

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY
Meeting at Villas of Hollybrook, 1400 N Melvin St., Gibson City, IL 60936
Monday, November 28, 2016

Call to order by Mayor Dan Dickey at 7:02pm.

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, absent; Laura Miller, present
Jr Alderman Jessalyn Davis, present

Others present: City Attorney Marc Miller, Admin. Assistant Peg Stalter, City Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Police Chief Eric Hyatt, Ross Brown(WGCY/Ford County Record), Mary Timm, John Gesell, Howard Nettleton, Jo Nettleton, Sandra Shambrook, Camilla Lohmeyer, Sherri Mott, Martin Mott, Helen Mott, Tome Hess, Vickie Lorenzen, Susie Tongate, Gene Everett, Daton Getty, Kayla Rodgers, Marty Nuss, Frank Titus, Reggie Phillips, Jim Runyon and Larry Littlefield.

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Police Chief Eric Hyatt.

Approval of Council Minutes: Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve the minutes of November 14, 2016; seconded by Alderman Brandon Roderick. MC 5-0. Alderman John Carlson had not received the minutes to review and did not vote.

Mayor Dickey recognized visitors: Mayor Dickey thanked Kayla Rodgers of Hollybrook for allowing the Council to hold tonight's meeting at their facility.

Treasurer's Report: No report. The report was sent to council members electronically for their review.

Administrative Report: Admin Assist Peg Stalter offered no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ordinance Committee – No report.

Street and Alley – Alderman John Carlson offered no report, but did ask Superintendent Randy Stauffer about the punch list of GFI. Randy Stauffer reported that the final walk thru for the Lott Blvd. project was upcoming and that the leaf pick up was still going on for approximately 2 more weeks.

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

Finance Committee – Alderman Scott Davis offered no report.

Personnel Committee –No report.

Water and Sewer – Alderman Nelda Jordan offered no report. City Superintendent Randy Stauffer reported that the upgrades at the water plant were proceeding. The incline grinder was being replaced. Also the emergency line is back in operation.

Parks and Buildings –Alderman Barb Yergler offered no report.

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

CDAP – Admin Assist Peg Stalter reported a current balance of \$132,515.42.

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-Alderman Brandon Roderick offered no report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A.) **Consideration of Ameren Easement.** Attorney Marc Miller reported that the council has 2 options concerning this matter, 1.) 20 year option or 2.) if Ameren wants to buy the property, further steps would need to be taken. Mr. Miller is awaiting response from Ameren. No action was taken.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

- A.) **TIF 2 Bills** – Two (2) bills totaling \$ 700.00. Alderman Scott Davis motioned to approve; seconded by Alderman Barb Yergler. Alderman John Carlson owns property in the TIF and abstained. MC 5-0/ 1 abstain. Aldermen Dennis Pardick and Jan Hall were absent.
- B.) **General Fund Bills** totaling \$147,988.22. Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve the general bills; seconded by Alderman Laura Miller. MC 6-0. Aldermen Dennis Pardick and Jan Hall were absent.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A.) Presentation by Gene Everett about the additional Nork Park Playground project.** Mr. Gene Everett and Mr. Larry Littlefield gave a presentation regarding proposed playground equipment upgrades by the Gibson Rotary Club. Mr. Everett said the club is considering adding a 30-foot octagon-shaped area with equipment geared to younger children (ages 2-5 yrs). He continued that he would like the City to consider replacing the pea gravel underneath some of the equipment with solid wood chips, stating that the new playground surface will become slippery if gravel is mixed in. Randy Stauffer stated that the wood chips would need to be rotated every 5 years to avoid becoming compacted. Mr. Everett reported that the project is estimated at \$35,000.00, and could reach \$40,000.00 by completion. The only cost to the city would be for concrete installation. He also reported that the club is applying for a \$10,000.00 grant for the project and that the club has already raised approx. \$16,000.00. Construction is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2017. No council action was taken.
- B.) Consideration of 2017 Health Insurance Contract.** Marty Nuss of IPG Insurance was present to answer any further questions concerning the 2017 Insurance Plan for City Employees. Alderman John Carlson motioned to approve the 2017 Health Insurance Contract as presented at the last meeting; seconded by Alderman Scott Davis. MC 6-0.
- C.) Consideration of Action relating to Nuisance issues at 403 W 10th Street.** City Attorney Marc Miller reported that the property has not been occupied since 2008. Helen Mott, who lives next door, has reported bricks from the chimney have fallen onto her back porch and that the house has become unsafe. City Superintendent Randy Stauffer reported that the cost of demolition would be under \$10,000.00, noting that there are enough funds available in city accounts. He also added that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's office has exempted the property from an asbestos abatement. Mr. Miller has drafted preliminary documents in order to proceed with a court case against the property owner. Once a lien has been issued, demolition can begin. Estimated legal expenses would be \$1500.00 to \$4000.00. Alderman Barb Yergler motioned to proceed with legal action to demolish the property at 403 W 10th Street, not to exceed \$22,000.00 and to file a lien against the property; seconded by Alderman Brandon Roderick. MC 6-0. Aldermen Dennis Pardick and Jan Hall were absent.
- D.) Consideration of Employee Year End Adjustment.** Alderman Brandon Roderick motioned to approve a year end adjustment of \$75.00 in Gibson City Bucks to full time employees, and \$40.00 in Gibson City Bucks to part time employees; seconded by Alderman Scott Davis. MC 6-0. Aldermen Dennis Pardick and Jan Hall were absent.

Announcements: Prior to adjournment, Tom Hess of Hearthside Foods reported that increased truck traffic at the plant has caused the surface of West Street to wear. Randy Stauffer reported that the cost of pouring concrete on the 2 block section would be around \$300,000.00 and that the project would be a a long-term project, not in the immediate future.

ADJOURN: Alderman Brandon Roderick motioned to adjourn; seconded by Alderman John Carlson. Council was poled with 6 ayes/ 0 objections.

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