

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY

Monday, November 14, 2016

Call to order by City Clerk Carla Moxley at 7:00 pm.

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, absent

Others present: City Attorney Marc Miller, Admin. Assistant Peg Stalter, City Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Police Chief Eric Hyatt, Jeanne Noellsch (Ford County Record), Debra McCullough (WGCY radio), Daton Getty, Mike Friend (Farnsworth Group), Marty Nuss (IPG).

City Clerk Carla Moxley called for a motion to appoint Alderman Dennis Pardick as Mayor Pro-Tem for this meeting. Alderman Scott Davis motioned to approve Alderman Dennis Pardick as Mayor Pro-Tem for this meeting; second by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 8-0.

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Marty Nuss.

Approval of Council Minutes: Alderman Laura Miller motioned to approve the minutes of October 24, 2016; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. Alderman Scott Davis asked that additions to the minutes be added, including Steve Cushman received a \$10,000.00 gift upon his retirement as Police Chief and that the financial report had received the highest rating possible. MC 8-0.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Pardick recognized visitors: 1.) Marty Nuss of IPG reported that the Humana insurance for City Employees is coming due for renewal at a 7% increase, which was not as high as had been expected. He reported that he had met with the City Employees who decided to stay with the current policy. An official vote of council will be at next meeting. 2.) Mike Friend of Farnsworth Group introduced himself as a visitor. 3.) Alderman Laura Miller asked if Ameren would allow the City to paint the light pole by the Railroad on North Sangamon, in order that it might blend in with the new black light poles. Randy Stauffer will inquire.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Administrative Report: Admin Assist Peg Stalter reported that the 'bank card' is coming in and that she and Brenda will be taking training on its operation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ordinance Committee –Alderman Jan Hall offered no report.

Street and Alley – Alderman John Carlson offered no report. City Superintendent Randy Stauffer reported that the Christmas lights are up, although 1 receptacle is not working., but will be soon and that it was under warranty; the downtown lights can now be turned off and the Christmas tree lights can be left on' Thursday will be the final walk-through for the Lott Blvd. project; Peg Stalter reported that 2 rounds of leaf pick up has been completed to date and reminded everyone that only leaves will be picked up by the city, not to include mulch-type material.

Police/Health, Light and Nuisance –Alderman Brandon Roderick offered no report. Chief Hyatt reported that he would like to begin the hiring process via newspaper and Facebook. He also thanked Peg Stalter and Brenda Daniels for their assistance in his transition to Chief of Police and stated that he had experienced a 'good first 3 weeks' as the new chief. Alderman John Carlson inquired of the list of Stop Signs that was being accumulated. Chief will email the list to Mr. Carlson for his review.

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. City Superintendent Randy Stauffer reported that 1 motor at the Water Plant is down and will be repaired next week. He also reported 1 empty tank at the Waste-Water plant and the S&F Welding was scheduled to do the repairs. Alderman Carlson asked Randy to contact Ameren to report.

Parks and Buildings –Alderman Barb Yergler reported that the North and West Parks are now closed for the season, the South Park campground remains open and that the Rotary Club will come to the next meeting to discuss the next phase of the North Park Playground project.

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

CDAP – Admin Assist Peg Stalter reported a current balance of \$131,056.36.

Pool Board –Alderman Barb Yergler offered no report.

Recycling Board– Alderman Nelda Jordan offered no report.

Downtown Committee – Alderman Barb Yergler recommends that this committee be taken off the list since it has done the job that it was formed for. Alderman Jan Hall inquired as to the deteriorating bricks on the corners of Sangamon Ave. Alderman Scott Davis recommended that the city begin considering alternatives for the planters by February or March of 2017.

Public Recreation/Fishing Committee–Alderman Brandon Roderick offered no report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A.) **Consideration of Ameren Easement.** Attorney Marc Miller reported that the matter is not time sensitive and recommended holding this item to a future meeting. Council agreed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

- A.) **TIF 2 Bills** – Five (5) bills totaling \$ 580,098.70. Alderman Scott Davis motioned to approve; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. Alderman John Carlson owns property in the TIF and abstained. MC 7-0.
- B.) **General Fund Bills** totaling \$252,187.21. Alderman Laura Millers motioned to approve the general bills; seconded by Alderman Scott Davis. MC 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A.) **Consider to waive the building permit fee for the Pentecostal Church.** Alderman Brandon Roderick motioned to waive the building permit fee for the Pentecostal Church to add a fence to the south side of its parking lot at the corner of 6th and Melvin Streets; second by Alderman Scott Davis. MC 8-0.
- B.) **Consideration of Michael Poor's Bid.** City Superintendent Stauffer presented a bid from arborist Michael Poor to remove 6 ash trees for \$14,700.00. Alderman Carlson asked for the amounts of other bids he had received. Superintendent Stauffer stated that he had not asked for additional bids. Alderman Jan Hall noted that the cost came to \$2,450.00 per tree, before learning that stump removal was not included. Superintendent Stauffer defended that cost of removal stating that the trees were all large and either close to power lines of other large trees, making removal difficult. Alderman Carlson noted that there are 275 ask trees in the city and inquired if a priority list of removals had been made. Superintendent Stauffer replied by saying that he had been busy and short-handed and invited Alderman Carlson to make a list. Alderman Scott Davis motioned to approve Michael Poor's bid to remove 6 ash trees (excluding stumps), not to exceed \$14,700.00; second by Alderman Laura Miller. MC 5-3. Aldermen John Carlson, Jan Hall and Nelda Jordan voted against.
- C.) **Consideration of IDOT Resolution (2016-R-08), concerning the construction of curb, gutter and roadway at 10th and West Street.** City Superintendent Stauffer reported that this resolution is a duplicate to the one council approved in October, but needed to be refiled as it was on the incorrect form. Alderman Jan Hall motioned to approve IDOT Resolution 2016-R-08, not to exceed \$2122.91; second by Alderman John Carlson. MC 8-0.
- D.) **Consideration of a Tax Levy Ordinance (2016-O-16) of the City of Gibson City for 2016-2017.** City Attorney Marc Miller explained that the levy 'revenue neutral' in because the total of \$338,000.00 is the same amount levied last year and that an annual tax ordinance needs to be adopted and filed by the last Tuesday in December. Alderman Scott Davis motioned to approve Ordinance 2016-O-16 as presented; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 8-0.

Announcements: Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Pardick announced that we now have a new President.

ADJOURN: Alderman John Carlson motioned to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Laura Miller. Council was poled with 8 ayes/ 0 objections.

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