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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY

Monday, September 28, 2020

Call to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Dan Dickey.

Roll Call:

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

Others present: Admin Assist. Peg Stalter, City Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Chief Adam Rosendahl, Jan Hall (WGCY), Mary Holsten, Ashley Arnold and Laura Lynch (Girl Scouts), Mark Brake (New Beginnings Church).

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Greg Houtzel.

Approval of Council Minutes: Alderman Denis Fisher moved to approve the minutes of September 14, 2020; second by Alderman Greg Houtzel. MC 6-0. Aldermen Dennis Pardick and Aaron Kafer were absent.

Mayor Dickey recognized visitors: 1.) Laura Lynch and Ashley Arnold of the Girl Scouts reported that their troop wants to donate back to the city for allowing them to use the West Park to sell 'Girl Scout Cookies'. Council approved the idea and asked that they work with Randy Stauffer on their project.

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 – No report.

Finance /Efficiency Committee –Alderman Scott Davis offered no report.

Personnel Committee – No report.

Water and Sewer –Alderman Randy Wyant offered no report, but did call for a committee meeting for Monday, October 5 at 7 pm at City Hall.

Parks / Buildings / Technology –Alderman Susie Tongate offered no report. She reported that Pastor Gary Fairchild of United Methodist Church offered to hold an outdoor Trick or Treat event.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

A.) Consideration of hiring Special Legal Counsel for the Cyber Breach. This item was held until the next meeting. Attorney Marc Miller stated he would send an email to Council members prior to that.

B.) Consideration of Fence Bids at Railside Drive Lift Station. Randy Stauffer asked that this item be held to the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

A.) General Fund Bills for \$ 70,842.23. Alderman Denis Fisher moved to approve payment of the general bills; second by Alderman Aaron Franks. MC 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Consideration of Façade Grant for 134 N Sangamon. An application for the Façade Grant was received from Jerry and Mary Holsten for improvements to be made at 134 N Sangamon which is estimated at \$9945.00. Alderman Scott Davis reported that there are currently no funds in the budget, but this project would be OK for the next budget year. Alderman Randy Wyant moved to approve a Façade Grant not to exceed \$4972.50 for improvements to the property; second by Alderman Susie Tongate. MC 6-0. Mrs. Holsten publicly thanked the Council on behalf of she and husband Jerry.

B) Consideration for New Beginnings Church to use the City Parking Lot on October 4. Mark Brake requested use of the City Parking lot on October 4 for an outdoor service to recognize the local farmers. They will also be offering food for the farmers. Council approved the request with 6 ayes.

C) Consideration of hiring Farnsworth Group for engineering for the City Hall Clock Tower Masonry Repairs. City Superintendent Randy Stauffer reported that the Clock tower is having some serious issues. He suggested to hire an engineer to draw the plans for repairs so that bids for the project can be more competitive and a good job be done. Alderman Randy Wyant moved to hire Farnsworth Group for engineering of the project, not to exceed \$16,000.00; second by Alderman Denis Fisher. MC 6-0

- D) Consideration of Change Order for Municipal Well and Pump.** Superintendent Randy Stauffer reported that after beginning the repairs to Well #1 and closer inspection, additional work is needed due to the condition of the well. Alderman Randy Wyant moved to approve the increase of \$3390.00 for a total cost of \$27,300.00 for this project; second by Alderman Aaron Franks. MC 6-0. The budget will yield \$25,000.00 and the remainder will be taken from equipment budget.
- E) Consideration of Truck Insurance buyout and/or Truck purchase for Water Plant.** Superintendent Randy Stauffer reported that the truck had been considerably damaged during Fire Hydrant Flushing. The insurance company will take the truck for \$12,000.00 or offer 10% less if the city keeps it. Randy has been looking for a new and/or used truck. Alderman Randy Wyant moved to let the insurance company take the truck for \$11,645.67 and put a line item in next years budget for a replacement; second by Alderman Greg Houtzel. MC 6-0.

Announcements: none

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

APPROVED

ATTEST