alderman Randy Wyant. **MC 8-0.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- A.) **Consideration of Mayor Dickey's appointment of Doug Parsons to fill the Alderman Ward 3 Vacancy.** Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to approve the appointment of Doug Parsons to the Alderman Ward 3 position; second by Alderman Laura Miller. **MC 7-0.**
- B.) **Consideration of Ordinance 2017-O-07, amending the Revised Code of Ordinances to Revise Standing Committee.** Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to approve Ordinance 2017-O-07 which reduces the number of standing committees to 8; second by Alderman Scott Davis. **MC 8 ayes.**
- C.) **Consideration of 2017-2018 Committee Appointments.** Alderman Susan Tongate motioned to approve the Committee Appointments as presented; second by Alderman Laura Miller. **MC 8 ayes.**
- D.) **Consideration of Façade Grant for 110 East 9th Street.** Sara Bielfeldt is requesting a Facade Grant to replace the garage door at her business, stating that she has approximately \$1000.00 remaining from the original grant last fiscal year. Alderman Brandon Roderick motioned to approve a Facade Grant not to exceed \$728.44 for the garage door; second by Alderman Susan Tongate. **MC 8-0.**
- E.) **Consideration of Channel Grinder Bids.** City Superintendent Randy Stauffer reported receiving 2 bids for this project with the specifications needed. The channel grinder has not been working at the waster water plant for a few months and needs to be replaced. There is the option of getting an immersible grinder or one that is above water level which would lower the cost. Alderman Randy Wyant motioned to approve the bid from JWC Environmental not to exceed \$29,270.00 (does not include shipping) and allowing Randy to lower the motor bid by not getting the immersible motor; second by Alderman Brandon Roderick. **MC 8-0.**
- F.) **Consideration of windmills in residential district.** Attorney Marc Miller commented that the council should consider allowing windmills in residential districts. He also stated that a special use permit might be needed with possible height restrictions and would apply to single family dwellings. The Planning Commission would also be involved approving the requirements before sending the matter to the council. This item was tabled in order to gather more information.
- G.) Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to enter into Executive Session to consider the Sale of Real Property and the Employment/compensation of 1 or more City employees; second by Alderman Brandon Roderick. **MC 8-0.**
- H.) **Return to open session to consider the sale of real property and the employment/compensation of 1 or more employees.** Both items were tabled to a future meeting. Attorney Marc Miller explained the Open Meetings Act to the newly elected Alderman, stating that no more than 2 council members might meet together without violating the Open Meetings Act.

Announcements/Comments: Gary Lutterbie announced a Fishing Derby on Sunday, July 9th, which is being sponsored by the Hospital, Pheasants Forever and private funding. Council approved.

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

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