

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY
Monday, September 28, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Daniel E. Dickey.

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, absent; Laura Miller, absent

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), Gary Lutterbie, Jim Hoffman, Ryan Minion, Karen Kummerow, Tom Townsend, Bob Jones, Greg Cook, Marron Parsons, Leigh Crowley.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Nelda Jordan.

Approval of Council Minutes: Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve the minutes of September 13, 2015; seconded by Alderman John Carlson. MC 6-0. No discussion. Alderman Dennis Pardick and Laura Miller were absent.

Mayor Dickey recognized visitors: 1.) Marron Parsons requested permission to operate a hayrack ride for the children on October 17th for the Fall Festival at the Elementary School from 4 pm to 8 pm. The ride would operate on 15th Street, Lott Blvd, Church St and 17th Street around the school. Council approved the request. Ryan Minion reported that the Harvest Festival does not need to install an electrical panel, as previously requested. He requested the use of 'No Parking' signs. Randy Stauffer will move barricades to one area for the Festival organizers to move into place. Alderman John Carlson expressed his concerns about drilling holes in 8th Street and suggested that weights be used to anchor the tent that is planned for that area.

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

Administrative Report: Admin Assistant Peg Stalter offered no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ordinance Committee –Alderman Jan Hall reported on the committee meeting held on Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 6:30 pm with committee members Alderman John Carlson, Brandon Roderick present. Alderman Dennis Pardick was absent. Also in attendance were Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Chief Cushman, Aldermen Nelda Jordan and Barb Yergler. Items discussed included Police Enforcement, the property at 101 West Walnut, No Parking on Sangamon between 1 am and 5 am., the double yellow line, Farmers Market, Solicitors/Peddlers Permits, Food Trucks/Concession, downtown sidewalks. Comments are attached. The committee recommends Attorney Marc Miller send a letter to the owner of 101 West Walnut concerning clean-up of his property. Council agreed. Council also agreed to leave the double line in place and to repeal the signs "No Parking between 1 am and 5 am".

Street and Alley – Alderman John Carlson offered no report.

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

Finance Committee – Alderman Scott Davis offered no report.

Personnel Committee – No report.

Water and Sewer – Alderman Nelda Jordan offered no report. Randy Stauffer reported that the Water Towers are scheduled to be cleaned inside on Tuesday. Water meters are currently being read. Water hydrant flushing will begin October 4th and continue for approx.2 weeks.

Parks and Buildings –Alderman Barb Yergler offered no report. A request has been received from the family of John Cowell to plant a new tree at the North Park in his memory. Randy Stauffer stated that there is room for the tree. Council approved the request.

Economic and Industrial Development –No report.

CDAP – Admin Assist Peg Stalter referred council members to the Financial Report they received via email.

Pool Board –Alderman Barb Yergler reported on Wednesday's Board meeting. Discussion included plans to sand blast the pool, replace water lines and begin work on the budget.

Recycling Board– Alderman Nelda Jordan offered no report and referred to Item A in new business.

Downtown Committee – Alderman Barb Yergler offered no report.

Public Recreation/Fishing Committee- Alderman Brandon Roderick reported that the committee will meet on September 29th.

OLD BUSINESS:

A.) **Ratification of Mayoral approval of Garbage Hauler's Permits.** Alderman Jan Hall motioned to approve ratification of the 2 Garbage Hauler's Permits as presented; seconded by Alderman John Carlson. Council approved with 6 ayes. Aldermen Dennis Pardick and Laura Miller were absent. Alderman Jan Hall recommends that the trucks need to show proof of inspection, not specifying any particular company to do so.

B.) **Consideration of Farmer's Market Ordinance.** Alderman Jan Hall requested more time to work on the ordinance. Council agreed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

TIF2 bills: Two (2) TIF2 bills for \$ 581.44. Alderman Jan Hall motioned to approve the two (2) TIF2 bills totaling \$581.44; seconded by Alderman Nelda Jordan. MC 5-0-1 abstain. No discussion. Alderman John Carlson owns property in the TIF and abstained. Aldermen Dennis Pardick and Laura Miller were absent.

TIF3 bills: No bills.

General Bills totaling \$73,439.56. Alderman Scott Davis motioned to approve the general bills totaling \$73,439.56; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 6-0. No discussion. Aldermen Dennis Pardick and Laura Miller were absent.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A.) Consideration of a contract between the City of Gibson and Ridgeview Recycling.** Karen Kummerow presented her report of activity and requested renewal of the Recycling Contract at the same rate as previous years. Alderman John Carlson motioned to renew the contract with no changes; seconded by Alderman Nelda Jordan. MC 6-0. Aldermen Dennis Pardick and Laura Miller were absent.
- B.) Consideration of Harvest Festival organizers to install breaker box to the electrical service panel at City Hall.** Ryan Minion removed this request. He reported that Ken Farmer will connect to the panel box at no charge to the City.
- C.) Consideration of purchasing clarifier skimmer boom from Walker Process Equipment.** Randy Stauffer reported 1 final skimmer boom needs to be replaced (West Final Clarifier) and presented the bid. Funds will be taken out of the Capital Expenditures line item. Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve Superintendent Randy Stauffer to purchase the skimmer, not to exceed \$10,000.00; seconded by Alderman Brandon Roderick. MC 6-0. Aldermen Dennis Pardick and Laura Miller were absent.
- D.) Consideration of Hiring Farnsworth Group to do the engineering for Lott Blvd.** Greg Cook presented the proposed contract totaling \$20,214.00 for the Lott Blvd. Project, stating that the project would begin on or before October 15th. The contract includes \$6314.00 for construction Administration and \$13,900.00 for Construction Observation. Alderman Scott Davis motioned to approve Mayor Dickey signing the contract, not to exceed \$20,214.00; seconded by Alderman John Carlson. MC 6-0. Aldermen Dennis Pardick and Laura Miller were absent.
- E.) Consideration of Jordan Park Pond improvement costs.** Gary Lutterbie reported that a fish survey was conducted with DNR on Sept. 16th with better than expected results. On Sept 22, the depth of the pond was determined to be 3.5 to 4 ft. deep. Mr Lutterbie presented a bid from Lee Excavating for \$8000.00 to break up and remove concrete around the pond, as well as remove some of the overgrowth. Alderman Jan Hall motioned to approve Mayor Dickey to sign the contract with Lee Excavating, not to exceed \$8000.00, to break up concrete and remove brush that needs to be removed; seconded by Alderman Brandon Roderick. MC 6-0. Aldermen Dennis Pardick and Laura Miller were absent.
- F.) Consideration of DCEO grant for lighting upgrades at the wastewater plant.** Superintendent Randy Stauffer reported on the grant and cost of lighting upgrades at the wastewater plan, which includes \$4152.48 for pole lights and \$8801.38 for plant lighting upgrades and gun range lighting upgrades. Alderman John Carlson motioned to approve the lighting upgrades at the wastewater plant, not to exceed \$12,340.64, as presented; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 6-0. Aldermen Dennis Pardick and Laura Miller were absent.
- G.) Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to enter into Executive Session for the limited purposes of discussing litigation and to consider employment of 1 or more City Employees; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 6-0.** Aldermen Dennis Pardick and Laura Miller were absent.
- H.) Return to open session for the approval of employment and compensation of 1 or more city employees.** Alderman Brandon Roderick motioned to approve the hiring of Robert Jones as a part-time Police Officer at \$16.69/hour; seconded by Alderman John Carlson. MC 6-0. Aldermen Dennis Pardick and Laura Miller were absent. City Clerk Carla Moxley administered the Oath to Mr. Jones and welcomed him to the Department.

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

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