

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY
Monday, September 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by City Clerk Carla C. Moxley.

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| 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 |

Others present: City Attorney Marc Miller, Admin, Assistant Peg Stalter, City Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Police Chief Steve Cushman, Patti Welander (Gibson City Courier), Deb McCullough (WGCY Radio), Jean Noellsch (News Gazette/Paxton Record), Jay Caviness, Gary Lutterbie, Jim Hoffman, Dave Brown, Ryan Minion, Marc Petersen.

Alderman Jan Hall motioned to appoint and approve Alderman Dennis Pardick as Mayor Pro-Tem for tonight's meeting; second by Alderman Scott Davis. 6 ayes approved the motion.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Hoffman.

Approval of Council Minutes: Alderman Barb Yergler motioned to approve the minutes of August 24, 2015; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 7-0. No discussion. Alderman Brandon Roderick was absent.

Mayor Pro-Tem Pardick recognized visitors: 1.) Dave Brown of the Lions Club requested permission to hold it's Fall Candy Day on Oct 2 at the corner of 8th and Sangamon and the corner of 8th and Rt.47 from 7 am to 5 pm and on Oct. 3 from 7 am to 11 am. Council approved this request.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Administrative Report: Admin Assistant Peg Stalter offered no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ordinance Committee –Alderman Jan Hall called a committee meeting for Wednesday, Sept 22 at 7 pm with members Alderman Dennis Pardick, John Carlson, and Brandon Roderick. The topics to be discussed will be posted in the notice.

Street and Alley – Alderman John Carlson offered no report. Jim Hoffman asked about the progress on the Lott Blvd. project. Randy Stauffer reported that several projects need to be completed before starting on that project. He estimates that the 1st of October should see some progress on the Blvd.

Police/Health, Light and Nuisance – No report.

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. Randy Stauffer reported that Solae is shut down for maintenance and the smell on that side of town is from cleaning the ponds. Water meters will be read the last of September. The inside of the water tower is scheduled for cleaning on Sept. 26. The October Operators meeting will be held at the Fire Department Training Facility.

Parks and Buildings –Alderman Barb Yergler reported that the Gibson Rotary dedication of the North Park playground took place on Sunday Sept. 13, with many in attendance.

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

CDAP – Admin Assist Peg Stalter reported that all accounts are current with a balance of \$113,010.99.

Pool Board –Alderman Barb Yergler reported that a meeting will be held Wednesday.

Recycling Board– Alderman Nelda Jordan offered no report.

Downtown Committee – Alderman Barb Yergler reported the winners of the Downtown Planters Contest as 1st place SpeakEasy Salon & Spa donating their \$200.00 Gibson Bucks to the Hanley School fund, 2nd place Black & White Confections donating \$125.00 Gibson Bucks to the Corn Belt Shriners Club and 3rd place Scott's Pharmacy donating \$75.00 Gibson Bucks to the GCMS FFA.

Public Recreation/Fishing Committee –Committee member Gary Lutterbie reported on the Sept. 10 meeting and has received a bid of \$7500.00 from Lee Excavating for clean up around the pond. No action was taken.

OLD BUSINESS: none

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

TIF2 bills: Four (4) TIF2 bills for \$ 10,278.46. Alderman Jan Hall motioned to approve the four (4) TIF2 bills totaling \$10,278.46; seconded by Alderman Nelda Jordan. MC 6-0- 1 abstain. No discussion. Alderman John Carlson owns property in the TIF and abstained. Alderman Brandon Roderick was absent.

TIF3 bills: Two (2) TIF# bills for \$2,592.50. Alderman John Carlson motioned to approve the two (2) TIF3 bills totaling \$2,592.50; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 5-0-2 abstain. Alderman Laura Miller and Scott Davis own property in the TIF area and abstained. Alderman Brandon Roderick was absent.

General Bills totaling \$155,881.96. Alderman Scott Davis motioned to approve the general bills; seconded by Alderman Laura Miller. MC 7-0. No discussion. Alderman Brandon Roderick was absent.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A.) Consideration of a special license for Sammer2 in conjunction with the Harvest Festival.** Jay Caviness of Sammers2 requested fencing the area in front of the business and allowing alcohol beverages to be consumed within that area during the Harvest Fest. Chief Cushman did not object as long as the rules are adhered to. Alderman Barb Yergler motioned to approve the granting of a special event license for Sammers2 in conjunction with the Harvest Festival on Oct. 10, 2015, conditioned upon the license holder providing adequate security with a security fence limited to the sidewalk, as approved by the Chief of Police from 11 am to closing with a fee of \$1.00; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 6-0-1 abstain. Alderman Laura Miller with conflict of interest abstained. Alderman Brandon Roderick was absent.
- B.) Consideration of Harvest Festival rain plans.** Ryan Minion presented the council with a list of needs and requests concerning the Harvest Festival, including the need for picnic tables, dumpsters, trash receptacles, barricades, orange fencing, detour signage, allow round trip Hayrack rides via Church Street from 9th to the North Park, Allow designated parking area in the alley to the south of Meat & Deli and City Hall, for VIP parking., allow barricades to be placed for detours during Friday night set up, all tent drilling in 8th street to secure 60x40 tent (the holes will be plugged following removal, and installing an additional breaker box to the electrical service panel at City Hall at the cost of the City having obtained a bid of \$1500.00 from Farmer Electric to do so. In case of rain out, he requests to move some musical and dance performances to the North Park Pavilion from 11 am to 7 pm. Alderman Barb Yergler motioned to accept the rain plans for the Harvest Festival moving to the North Park Pavilion; seconded by Alderman Laura Miller. MC 7-0. Alderman Brandon Roderick was absent. The remaining requests will be discussed at the next meeting.
- C.) Ratification of Mayoral Approval of Garbage Hauler's Permits.** Mayor Pro-tem Pardick recommended for this item be tabled to the next meeting following the Ordinance meeting recommendation of the need for vehicle inspection prior to issuance of the permits.
- D.) Consideration of Farmer's Market Ordinance.** This item was tabled to the next meeting for more discussion.
- E.) Consideration to approve (Ordinance 2015-O-15) establishing traffic control regulations providing for stop sign and Melvin and Meadow Rue Streets.** Alderman Jan Hall motioned to approve Ordinance 2015-O-15 as written; seconded by Alderman Scott Davis. MC 7-0. Alderman Brandon Roderick was absent.
- F.) Alderman Jan Hall motioned to enter into Exec. Session to consider the employment and compensation of 1 or more City Employees; seconded by Alderman Scott Davis. MC 7-0.**
- G.) Return to open session for the approval of employment /compensation of 1 or more city employees.** No action was taken.

Alderman John Carlson asked permission for the Knights of Columbus conduct their Tootsie Roll drive On October 19th from 8 am to 2 pm at the corners of 8th and Sangamon and the corner of the Sewer Plant. Council approved this request with 7 ayes.

ADJOURN: Alderman John Carlson motioned to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Scott Davis. Council was poled with 7 ayes/ 0 objections.

APPROVED

ATTEST