

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY

Monday, September 26, 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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Barb Yergler.

Others present: Admin. Assistant Peg Stalter, City Treasurer Scott Shull, City Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Police Chief Steve Cushman, Ross Brown (WGCY/Ford County Record), Wayne Birkey, Gary Lutterbie, Tracy Epps, Brenda Daniels, Kent Daniels, Susie Tongate, Kelsey Montoyer, Karen Kummerow and Jase Bryant.

Approval of Council Minutes: Alderman Jan Hall motioned to approve the minutes of August 22, 2016 with the correction that Mayor Pro-tem Scott Davis recognized visitors; seconded by Alderman Laura Miller. MC 8-0.

Mayor Dickey recognized visitors: Ross Brown representing Dave Brown of the Lions Club asked permission for the club to hold their annual Candy Day on October 14 from 7 am to 5 pm and October 15 from 7 am to 11 am at the corners of 8th Street and Sangamon and 8th and Rt.47 near Bradbury Auto. Council approved the request.

Treasurer's Report: City Treasurer Scott Shull presented the Financial Report as of August 2016. .

Administrative Report: Admin Assist Peg Stalter offered no report. City Clerk Carla Moxley announced that packets for the Consolidated Election (April 4, 2017) are now available at the office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ordinance Committee –Alderman Jan Hall offered no report.

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 with bricks possibly needed to raise to the level of the street. Superintendent Randy Stauffer reported he received a letter from IDOT stating that Norfolk & Western will be repairing the crossing for approx. 3 days in October. .

Police/Health, Light and Nuisance –Alderman Brandon Roderick offered no report. Chief Cushman reported that there are peddlers and solicitors in town and that the police can't conduct back ground checks by law. He suggested raising the fees for these activities. The matter will be further discussed at the next meeting.

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. City Superintendent Randy Stauffer reported there are repairs to the Water Plant are underway and that water meters are currently being read.

Parks and Buildings –Alderman Barb Yergler reported that the South Park Restroom floors have been resurfaced and look much better.

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 final meeting was postponed to a future date.

Recycling Board– Alderman Nelda Jordan offered no report and referred to Karen Kummerow's report.

Downtown Committee – Alderman Barb Yergler offered no report.

Public Recreation/Fishing Committee–Alderman Brandon Roderick offered no report. Gary Lutterbie reported that recently over the limit cat fish were caught and cleaned at the site which is against the posted law.

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.) **TIF 2 Bills** – Two (2) bills totaling \$ 4,714.56. Alderman Barb Yergler motioned to approve the (2) TIF2 bills; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. Alderman John Carlson owns property in the TIF and abstained. MC 7-0 with 1 abstaining.
- B.) **General Fund Bills** totaling \$122,925.96. Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve the general bills; seconded by Alderman Laura Miller. MC 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A.) Report by Karen Kummerow, Chairman of Recycling Board.** Chairman Karen Kummerow presented a report of activity for Gibson Recycling Program which illustrated a steady increase of activity in passes being obtained since the beginning in 2008 generating 57% of the cost of \$7200.00.
- B.) Consideration of Recycling Agreement with Ridgeview Recycling.** Alderman John Carlson motioned to renew the contract with Ridgeview Recycling for 2016-2017 for \$7200.00; seconded by Alderman Nelda Jordan. MC 8-0.
- C.) Consideration of Holiday Parade Committee Requests.** Susie Tongate requested the barricades be placed on the corners and the current trash cans along the route be emptied and extra ones put in place. She reported that there would not be a tent as in the past, but vendors will be placed on the sidewalk. Ford County Auxiliary and the Fire Department will provide extra lighting at the staging area at County Market. Susie Tongate expressed the danger of ice on the sidewalks and cross-walks and requested that salt be available in that case. Mayor Dickey offered to buy the salt needed. Randy Stauffer will get a price for new lights to be placed in the trees on Sangamon. The Christmas tree cannot be placed in the middle Sangamon as in the past because there are now no poles to anchor the tree or a way to light the tree. It was suggested to move the tree to the East side of the road, near the Farmers Market area. No motion was entertained.
- D.) Consideration of Special License for Burgers & Beer for outdoor seating in conjunction with Harvest Fest October 8th.** Alderman Scott Davis motioned to allow a 1 day liquor license for Burgers & Beer allowing fenced outdoor seating off the sidewalk adjacent to their business for \$1.00, in conjunction with Harvest Fest on October 8th from 11 am to closing; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 7-0. Alderman Laura Miller abstained stating conflict of interest.
- E.) Consideration of on-line pay.** Alderman Scott Davis introduced Jase Bryant who is a representative of Bankcard. He reported that there would no contract and no termination fee for these services. The initial cost to the city would be \$100.00 to register with the server and \$199.00 for the set up through the website and \$125.00 for each card reader needed. Mr. Bryant stated that there would be a charge of 3.5% for use of credit cards and a convenience fee charged on debit cards. Alderman Scott Davis motioned to approve Bankcard program not to exceed \$500.00 and to authorize Mayor Dickey to sign the application; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 8-0.
- F.) Consideration of Ordinance 2016-O-14** amending Chapter 3 (Animals) of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Gibson City, in connection with the regulation of Domestic Chickens within the City of Gibson City. Alderman Jan Hall reviewed the proposed ordinance stating that no more than 6 chickens can be at one site and there are structure limitations. An application form is available at the police station with a one-time fee of \$25.00. She also reported the regulations within the application must be complied with, the animal enforcement officer will be responsible for verification and a provision approving the raising of chickens must be signed by direct neighbors on both sides and behind the applicant's residence. Wayne Birkey encouraged the council to pass the Ordinance. Alderman Brandon Roderick motioned to approve Ordinance 2016-O-14 as presented; seconded by Alderman Dennis Pardick. Roll call resulted in 4 ayes/4 nays. Mayor Dickey cast the deciding vote in favor of the Ordinance. MC. 5-4. Voting against the motion were Aldermen John Carlson, Jan Hall, Nelda Jordan and Barb Yergler.

Announcements: Superintendent Randy Stauffer reported that the barricades for Harvest Fest would be set out and the Chamber would set up the area.

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

APPROVED

ATTEST