REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY
Monday, November 10, 2014 (corrected)

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

Roll Call: Ward #1   Barb Yergler, present; Dean Kidd, present
         Ward #2   Jan Hall, present; Nelda Jordan, present
         Ward #3   John Carlson, present; Scott Davis, present
         Ward #4   Dennis Pardick, absent; Laura Miller, present
      Jr. Alderman   Faith Duke, absent

Others present: City Attorney Marc Miller, Admin. Assistant Peg Stalter, Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Police Chief Steve Cushman, Patti Welander (Gibson City Courier), Deb McCullough (WGCY radio), Ryan Ferguson (News Gazette/Paxton Record), Dennis Norton, Sean Widner, Callie Jo McFarland, Kerry Redshaw, Sharon Heavilin, Ellen Hankes, Susie Tongate, Ryan Minion, Dan Kearfott, Gary McCullough, Jim Hood, Laura Miller.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Scott Davis.

Approval of Council Minutes: Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve the minutes of Oct 27, 2014 with correction noted; seconded by Alderman Scott Davis. Alderman Dennis Pardick was absent. MC 7-0. Correction to minutes – Alderman Jan Hall inquired about the water tower funds and asked if the funds had been transferred to the correct line item.

Mayor Dickey recognized visitors: Dennis Norton of the Gibson City Bible Church requested permission to place a portable median with a planter and light between their newly paved parking lot and the city street. This would be removable at any time, does not interfere with city water/sewer lines/ and would prohibit large trucks from using the parking lot as a turn-around. Council approved the request.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Administrative Report: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Ordinance Committee –Alderman Jan Hall offered no report.
Streets and Alley –City Superintendent Randy Stauffer reported that the office has received many calls from residents about when the City is picking up leaves. The City picks up leaves (raked to the edge of the street on a planned route…North/South streets on 1 day and East/West streets on the next day. He also requested permission to install the 'Welcome to Gibson City' signs as soon as IDOT gives their approval. Council approved this request. He also requested that Ameren remove the power line on 9th street prior to the Lighted Parade to allow a large tent to be placed on that street. Council approved.
Police/Health, Light and Nuisance –Police Chief Steve Cushman reported that the open range on Thursday nights has been a success.
Finance Committee – Alderman Scott Davis offered no report.
Personnel Committee – No report.
Water and Sewer – Alderman Nelda Jordan offered no report.
Parks and Buildings –Alderman Barb Yergler offered no report.
Economic and Industrial Development – Alderman Laura Miller offered no report, but will call a committee meeting in the near future.
CDAP – Admin Assist. Peg Stalter reported that all accounts are current with a balance of $125,527.14.
Pool Board –Alderman Dean Kidd offered no report.
Recycling Board– Alderman Nelda Jordan offered no report.
Downtown Committee – Alderman Barb Yergler offered no report.

OLD BUSINESS: none

APPROVAL OF BILLS:
TIF2 bills: Alderman Laura Miller motioned to approve the four (4) TIF2 bills for $361,954.22; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. Alderman John Carlson abstained from the vote as he owns property in the TIF. MC. 6-0. Alderman Dennis Pardick was absent.
TIF3 bills: No bills.
General Bills: Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve the general bills totaling $ 218,684.70; seconded by Alderman Scott Davis. MC 7-0. Alderman Dennis Pardick was absent.

NEW BUSINESS:
  A.) **Presentation by Callie Jo McFarland on Monticello's Downtown Revitalization.** Callie McFarland, director of community development, made a presentation to the council on the Monticello Downtown revitalization, accompanied by Kerry Redshaw. They demonstrated the town's development with before and after pictures, as well as stressing that a long-term plan be designed and followed.

  B.) **Presentation by Sean Widner with Clark Dietz on Gibson City Downtown Revitalization.** Sean Widner has been working with the Gibson Downtown Revitalization Committee and offered the council several suggestions for the Downtown Revitalization, including drawings of proposed designs. Mr. Widner also reported that additional grants may be applied for as the project progresses. Alderman Jan Hall inquired as the status of the grant money Gibson is to receive. The Grant was applied for by the Downtown Revitalization Committee and has been approved for USDA Rural Development grant in the amount of $99,630.00, to be received after the City of Gibson has met required criteria. Alderman Jan Hall volunteered to assist with the quarterly reports that is one of the criteria points required.

  C.) **Consideration of Cash Rent Bids.** Randy Stauffer presented the 3 bids received for Cash Rent of city owned farm property. Alderman Dean Kidd motioned to accept the bid of $255.00 per acre offered by Zach Bunting; seconded by Alderman Laura Miller. Alderman Dennis Pardick was absent. MC 7-0.

  D.) **Consideration of Ordinance 2014-O-14, Tax Levy Ordinance of the City of Gibson City, IL for 2014-2015.** City attorney Marc Miller explained that the tax levy amount represents a 1.5% increase over last year's tax levy due to recent inflation. Alderman Scott Davis motioned to approve Ordinance 2014-O-14, the Tax Levy of the City of Gibson City, IL, for 2014-2015; seconded by Alderman Laura Miller. Alderman Dennis Pardick was absent. MC 6-1. Alderman John Carlson voted against. .

Announcements: City Clerk Carla Moxley reported that in her absence Nov. 16 to Nov. 25, Administrative Assistant Peg Stalter has been appointed Acting City Clerk. Mrs. Moxley will return Nov. 26th to sign any documents or checks needed.

ADJOURN: Alderman John Carlson motioned to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Dean Kidd. Council was poled with 7 ayes/ 0 objections.

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