

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY  
Monday, October 14, 2019

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

**Roll Call:**

Ward #1	Susan Tongate, present; Greg Houtzel, present
Ward #2	Randy Wyant, present; Aaron Franks, present
Ward #3	Scott Davis, absent; Aaron Kafer, present
Ward #4	Dennis Pardick, present; Denis Fisher, present
Jr Alderman	Abby Spiller, absent; Jr. Alderman Mady Schutte, absent

**Others present:** City Attorney Marc Miller, City Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Admin Assistant Peg Stalter, Police Chief Adam Rosendahl, Jan Hall (WGCY), Jean Noellsch (Ford County Record), Mark Brake (New Beginnings Church), Mike Friend (Farnsworth Group), Rob Schmitt, Aaron Nettleton.

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Alderman Denis Fisher.

**Approval of Council Minutes:** Alderman Greg Houtzel motioned to approve the minutes of September 23, 2019; second by Alderman Randy Wyant. MC 7-0. Alderman Scott Davis was absent.

**Mayor Dickey recognized visitors:** 1.) Mike Friend of Farnsworth Group, 2.) Aaron Nettleton, and 3.) Rob Schmitt.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report.

**Administrative Report:** Admin Assistant Peg Stalter reported that IDOT has approved the road closing request for the Lighted Christmas Parade on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Ordinance Committee** – Alderman Aaron Franks offered no report.

**Street and Alley** –Alderman Greg Houtzel offered no report.

**Police/Health, Light and Nuisance** – Alderman Aaron Kafer offered no report.

**Finance /Efficiency Committee** –No report.

**Personnel Committee** – Alderman Dennis Pardick offered no report.

**Water and Sewer** – Alderman Randy Wyant offered no report. City Superintendent Randy Stauffer reported that the fire hydrants are now being flushed and should be completed in about 10 days. He also reported that a meeting of operators will be held October 24 with the city hosting. He asked permission to supply beverages and food for the meeting as in the past. Council approved.

**Parks / Buildings / Technology** –Alderman Susie Tongate reported that the Pool Exploratory meeting was held Oct 8<sup>th</sup> with the contractor, who presented the plan and cost of the proposed new pool. She reported that changes were made and the contractor will re-present the plan and projected cost at a future meeting.

**Economic/Industrial Development** –Alderman Denis Fisher offered no report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Alderman Denis Fisher inquired as to having Tom Barrow and Michael Poor both taking down the same trees. Randy Stauffer explained that Michael Poor takes the trees down and Tom Barrow removes the trees to his burn pile for burning. They work together rather than the city paying Michael Poor to haul off the downed trees for an additional expense. Tom Barrow's burn area is EPA approved. The City also hauls any downed branches, etc. to the burn pile at a cost of \$15.00 per load.

Alderman Aaron Kafer referred to the last meeting discussion of the contract for paving Hager Drive. He referred to the appropriation ordinance and asked what budget line the Hager paving project was paid out of, since Randy had mentioned that the project would be paid for since the council voted not to buy the Ferguson property. Attorney Marc Miller suggested clarification to be further discussed at the next meeting. Resident Aaron Nettleton stated that he had not been notified of the Hager Drive project until the day it started. Alderman Pardick stated that residents are to be notified 48 hours in advance of large projects in their area. Randy Stauffer noted that the contractor had specifically said that he would notify Mr. Nettleton. However the notification was never made, according to Mr. Nettleton. Randy Stauffer stated that specific measures will be taken in the future concerning 48 hour notification.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

**A.) TIF2 check – Two (2) checks for \$28,360.00.** Alderman Randy Wyant motioned to approve payment; second by Alderman Susie Tongate. MC 6-0. Alderman Greg Houtzel abstained, stating he owns property in TIF2.

**B.) .General Fund Bills totaling \$283,839.00.** Alderman Aaron Franks motioned to approve payment; second by Alderman Greg Houtzel. MC 6-0. Alderman Aaron Kafer abstained, stating his company has a bill presented for payment. In review, it was noted that an alderman can be paid up to \$2000.00 per bill. Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to amend the payment to Kafer Ag Services, LLC for \$2000.00; second by Alderman Randy Wyatt MC 6-0. Alderman Aaron Kafer abstained.

**October 14, 2019 Minutes of Council Meeting continued**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A.) Consideration of 410 W 10<sup>th</sup> Street Improvement Application.** Property owner and Resident Chad Christensen presented an application to tear down the house at 410 W 10<sup>th</sup> Street and clear the property with hopes to rebuild in the future. Alderman Aaron Kafer motioned to approve the Improvement Application submitted by Chad Christensen up to \$5000.00 upon presentation of the paid bill and cancelled check; second by Alderman Aaron Franks. MC 7-0.
- B.) Consideration of Ordinance 2019-O-16, approving a Letter of Engagement for Engaging an Independent Registered Municipal Advisor.** City Attorney Marc Miller explained that this is a housekeeping measure that is required, in case such a service is needed, which happens time to time. The service is of no extra cost to the city. Alderman Randy Wyant motioned to approve Ordinance 2019-O-16 as presented; second by Alderman Susie Tongate. MC 7-0.
- C.) Consideration of Ordinance 2019-O-17, approving the Purchase of Property from Alliance Grain.** Randy Stauffer reported that the area (6/10 of an acre) would be used for the City's new water tower. Alliance Grain asked for \$12,500.00 for the property. Alderman Randy Wyant motioned to approve the purchase of 6/10s of an acre from Alliance Grain for \$12,500.00 for placement of the New water tower; second by Alderman Dennis Pardick. MC 6-0. Alderman Greg Houtzel abstained, stating he owns property in the TIF.

**. Announcements:**

**Adjourn:** Alderman Aaron Kafer motioned to adjourn; second by Alderman Greg Houtzel. Council was polled with 7 ayes/ no objections.

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