

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY
Monday, June 27, 2016

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

Roll Call: Ward #1 Barb Yergler, present; Brandon Roderick, present
 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 Alderman Nelda Jordan.

Others present: City Attorney Marc Miller, Admin. Assistant Peg Stalter, City Superintendent Randy Stauffer, City Treasurer Scott Shull, Officer Tony Row, Ryan Ferguson(Ford County Record/News Gazette), Ross Brown(WGCY), Gary Lutterbie, Daton Getty, Steven Kelly (One Earth Energy), Jack Johnson, Robert and Linda Provin, Gwen Crawford (Economic Development Group), Tom Jacob (Jacob & Klein), Jack and Patty Murray, Mary Keith-Stocks, Joe Thompson, Roger Miller, Attorney Michael Tague, Eric Tjarks, Ted Workman, Kevin Hitchcock, Roger Gustafson, and Pat Quinlan.

Approval of Council Minutes: Alderman Jan Hall motioned to approve the minutes of June 13 and June 20, 2016; seconded by Alderman Brandon Roderick. MC 8-0.

Mayor Dickey recognized visitors: 1.) Eric Tjarks of the CornBelt Shriners requested closure of Church Street from 15th to 17th for their event on Aug. 21st from noon to 3 pm. so that a train trolley can transport children from GCMS High School to the North Park and back. Council approved his request and asked him to work with Randy Stauffer on the closure. 2) Ted Workman of Workman Construction in Momence and representing Burgers & Beer located at 107 W 8th Street, requested permission to install a handicap accessible ramp on the East side of the building and requested the city do something with the easement between Burger's & Beers building and Main Attraction Salon and Spa, as it would be difficult for those in wheelchairs to navigate from the patchwork drive onto the ramp. Council approved the request and asked that he work with Randy Stauffer who reported there is money in his budget to pour concrete in place of what is currently there. 3.) Kevin Hitchcock reported several City Ordinance violations in his neighborhood on East 8th Street and that he has reported these violations to the Police Department and is asking if something more can be done. Alderman John Carlson reported that he has mentioned the complaint to the police on 2 occasions. Alderman Scott Davis will follow up with Chief Cushman and attempt to remedy the issues.

Treasurer's Report: City Treasurer Scott Shull presented the May Financial Report.

Administrative Report: Admin Assistant Peg Stalter reported that the annual audit was last week and went well. Mayor Dickey, the Council and visitors offered Birthday wishes to Peg Stalter with a song.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ordinance Committee –No report.

Street and Alley – Alderman John Carlson suggested a trash can be placed at Burgers & Beers since they will be installing a handicap accessible ramp for customers. Randy Stauffer reported that the Lott Blvd. project has slowed until after July 4th, the downtown revitalization project is continuing with pulling conduit on the East side of Sangamon and concrete being poured, there will be no boring on Sangamon for Christmas tree placement at this time, and that there is an elevated section at the corner of 13th and Lott Blvd. that needs to be evened out. Alderman Jan Hall suggested removing all the bricks and plants to allow placement of new as the project continues.

Police/Health, Light and Nuisance –Alderman Brandon Roderick offered no report. Officer Tony Row had no report.

Finance Committee – Alderman Scott Davis offered no report.

Personnel Committee – Alderman Dennis Pardick offered no report.

Water and Sewer – Alderman Nelda Jordan offered no report.

Parks and Buildings –Alderman Barb Yergler reported that the Park cameras are being installed.

Economic and Industrial Development –Alderman Laura Miller offered no report.

CDAP – Admin Assist Peg Stalter offered no report.

Pool Board –Alderman Barb Yergler offered no report.

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 pavilion construction is underway and the pond is being used on a regular basis.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A.) **Consideration of concrete sidewalk at 103/105 S Sangamon Ave, not to exceed \$6500.00.**
This item was tabled to a future meeting.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

- A.) **MFT bills** – Three (3) bills totaling \$269,060.57 as 1st installment on the Lott Blvd. Project. Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve payment of the MFT bills; seconded by Alderman Scott Davis. MC 8-0.
- B.) **TIF 2 Bills** – Four (4) bills totaling \$ 4,967.00. Alderman Jan Hall motioned to approve the (4) TIF2 bills; seconded by Alderman Laura Miller. MC 7-0/1 abstain. Alderman John Carlson abstained stating he owns property in the TIF.
- C.) **General Fund Bills** totaling \$ 90,453.24. Alderman Scott Davis motioned to approve the general bills; seconded by Alderman Laura Miller. MC 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A.) **Consideration of removing the entrance triangle on Railside Drive.** Alderman Brandon Roderick motioned to approve removing the entrance triangle on Railside Drive and offer the trees, at no cost, to any interested person (s) who will remove them at their expense; seconded by Alderman John Carlson. MC 8-0.
- B.) **Consideration of installing sidewalks on Railside Drive in the City easement.** Alderman Barb Yergler motioned to install sidewalks on the east and west side of Railside on the City easements with funds to be taken from TIF2; seconded by Alderman Scott Davis. MC 7-0-1 abstain. Alderman John Carlson abstained stating he owns property in the TIF.
- C.) **Consideration of replacing the fence around the waste-water lift station at Railside Drive.** Randy Stauffer was instructed by Council to obtain bids to install a 5 foot white vinyl fence at the waste-water lift station. The council will consider this item at a future meeting.
- D.) **Consideration to approve completion of Railside Phase 2A.** City Superintendent Randy Stauffer reported that the maintenance bond will expire on July 2, 2016 and that there is no reason to continue the bond or lay any claims against the bond. Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to accept the public improvements for Railside Phase 2A and allow the letter of credit serving the maintenance bond to expire; seconded by Alderman Brandon Roderick. MC 7-0-1 abstain. Alderman John Carlson owns property in the TIF and abstained from voting.
- E.) **Consideration of to hire Donohue & Assoc. to do the design phase for the CSO Sewer Separation Phase 4 (combines State Street and North Park CSO work).** Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve a contract with Donohue & Assoc. to design the CSO Sewer Separation phase 3B (formerly a part of Phase 4) for State Street in the amount of \$10,550.00, to be funded from the general fund; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 8-0. Alderman Jan Hall motioned to approve a contract with Donohue & Assoc. to design the CSO sewer separation Phase 4 for the North Park for \$10,115.00, to be funded by the TIF; seconded by Alderman Brandon Roderick. MC 7-0-1 abstain. Alderman John Carlson owns property in the TIF and abstained from voting.
- F.) **Consideration to pay Iroquois Paving Corporation the 1st pay estimate.** This item has been previously approved.
- G.) **Consideration to allow sidewalk seating by downtown restaurants.** Mayor Dickey asked .the council their thoughts on allowing sidewalk seating by downtown restaurants. Alderman Jan Hall offered to look in to rules and ordinances of surrounding communities and report her findings to Council. This item was tabled until additional information can be gathered for discussion.
- H.) **Consideration of budget/appropriation (Ordinance 2016-O-09) of the City of Gibson City, IL for 2016-2017.** Alderman Scott Davis motioned to approve the Budget/Appropriation for the City of Gibson City, IL for 2016-2017 as presented; second by Alderman Laura Miller. MC 7-1. Alderman John Carlson voted against.
- I.) **Public Statement by Steve Kelly of One Earth Energy.** Following Mr. Kelly's statement, One Earth Energy shareholder Jack Johnson made a statement.
- J.) Dennis Pardick motioned to enter in Executive Session to discuss One Earth Energy Tax Appeal and Escrow; second by Alderman Laura Miller. MC 6-2. Aldermen Nelda Jordan and Jan Hall voted against.
- K.) Return to open session for adjournment.

Announcements: none

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

APPROVED

ATTEST