

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY
Monday, September 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by City Clerk Carla C. Moxley, in the absence of Mayor 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, present; Laura Miller, present
 Jr Alderman Jessalyn Davis, absent

City Clerk Carla Moxley called of a motion to appoint and approve Alderman Scott Davis as Mayor Pro-Tem for this meeting. Alderman Dennis Pardick made the motion; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. 8 ayes confirmed the motion.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Nelda Jordan.

Others present: Admin. Assistant Peg Stalter, City Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Police Chief Steve Cushman, Ross Brown (WGCY/Ford County Record), Sean Widener (Clark Dietz), Mary Laughery, Wayne Birkey, Gary Lutterbie, Daton Getty, Loretta Whitehouse and Julie Schroeder (Burgers & Beer), and Mike Friend (Farnsworth Group).

Approval of Council Minutes: Alderman Jan Hall motioned to approve the minutes of August 22, 2016; seconded by Alderman Brandon Roderick. MC 8-0.

Mayor Dickey recognized visitors: 1.) Loretta Whitehouse and Julie Schroeder of Burgers & Beer requested permission to have outdoor seating during Harvest Fest on October 8th from 11 am to closing) This will be put on the agenda of the next meeting for consideration. 2.) Mike Friend introduced himself to Council as a member of Farnsworth Group of Champaign, 3.) Wayne Birkey asked about raising chicken in town and encouraged council to approve the request stating the Big R has equipment available including fencing for 5-8 chickens.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Administrative Report: Admin Assist Peg Stalter offered no report. City Clerk Carla Moxley announced that packets for the Consolidated Election (April 4, 2017) will be available for pick up beginning Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2016. Seat to be up for election will be Barb Yergler (Ward 1), Jan Hall (Ward 2), John Carlson (Ward 3), Dennis Pardick (Ward 4), City Clerk, City Treasurer and Mayor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ordinance Committee –Alderman Jan Hall called a meeting for Sept. 19th at 7:00 pm to discuss ordinances in general, enforcement of same and possibility of allowing chickens to be raised in town.

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. He also reported that progress is being made on completion of the corner areas downtown.

Police/Health, Light and Nuisance –Alderman Brandon Roderick offered no report. Chief Cushman reported that the interior of their offices have been painted, thanked the High School Art Group for the mural and invited council to stop in to view the offices.

Finance Committee – Alderman Scott Davis offered no report.

Personnel Committee –Alderman Dennis Pardick offered no report.

Water and Sewer – Alderman Nelda Jordan reported on the Aug 30th meeting concerning the need and proposal for updating the water plant. No motions were made at the meeting.

Parks and Buildings –Alderman Barb Yergler offered no report and referred to new business Item B.

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

CDAP – Admin Assist Peg Stalter reported that the report has been emailed to Council and the current balance is \$129,165.00.

Pool Board –Alderman Barb Yergler reported meetings will resume in September.

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. Gary Lutterbie reported receiving 2 donations from local residents for the Pond.

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 checks-** One (1) check for \$39,469.70. Alderman Jan Hall motioned to approve; seconded by Alderman Dennis Pardick. MC 8-0.
- B.) **TIF 2 Bills** – Four (4) bills totaling \$ 10,796.00. Alderman Laura Miller motioned to approve the (4) TIF2 bills; seconded by Alderman Dennis Pardick. Alderman John Carlson owns property in the TIF and abstained. MC 7-0 with 1 abstaining.
- C.) **TIF 3 Bills** – Two (2) bills totaling \$2,584.50. Alderman Barb Yergler motioned to approve the 2 TIF 3 bills, seconded by Alderman Brandon Roderick. Aldermen Scott Davis and Laura Miller own property in the TIF area and abstained. MC 6-0 with 2 abstaining.
- D.) **General Fund Bills** totaling \$120,235.53. Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve the general bills; seconded by Alderman Brandon Roderick. MC 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A.) **Consideration of an application for ‘Local Rail-Highway Crossing Safety Program, along the railroad corridor and the/ the Sangamon Avenue Crossing.** Sean Widener reported that the grant application is due on Sept. 15th for fiscal year 2018 and explained exactly what the grant would be for including crossing arms and other safety equipment, stating that if all 7 crossings were included, there would be no cost to the city and if only the Sangamon Avenue crossing was considered alone, there would be expenditure to the city even with a grant approval that would pay 70% of the cost. Mr. Widener did estimate \$10000 to \$20000.00 per crossing although no definite figure could be determined. Mr. Widener asked for permission to apply for the grant, either for Sangamon Ave. crossing or all 7 crossings. Local cost for engineering by would be estimated at \$5000.00. Alderman Jan Hall requested to see any completed grant applications prior to submission to determine just what the City is applying for. Alderman John Carlson stated that he didn’t feel that applying for Sangamon Avenue crossing only and then possibly stopping the improvement after receiving the grant and viewing the requirements of the grant would put the City in good favor of having future grant applications for railroad crossing upgrades accepted, in addition to not knowing what would be required of the city to bring the streets up to the requirements of the upgrades as determined by IDOT, ICC, ITEP and other agencies involved. After further discussion, Alderman John Carlson motioned to NOT apply for the current grant in question; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. Aldermen Dennis Pardick, Scott Davis and Laura Miller voted against. MC 5-3.
- B.) **Consideration of South Park Restrooms Proposal.** Alderman Barb Yergler reported on the bad condition of the South Park Restrooms and presented the proposal of improving/repairing them which includes removing and resetting the stools, fill the cracks in the concrete, shot blast concrete to achieve necessary profile, apply primer/binder coat of 100% epoxy and broadcast ¼ color flakes into wet primer, and apply 100% chemical resistant polyaspartic clear coat. The park restrooms are normally closed as of Oct. 1.annually. Alderman Barb Yergler motioned to accept the proposal from Stouts Building Services of Urbana, not to exceed \$4765.00 to improve/repair the South Park Restrooms; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 8-0.
- C.) **Ratification of Mayoral Approval of Garbage Hauler Permits.** Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to approve the Mayor’s ratification of the Garbage Hauler Permits submitted by Area Disposal Services and Central Il. Disposal and Recycling from Oct 1, 2016 to Sept. 30, 2017; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. Council approved with 8 ayes, 0 objections.

Announcements: Alderman John Carlson commented that he has the punch list for the Sangamon lighting project. Sean Widener reported that the concrete is ‘non-conforming concrete’ and is guaranteed for 5 years. Alderman Carlson also reported that the Knights of Columbus would be holding their annual fundraiser at the corner of RT 54, 9, and 47 and 8th and Sangamon Avenue on Sept 17 from 8 am to noon. Council approved.

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

APPROVED

ATTEST