

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY

Monday, October 24, 2016

Call to order by Mayor Dan Dickey 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: Admin. Assistant Peg Stalter, Admin. Assistant Brenda Daniels, City Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Police Lt. Adam Rosendahl, Ross Brown (WGCY/Ford County Record), Daton Getty, Lisa Helgeson, Ryan Minion and Kelsey Montoya (Gibson City Chamber), Kent Daniels, Police Lt. Eric Hyatt, Jami Hyatt and children, Dan Grider, Matthew Morgan (Kemper CPA Group), Police Officer Storm Crouch, and Howard Curry(FCSO).

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Alderman Brandon Roderick.

Approval of Council Minutes: Alderman John Carlson motioned to approve the minutes of October 10, 2016 and October 18, 2016; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 8-0.

Mayor Dickey recognized visitors: Alderman Laura Miller, on behalf of the VFW, requested permission to sell Poppies on Nov 5 from 9 am to 11 am, with the city providing barricades as needed. Council approved. Ryan Minion and Kelsey Montoya from the Gibson City Chamber of Commerce were also recognized to discuss the placement of the Christmas tree. The council had previously voted not to place the tree in the middle of Sangamon Ave. as in past years because there is no room for a cord to light the tree. Chamber President Ryan Minion reported that an extension cord will run on the ground from the light post on the west side of the street to the tree in the middle with a rubber safety barrier placed over it. Alderman Nelda Jordan expressed concerns that the snowplows could run into it, causing the tree to fall. Minion said the chamber has hired a contractor who will help set the tree properly and assure safety. Alderman Carlson recommended that the cords be fixed so that in the case of the snowplows running into the cord, the cords would become detached easily. The Chamber will buy the tree lights and put up the tree with the Lions Club to participate in the tree care, Council requested use of zip ties, not tape to secure any wires. They also requested liability insurance to cover the city.

Treasurer's Report: No report. The financial report as of September 2016 was emailed to the council for review.

Administrative Report: Admin Assist Peg Stalter offered no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ordinance Committee –Alderman Jan Hall offered no report.

Street and Alley – Alderman John Carlson reported that the bricks adjacent to the new corners on 9th and Sangamon have been leveled to match the corners. Randy Stauffer reported that he is waiting for the final walk through and approval of the Lott Blvd. project. He also reported that unaltered leaf material would be picked up at the curbs in the near future. He stated that no mulched leaves, plant material or bagged leaves would be picked up. Randy also reported that the Pentacostal Church submitted an application to build a 70 ft. fence from the church to a small building south of the church, which it plans to use as a new parsonage on 6th and Melvin streets. The fence would run from the west side of the building south to the parsonage. Council approved the application and waived the \$50.00 fee.

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

Finance Committee – Alderman Scott Davis offered no report.

Personnel Committee –Alderman Dennis Pardick offered no report, but referred to item D on the agenda.

Water and Sewer – Alderman Nelda Jordan offered no report. City Superintendent Randy Stauffer reported the schedule for hydrant flushing.

Parks and Buildings –Alderman Barb Yergler offered no report.

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

CDAP – Admin Assist Peg Stalter offered no report.

Pool Board –Alderman Barb Yergler reported that the board has received a \$1000.00 donation from Gene May (Central Disposal) toward the new pool.

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 matter is not time sensitive and recommended holding this item to a future meeting. Council agreed.
- B.) **Consideration of purchasing new Holiday lights for downtown.** The Chamber requested that the City put up the lights in the downtown trees as in the past. After discussion of what color lights to purchase, the council decided to purchase blue lights for downtown out of the marketing budget, not to exceed \$2000.00. Alderman Jan Hall motioned to approve purchasing blue lights for downtown out of the marketing budget, not to exceed \$2000.00; second by Alderman Scott Davis. MC 8-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

- A.) **TIF 2 Bills** – Two (2) bills totaling \$ 6,930.00. Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve; seconded by Alderman Laura Miller. Alderman John Carlson owns property in the TIF and abstained. MC 7-0 with 1 abstaining.
- B.) **General Fund Bills** totaling \$237,341.76. Alderman Scott Davis motioned to approve the general bills; seconded by Alderman Brandon Roderick. MC 8-0. Alderman Jordan inquired of the \$700.00 bill to repair the concrete saw and asked about payment for the downtown light project.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A.) **Fiscal Year Audit Report for 2015-2016.** Matthew Morgan of Kemper CPA Group presented the audit report for Fiscal year 2015-2016, in that the city has changed to cash basis, instead of accrual.
- B.) **Consideration of advertising for the Holiday Parade.** Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to approve \$2000.00 to WCIA TV and \$750.00 to WGCY radio out of the marketing budget for Holiday Parade advertising; second by Alderman Laura Miller. MC 8-0.
- C.) **Consideration of City of Gibson to host the October 2016 3W meeting.** Randy Stauffer reported that the meeting would be held at the fire-station training room. Alderman Jan Hall motioned to approve City of Gibson to host the October 3W meeting with a cost not to exceed \$250.00; second by Alderman Dennis Pardick. MC 8-0.
- D.) **Consideration of Mutual Agreement relating to city Employee Retirement.** Alderman Pardick stated that this is a mutual release agreement which holds each other harmless with a ‘Thank You’ payment to Retiring Chief Steve Cushman. Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a mutual agreement with Steven Cushman relating to his recent retirement from the City of Gibson as Police Chief; second by Alderman Brandon Roderick. MC 8-0.
- E.) **Consideration of Mayor’s Appointment for Chief of Police.** Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Police Lt. Eric Hyatt to Chief of Police at an annual salary of \$70,000.00 plus all benefits except insurance, effective immediately; second by Alderman Brandon Roderick. MC 8-0.
- F.) **City Clerk Carla Moxley issued the oath of office to new Police Chief Eric Hyatt.** Following the swearing in, Mayor Dickey and the council congratulated Chief Hyatt.

Announcements: none

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

APPROVED

ATTEST