

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY  
Monday, May 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by City Clerk Carla Moxley.

Ms. Moxley asked for a motion to appoint Alderman Scott Davis to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem for this meeting. Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to approve Alderman Scott Davis as Mayor Pro-Tem; seconded by Alderman Nelda Jordan. Council was poled with all in agreement.

**Roll Call:**       Ward #1       Barb Yergler, present; Brandon Roderick, present  
                  Ward #2       Jan Hall, absent; 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 Dennis Pardick.

**Others present:** City Attorney Marc Miller, Admin. Assistant Peg Stalter, City Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Jeanne Noellsch (Ford County Record/News Gazette), Ross Brown (WGCY), Gary Lutterbie, Sean Widener, Terry Roesch, Rob Schmitt (Gibson Hospital), ,Jeremy Baier (Prairie Baptist Church), Randy Arends (Gibson Meats & Deli).

**Approval of Council Minutes:** Discussion: Alderman Scott Davis clarified that Alderman Jan Hall's correction to the minutes involved Phase 1 of the Downtown Revitalization Project. Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve corrected the minutes of April 25, 2016; seconded by Alderman Laura Miller. MC 7-0. Alderman Jan Hall was absent.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Scott Davis recognized visitors::**1.) Jeremy Baier introduced himself as pastor of Prairie Baptist Church. 2.) Randy Arends of Gibson Meats & Deli requested permission to use the parking lot north of his business for their Anniversary Open House on May 21<sup>st</sup> and will work with the Famers Market people to eliminate problems with parking. Council approved.

**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 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 that 6 trees have been removed from downtown in preparation for the lighting project and that the Lott Blvd. project continues.

**Police/Health, Light and Nuisance** – Alderman Brandon Roderick offered no report.

**Finance Committee** – Alderman Scott Davis offered no report.

**Personnel Committee** – Alderman Dennis Pardick called a committee meeting for May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in Council chambers.

**Water and Sewer** – Alderman Nelda Jordan reported on the May 3<sup>rd</sup> committee meeting with discussion about complete sewer separation in 6 years and to continue to budget every year for a new water tower. Randy Stauffer reported that hydrant flushing will begin May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Parks and Buildings** –Alderman Barb Yergler reported on the April 28<sup>th</sup> committee meeting held at the McMillen concession stand to review the repair progress including the restrooms are done with hot water and paint on floor and ceiling, the front door is not done yet, sink installed with hot water, floor mat installed, service window updated. Committee member Jan Hall was asked to contact Lt Hyatt to review the back area, clean up and service door replacement. The committee also recommends to deep clean the floors of the North park Restrooms and paint a yellow caution strip on the east side steps. .

**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 reported a planned meeting on Thursday to review the design for the downtown project.

**Public Recreation/Fishing Committee-** Alderman Brandon Roderick reported on the Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> with discussion and announcement of the children's fishing derby to be held on Sunday, May 15, which marks the opening of the Pond. The committee is working with Pheasants Forever and other volunteers to prepare for the opening. Picnic tables and benches have arrived and are being assembled and placed. Dan Kearfott is working on the information sign. Jacob Brewer is progressing on his project. The Pond will be open to the public after May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A.) **Consideration of Farmer's Market Sign.** Alderman Barb Yergler motioned to accept Dan Kearfott's bid of \$450.00 to install a new sign as presented; seconded by Alderman Brandon Roderick. MC 7-0. Alderman Jan Hall was absent.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

- A.) **TIF 2 Bills;** Nine (9) bills totaling \$11,754.45. Alderman Laura Miller motioned to approve the TIF 2 bills totaling \$11,754.45; seconded by Alderman Barb Yergler. MC 6-0/1 abstain. Alderman John Carlson abstained stating he owns property in the TIF. Alderman Jan Hall was absent.
- B.) **General Fund Bills** totaling \$90,907.71. Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve the general bills totaling \$90,907.71; seconded by Alderman Brandon Roderick. MC 7-0. Alderman Jan Hall was absent.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A.) **Consideration of Ordinance (2016-O-06) approving a Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) for 117 N Sangamon.** Alderman John Carlson motioned to approve the CDAP loan for 117 N Sangamon; seconded by Alderman Dennis Pardick. MC 7-0. Alderman Jan Hall was absent.
- B.) **Approval for Mayor to sign the Pay Application for the CSO Sewer Separation Project Phase 3A.** . Randy Stauffer reported that this pay out is all but 10% of the complete payment. Seeding and dirt work around the manhole needs to be completed. Alderman John Carlson motioned to approve Mayor to sign the Pay Application for \$196,232.00; seconded by Alderman Nelda Jordan. MC 7-0. Alderman Jan Hall was absent. .
- C.) **Consideration of change order #1 for the Downtown Lighting Project.** Sean Widener presented the plan for adding 2 more lights at 7<sup>th</sup> street and the associated work for approximately \$20,345.00 to be added to the original bid, bringing the total project cost to \$405,459.95. Alderman Barb Yergler motioned to accept and approve Change order #1 as presented; seconded by Alderman Dennis Pardick. MC 7-0. Alderman Jan Hall was absent.
- D.) **Consideration of Trees removed by Gibson Area Hospital at 18<sup>th</sup> and Melvin Streets.** Alderman Laura Miller motioned to approve the Gibson Hospital to remove 3 trees on 18<sup>th</sup> Street and 3 trees on Melvin Street, at no cost to the city; seconded by Alderman Barb Yergler. MC 7-0. Alderman Jan Hall was absent.
- E.) **Consideration of additional parking for Gibson Area Hospital at Melvin and Hagar Streets.** Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to approve additional parking at Melvin and Hagar Streets; seconded by Alderman Laura Miller. MC 7-0. Alderman Jan Hall was absent.
- F.) **Consideration to switch from Accrual Basic Accounting to Modified Basis Accounting.** Admin Assist Peg Stalter reported that the auditor and City treasurer Scott Shull have recommended switching to Modified Basis Accounting and asks for permission to do so. Alderman Barb Yergler motioned to approve the Modified Basis Accounting effective May 1, 2016; seconded by Alderman John Carlson. Upon further discussion, Alderman Barb Yergler motioned to change to Modified Basis Accounting effective May 1, 2015; seconded by Alderman John Carlson. MC 7-0. Alderman Jan Hall was absent.

**Announcements:** City Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to noon at Strebeck's Salvage.

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

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