

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY
Monday, May 23, 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, absent; Nelda Jordan, present
 Ward #3 John Carlson, present; Scott Davis, present
 Ward #4 Dennis Pardick, present; Laura Miller, absent
 Jr Alderman Jessalyn Davis, absent

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brownie Troop 2315.

Others present: City Attorney Marc Miller, Admin. Assistant Brenda Daniels, City Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Jeanne Noellsch (Ford County Record/News Gazette), Ross Brown (WGKY), Gary Lutterbie, Jewel Lewis, Danielle Borders, Dusty Jamison, John Ensign, Denny House, Heidi Miller, David Merritt.

Approval of Council Minutes: Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve the minutes of May 9, 2016; seconded by Alderman Dennis Pardick. MC 5-0. Aldermen Jan Hall, Brandon Roderick and Laura Miller were absent.

Mayor Dickey recognized visitors: 1.) Denny Houser of the American Legion requested permission to close 9th Street between Ace Hardware and the Legion for a family benefit event on June 11th (2pm to 8pm) The area will be fenced and no alcohol served. Council approved the request. 2.) Jewell Lewis requested permission for assistance with barricades for the GCMS Foundation 5K/2 mile walk on October 29, 2016 beginning at 9:00 am. She was instructed to work with Police Chief Cushman and Randy Stauffer on the details. Council approved the request. 3.) Heidi Miller of Brownie Troop 2315 reported that the girls are working a badge and would like to help clean-up South Park, clean the play ground equipment, pull weeds and other things deemed necessary as a part of an ongoing project. Council approved the request.

Treasurer's Report: City Treasurer Scott Shull presented the Financial report as of April 2016. No discussion.

Administrative Report: Admin Assistant Brenda Daniels reported that the water meters will be read the week of June 1 and the annual audit will begin June 20.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ordinance Committee –No report.

Street and Alley – Alderman John Carlson again reminded residents of the ordinance prohibiting grass clippings in the street, which clog up the drain, warning that police will be watching and contacting the residents who continue to put grass clippings in the streets. City Superintendent Randy Stauffer reported Lott Blvd project continues with concrete being scheduled to be poured with weather permitting and the storm work is almost completed. He also reported that corners downtown will be cut as per plans for the revitalization project. It was also reported that a tree limb on 220 W 9th Street needs to be cut.

Police/Health, Light and Nuisance –No report.

Finance Committee – Alderman Scott Davis offered no report, but will be calling a committee meeting in the near future.

Personnel Committee – Alderman Dennis Pardick referred to new business.

Water and Sewer – Alderman Nelda Jordan offered no report. Randy Stauffer reported that the grass has been planted and the final payment will be due. He has also received a cost proposal for the 3 to 14th Street storm sewer work.

Parks and Buildings –Alderman Barb Yergler reported a Thank You note has been received from the Little League for the repairs to McMillen Park concession. She reminded everyone the hours for all parks is dawn to dusk. There already has been vandalism to the North Park restroom, which has been repaired. Council agreed that the cameras need to be installed ASAP.

Economic and Industrial Development –No report.

CDAP - No report.

Pool Board –Alderman Barb Yergler reported that K&K Coating has painted the pool, which is now being filled in preparation for opening.

Recycling Board– Alderman Nelda Jordan offered no report.

Downtown Committee – Alderman Barb Yergler reported on the May 12th meeting in which Sean Widener presented a design for the Downtown Revitalization Project, although final plans have not been determined. The project needs to comply with IDOT concerning the railroad area.

Public Recreation/Fishing Committee–No report. Gary Lutterbie reported that a Youth Fishing Derby is set for May 15. Benches have been placed, several picnic tables made by the Boy Scouts have been placed, and the grass is seeded. There is to be no fishing after dark. He also asked that parking be in the parking lot only and not around the pond. He expects that construction of the Pavilion will start in June.

OLD BUSINESS: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

- A.) **TIF 2 Bills;** Five (5) bills totaling \$7,929.22. Alderman Scott Davis motioned to approve the (5) TIF2 bills totaling \$7,929.22; seconded by Alderman Nelda Jordan. MC 4-0/1 abstain. Alderman John Carlson abstained stating he owns property in the TIF. Aldermen Jan Hall, Brandon Roderick and Laura Miller were absent.
- B.) **General Fund Bills** totaling \$292,856.46. Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve the general bills totaling \$292,856.46; seconded by Alderman Scott Davis. MC 5-0. Aldermen Jan Hall, Brandon Roderick and Laura Miller were absent.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A.) **Consideration of AMZ bid for West Street project for \$5,665.00.** Alderman Scott Davis motioned to approve the bid from AMZ not exceed \$5665.00; seconded by Alderman Barb Yergler. MC 5-0. Aldermen Jan Hall, Brandon Roderick and Laura Miller were absent.
- B.) Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to enter into Exec. Session to consider Employment/Compensation of 1 or more City Employees; seconded by Alderman John Carlson. MC 5-0. Aldermen Jan Hall, Brandon Roderick and Laura Miller were absent.
- C.) Return to open session for approval of employment/ compensation of 1 or more City employees. Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to hire Dave Merritt for \$15.00/ hour plus benefits to fill the vacancy in the Street and Alley department. He will be working with on a 1 year probation, and to give Joe Buff a \$2.00 raise and all non-police employees a 3% raise; seconded by Alderman Scott Davis. MC 5-0. Aldermen Jan Hall, Brandon Roderick and Laura Miller were absent.

Announcements: Jean Noellsch announced that she would be taking leave from the paper for a period of time due to health reasons. She did not know at this time who would be attending the Council meetings in her place.

ADJOURN: Alderman John Carlson motioned to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Dennis Pardick. Council was poled with 5 ayes/ 0 objections.

APPROVED

ATTEST