

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY
Monday, June 13, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Daniel Dickey.

Roll Call: Ward #1 Barb Yergler, present; Brandon Roderick, absent
Ward #2 Jan Hall, present; Nelda Jordan, present
Ward #3 John Carlson, present; Scott Davis, present
Ward #4 Dennis Pardick, present; Laura Miller, present
Jr Alderman Jessalyn Davis, present

Pledge of Allegiance was led by City Attorney Marc Miller.

Others present: City Attorney Marc Miller, Admin. Assistant Peg Stalter, City Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Chief Steve Cushman, Patti Welander (Ford County Record/News Gazette), Deb McCullough(WGKY), Gary Lutterbie, Daton Getty, Laura Smith (GAH), Darrin Ray, Mike Allen (Railside resident), Amy Cribbett (Railside resident)

Approval of Council Minutes: Alderman Dennis Pardick corrected the minutes to read in Item C – 3% raise to all city employees except union, retroactive to May 1, 2016. Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve the corrected minutes of May 23, 2016; seconded by Alderman John Carlson. MC 7-0. Alderman Brandon Roderick was absent.

Mayor Dickey recognized visitors: 1.) Amy Cribbett, Railside resident presented several issues of concern to the residents living on Railside Drive, including a request to remove the median at the street entrance due to destruction by construction vehicles and pave that area, installation of a non chain-link fence around the lift station since the neighborhood covenants prohibit chain-link fencing, installation of speed limit signs and /or ‘children at play’ signs, address the issue of standing water in Phase 2 and parts of Phase 1 which is a concern about mosquitos and children playing in the water, installation of sidewalks. Darrin Ray asked if TIF funds could be used for new fencing around the lift station. Randy Stauffer is to obtain bids for the project. The council will further discuss these requests at a future meeting.

Treasurer’s Report: No report.

Administrative Report: Admin Assistant Peg Stalter offered no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ordinance Committee –No report.

Street and Alley – Alderman John Carlson asked City Superintendent Randy Stauffer and Chief Cushman if the list of streets with/without stop signs has been compiled in order to update that Ordinance all at one time. Randy Stauffer presented an estimate from Michael Poor to remove 5 trees close to power lines for a total of \$6800.00, including the ash tree over the concession stand at McMillen Park, 2 sugar maples and 1 silver at 12th and Melvin Streets, and 1 ash tree at the northeast corner of 6th and Sangamon. Alderman Jan Hall recommended that the residents would be notified prior to the work being done. Randy also reported that city’s vacuum truck needs a new water pump and the expense would be discussed at the next meeting.

Police/Health, Light and Nuisance –No report.

Finance Committee – Alderman Scott Davis offered no report.

Personnel Committee – Alderman Dennis Pardick referred to executive session, item E/F.

Water and Sewer – Alderman Nelda Jordan offered no report.

Parks and Buildings –Alderman Barb Yergler reported a request from Bob Crossman that the bear that was removed from North Park during the playground upgrade be relocated to one of the City parks, perhaps the State Street Park.

Economic and Industrial Development –No report.

CDAP – Admin Assist Peg Stalter reported that this report had been sent via email to Council members.

Pool Board –Alderman Barb Yergler reported that the board will be meeting this week.

Recycling Board– Alderman Nelda Jordan offered no report.

Downtown Committee – Alderman Barb Yergler offered no report.

Public Recreation/Fishing Committee-Gary Lutterbie reported that the planned pavilion should be done by the end of June, the grass has been planted on the South side, DNR has planted grass on 1.7 acres of prairie, 6 benches, 2 picnic tables, grills and trash containers have been placed.

OLD BUSINESS: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

- A.) **TIF 2 Bills;** Seven (7) bills totaling \$4,361.75. Alderman Laura Miller motioned to approve the (7) TIF2 bills totaling \$4,361.75; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 6-0/1 abstain. Alderman John Carlson abstained stating he owns property in the TIF. Alderman Brandon Roderick was absent.
- B.) **General Fund Bills** totaling \$183,009.93. Alderman Barb Yergler motioned to approve the general bills totaling \$183,009.93; seconded by Alderman Scott Davis. MC 7-0. Alderman Brandon Roderick was absent.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A.) Consideration of Special Event Request by GAH.** Laura Smith requested use of the North Park Pavilion for a private all-day event for the Medical Staff steak fry on June 25th, allowing service of alcohol to be served inside the pavilion. Alderman Jan Hall motioned to approve the request from GAH for use of the North Park Pavilion for an all-day private event on June 25, 2016, allowing alcohol (beer) to be served inside the pavilion; seconded by Alderman Dennis Pardick. MC 7 ayes/0 nays. Alderman Brandon Roderick was absent.
- B.) Consideration of Mayor's appointment of Jim Lewis to the Public recreation/ Fishing Committee.** Chairman Gary Lutterbie reported that Mr. Lewis has been helping the committee since the beginning. Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to approve Jim Lewis to the Public Recreation/Fishing Committee; seconded by Alderman Laura Miller. Council approved with 7 ayes/0 nays/ Alderman Brandon Roderick was absent. Alderman Jan Hall suggested to add this committee to permanent status.
- C.) Consideration of Concrete sidewalk at 103/105 S Sangamon Ave., not to exceed \$6500.00.** Randy Stauffer reported that he has received a bid to install a new concrete sidewalk between 103 and 105 S Sangamon during the current phase of the downtown project. Superintendent Stauffer felt that the city could do this project for estimated \$4000.00. Council recommended to table this discuss to a later date.
- D.) Consideration of 2016 Prevailing Wage Ordinance (2016-O-07).** Alderman Jan Hall motioned to approve Ordinance 2016-O-07 as presented; seconded by Alderman Nelda Jordan. MC 6-1. Alderman John Carlson voted against. Alderman Brandon Roderick was absent.
- E.) Consideration of Ordinance 2016-O-08,** amending the Revised Code of Ordinances to Provide for the position of Assistant City Superintendent. Alderman Jon Carlson motioned to approve Ordinance 2016-O-08 as presented; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 7-0. Alderman Brandon Roderick was absent.
- F.) Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to enter into Exec Session to consider Employment/ Compensation of 1 or more City Employees; second by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 7-0.**
- G.) Return to open session.** Mayor Dan Dickey asked for a moment of silence in honor of the victims in the Orlando club shooting. Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to give a \$2.00 wage increase to Brandon Potthast (lead wastewater operator) for licenses he has obtained, retroactive to May 1, 2016 and give Wayne Link \$2.00 per hour additional compensation for the position of Assistant City Superintendent, effective June 13, 2016; second by Alderman Barb Yergler. MC 7-0. Alderman Brandon Roderick was absent.
- H.) Consideration to appoint Wayne Link to the Position of Assist City Superintendent.** Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to appoint Wayne Link to the newly formed position of Assist City Superintendent with a \$2.00 per hour added compensation, effective June 13, 2016; second by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 7-0. Alderman Brandon Roderick was absent.

Announcements: Alderman Jan Hall read her statement concerning escrowed funds of One Earth Energy. She asked that a copy of her statement be attached to these minutes.

ADJOURN: Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Barb Yergler. Council was poled with 7 ayes/ 0 objections.

APPROVED

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