

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY

Monday, September 14, 2020

**Call to order** at 7:03 pm by Mayor Dan Dickey.

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

**Others present:** Admin Assist. Peg Stalter, City Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Chief Adam Rosendahl, Jan Hall (WGCY), Andrew Rosten (Ford County Chronicle), Karen Kummerow (Recycling), Connor and Darrin Ray (Eagle Scout Troop 29), Harry Groom (American Legion and Shrine Club), Mike Bleich (Jordan Pond Committee).

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Connor Ray of Eagle Scout Troop 29.

**Approval of Council Minutes:** Alderman Randy Wyant moved to approve the minutes of August 24, 2020; second by Alderman Scott Davis. MC 6-0. Aldermen Susie Tongate and Dennis Pardick were absent.

**Mayor Dickey recognized visitors:** Harry Groom of American Legion and Corn Belt Shriners Club presented 2 requests: 1) Closure of 9<sup>th</sup> Street between the Legion and Ace Hardware for the Corn Belt Shriners Cash Bash (3 pm to 9 pm) on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. No music will be provided, with hopes of using the existing town music system. Also requested are picnic tables and trash cans at both venues. They will coordinate with Jay's Place with food at both places during the event with alcohol beverages being only allowed at their respective places and not travelling between the 2 establishments. The monies raised will go to Shriner's Children's Hospital; 2.) Gold Star Awareness Ride is scheduled for Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Groom requested closure of 9<sup>th</sup> Street between the Legion and Ace Hardware to provide parking during the event from 3 pm to 7 pm. This event helps Gold Star families. The Council approved both events and asked Randy Stauffer to work with them on the street closure, tables and trash cans.

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

**Administrative Report:** No report.

**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** –Alderman Scott Davis offered no report.

**Personnel Committee** – No report.

**Water and Sewer** –Alderman Randy Wyant offered no report

**Parks / Buildings / Technology** –Alderman Susie Tongate offered no report.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

- A.) General Fund Bills for \$ 166,346.38.** Alderman Denis Fisher moved to approve payment of the general bills; second by Alderman Scott Davis. MC 6-0.
- B.) TIF2 checks: Three (3) checks totaling \$10,772.50.** Alderman Scott Davis moved to approve payment of the TIF2 checks; second by Alderman Aaron Franks. MC 5-0. Alderman Greg Houtzel abstained.
- C.) TIF3 checks: Two (2) checks totaling \$2,736.50.** Alderman Randy Wyant moved to approve payment of the of TIF2 checks; second by Alderman Denis Fisher. MC 5-0. Alderman Scott Davis abstained.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A) Presentation and Consideration of Eagle Scout project at the Fishing Pond by Connor Ray.** Connor presented a project to create a ½ mile path (6 ft wide) around the pond with 4 benches, with hopes to start this year. Council was polled with 6 ayes.
- B) Presentation and Consideration of Ridgeview Recycling Contract.** Karen Kummerow presented the contract for renewal at the same price as last year, \$650.00 per month. Alderman Scott Davis moved to approve renewing the recycling contract with Ridgeview Recycling at \$650.00 per month; second by Alderman Denis Fisher. MC 6-0.
- C) Consideration of hiring Special Legal Council for Cyber Breach.** Mayor Dickey asked that this item be held to the next meeting at Attorney Marc Miller's request. Council approved.
- D) Consideration to accept the Price Quote to rehab Well #1.** Superintendent Randy Stauffer reported that Well #1 is not working properly and needs repair. It has been approx. 19 years since it was last worked on. 2 bids had been received (Layne \$26,625.00 and Municipal \$\$23,910.00). Randy recommended that the bid from Municipal be accepted. Alderman Randy Wyant moved to approve the bid from Municipal, not to exceed \$25,000.00; second by Alderman Aaron Kafer. MC 6-0.

- E) Consideration to hire SK Fence to install a new vinyl fence at Railside Drive to replace the current fence which is falling.** Superintendent Stauffer reported that the city can remove the current fence. The 1 bid, received from SK Fence, is for \$14,860.22, Alderman Randy Wyant moved to approve SK Fence to install a new vinyl fence fore \$14,435.22; second by Alderman Scott Davis. Discussion concerning the limited number of bids and the cost was led by Alderman Aaron Franks, followed by Alderman Randy Wyant withdrawing his motion and Alderman Scott Davis withdrawing his second. No further action was taken. Alderman Aaron Franks will seek additional bids for this project.
- F) Ratification of Mayoral approval of Garbage Hauler Permits.** Alderman Scott Davis moved to approve the Mayoral ratification permits to Area Disposal for 3 garbage trucks and Central Il. Disposal for 1 truck; second by Alderman Greg Houtzel. MC 6-0.

**Announcements:** none

**Adjourn:** Alderman Scott Davis moved to adjourn; second by Alderman Aaron Kafer. Council was polled with 6 ayes/ no objections.

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