

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY  
Wednesday, July 8, 2015

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

<b>Roll Call:</b>	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

**Others present:** City Attorney Marc Miller, Admin Assistant Peg Stalter, City Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Deb McCullough (WGCY radio), Ryan Ferguson (News Gazette/Paxton Record), Jim Hoffman, Sharon Heavilin, Ellen Hanks, Sean Widener, Attorney Mike Tague.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Alderman Jan Hall.

**Mayor Dickey recognized visitors:** none

**Attorney Marc Miller** reported having received calls concerning the posting of the updated meeting agenda for tonight's meeting being an infraction of meeting notification time-line. . He checked and confirmed that we were within legal parameters to continue with tonight's agenda. Mayor Dickey asked that 2 items on the agenda be discussed prior to entering into Executive Session. Council agreed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A.) Consideration of Appropriation Ordinance 2015-O-07 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.** Alderman Scott Davis motioned to approve the Ordinance 2015-O-07; seconded by Laura Miller. Discussion included Alderman John Carlson asking why the property taxes increased last year when it appears that the city has so much money, Alderman Nelda Jordan inquired about the water restricted investment fund and Alderman Jan Hall inquired if raises are included in this budget. MC. 5-3. Alderman John Carlson, Jan Hall and Nelda Jordan voting against.
- B.) Consideration to have the City Superintendent, Randy Stauffer, to hire Clark Dietz to bid Downtown Revitalization Phase One.** Sean Widener outlined the timeframe of going forth with Phase 1. Alderman Jan Hall stated that she was under the impression from the beginning that the Council would be included in the planning of this project. Alderman Brandon Roderick stated his concern about approving this project at this time of the year. Alderman John Carlson asked for clarification of the design and scheduled outlets being available on the poles for special events, where the control box would be located, the number of poles to be installed, and additional technical questions. Mr. Widener explained that plans are to remove the 24 current Ameren poles and install 28 shorter poles approx. 80 feet apart and taller poles at each intersection, in addition to removing 6 trees. Alderman Barb Yergler was concerned about the proposed time line of the project interfering with the Harvest Festival and Holiday Parade already planned in the downtown area, in case of inclement weather would delay completion in a timely manner. Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to have City Superintendent, Randy Stauffer, to hire Clark Dietz to bid Downtown Revitalization Phase One; seconded by Alderman Scott Davis. Motioned failed 3-5. Alderman John Carlson, Jan Hall, Brandon Roderick, Nelda Jordan, and Barb Yergler voting against.
- C.) Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to enter into Executive Session for the limited purpose of discussing eminent litigation; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 8-0.**
- D.) Return to Open Session for adjournment.**

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

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