

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY

Monday, October 10, 2016

Call to order by Mayor Dan Dickey at 7:00 pm

Roll Call: Ward #1 Barb Yergler, present; Brandon Roderick, absent
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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Barb Yergler.

Others present: Admin. Assistant Peg Stalter, City Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Police Lt. Adam Rosendahl, Ross Brown (WGCY/Ford County Record), Daton Getty, and Mike Friend (Farnsworth Group).

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Alderman Laura Miller.

Approval of Council Minutes: Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve the minutes of Sept 26 and October 3, 2016; seconded by Alderman Scott Davis. MC 7-0. Alderman Brandon Roderick was absent.

Mayor Dickey recognized visitors: Mike Friend of Farnsworth Group introduced himself, identifying his duties with the group and offered assistance to the council in any he could help.

Treasurer's Report: No report. .

Administrative Report: Admin Assist Peg Stalter reported that the Annual Report should be ready for the next meeting for the council to review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ordinance Committee –Alderman Jan Hall offered no report, but referred to new item D.

Street and Alley – Alderman John Carlson reported that grass cuttings continue to be in the street which is against City Ordinance and that police will be asked to stop by those repeat offenders and explain the ordinance. Superintendent Randy Stauffer reported he received a letter from IDOT stating that Norfolk & Western will be repairing the railroad crossing on Rte. 47 for approx. 3 days beginning October 17th and the traffic will be re-routed through town.

Police/Health, Light and Nuisance –Lt. Rosendahl presented the Sept stats for the Police Department.

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 there are air leaks to the system and will be repaired. He also reported that the next CSO projects will be announced in future meetings. .

Parks and Buildings –Alderman Barb Yergler offered no report, but did request video of Sept activity in the North Park.

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

CDAP – Admin Assist Peg Stalter reported that this report had been emailed to Council and the current balance is \$129,849.00 with all accounts current.

Pool Board –Alderman Barb Yergler reported that the final meeting was postponed to a future date.

Recycling Board– Alderman Nelda Jordan offered no report.

Downtown Committee – Alderman Barb Yergler offered no report.

Public Recreation/Fishing Committee-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.) **MFT**- Two (2) checks totaling \$23,198.32. Alderman Laura Miller motioned to approve; seconded by Alderman Nelda Jordan. MC 7-0.

B.) **TIF 2 Bills** – Five (5) bills totaling \$ 857,872.40. Alderman Jan Hall motioned to approve; seconded by Alderman Scott Davis. Alderman John Carlson owns property in the TIF and abstained. MC6-0 with 1 abstaining.

C.) **TIF 3 Bills** – One (1) bill for \$1,394.66. Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 5-0- 2 abstained. Alderman Laura Miller and Scott Davis own property in the TIF and abstained.

D.) **General Fund Bills** totaling 61,297.59. Alderman Scott Davis motioned to approve the general bills; seconded by Alderman Laura Miller. MC 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A.) Consideration of Approval of an IPEA Highway Authority Agreement for 326 S Sangamon Ave.** Attorney Marc Miller stated that the agreement between Royal Gas and Oil and the City of Gibson City states that whenever the City does work on 5th Street, precautions will be taken for environmental and personal safety. The agreement applies to the cleanup of the old Royal's Gas Station property. Digging has been done in the past as a result of leaked gasoline into the soil. City Superintendant Randy Stauffer said that there are no water or sewer lines in the immediate area. Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a Highway Authority Agreement with Royal Oil & Gas for 326 S. Sangamon Ave., Gibson City; seconded by Alderman Laura Miller. MC 7-0.
- B.) Consideration Resolution 2016-R-07 for MFT funds for the 10th and West Street Project.** Alderman Jan Hall motioned to approve Resolution 2016-R-07 as presented for the sum of \$2,122.91 of MFT funds for the purpose of maintaining streets and highways under the applicable provisions of IL. Highway Code from Sept 24, 2012 to October 10, 2016; seconded by Alderman John Carlson. MC 7-0.
- C.) Consideration of Bid for Repairs to Wastewater Aeration Tank.** Randy Stauffer received a bid from Saybrook Welding for \$9950.00 to repair air leaks at the Wastewater Plant. Alderman John Carlson motioned to approve the Saybrook Welding and Repair bid to repair air leaks at the Wastewater Plant, not to exceed \$10,000.00; seconded by Alderman Dennis Pardick. MC 7-0.
- D.) Consideration of Ordinance 2016-O-15 amending the Revised Code of Ordinances for the City of Gibson to regulate transient merchants and solicitors.** The recommended charge per individual would be \$50.00 each which would cover the initial application, plus a smaller fee for any amount of days afterward. Background checks and fingerprinting are no longer allowed with only proof of identification being allowed. Following further discussion, the council voted to increase the amount included in fines to \$750.00 instead of the usual \$300.00. Under the terms of the new agreement, any solicitors must show proof of a license if the homeowners ask, or they would be subject to a fine. Alderman John Carlson suggested that the term 'All solicitors' be changed from 'invited solicitors'. Alderman Jan Hall motioned to approve Ordinance 2016-O-15 with corrections; seconded by Alderman Nelda Jordan. MC 7-0.
- E.) Consideration of purchasing flag brackets for the new light poles.** Alderman John Carlson motioned to approve purchasing 23 Sternberg flag brackets for the new light poles downtown for \$1916.59 from Champaign Signal and LTG Company with the city workers installing the brackets; seconded by Alderman Laura Miller. MC 7-0.
- F.) Consideration of purchasing new Holiday lights.** This item was tabled to the next meeting in order to gather additional information.

Announcements: Mayor Dickey read a letter from Chief Steve Cushman announcing his retirement with his last day being October 24, 2016. .

ADJOURN: Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to adjourn; seconded by Alderman John Carlson. Council was polled with 7 ayes/ 0 objections.

APPROVED

ATTEST