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MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY
Monday, September 27, 2021

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

Roll Call:	Ward #1 Susie Tongate,	Present;	Vacancy	
	Ward #2 Randy Wyant,	Present	Aaron Franks,	Absent
	Ward #3 Scott Davis,	Present	Michelle Celeschi,	Present
	Ward #4 Denis Fisher,	Present	Laura Miller,	Present
	Junior Alderman Haley Wahl		Present	

Others present: Street & Alley Superintendent Wayne Link, Water Superintendent Tyler Martin, Chief Adam Rosendahl, Admin. Peg Stalter, Treasurer Scott Shull, Mike Friend of Farnsworth; Will Gray of Donohue Associates, Annie Barnett-GC Chamber; Ross Brown, Ford County Chronicle.

Alderman Laura Miller led council in Pledge of Allegiance.

Alderman Tongate moved to approve council Minutes of September 13, 2021, seconded by Alderman Miller, MC 7-0.

Visitors: Annie Barnett representing Gibson Chamber of Commerce requested Sangamon Avenue be closed from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 26th for the annual downtown Halloween festivities. Council approved and Supt. Link will be sure to place barricades.

Treasurer Scott Shull read the monthly treasurer's report (see attached). No questions at this time.

Administrative Report – Peggy Stalter thanked the Presbyterian Church for their donation of \$11,000, received in August, to go towards the expense of installing the new transformer at the corner of Sangamon & 7th Streets. Mayor Dickey additionally thanked Alderman Susie Tongate for her part in requesting this donation.

Alderman Fisher asked Admin. Peg Stalter for clarification in the monthly financial report regarding CDAP loans. Fisher would like to see details of original amount of loan and terms, and current balance to date, status of being current or late. Stalter explained some businesses pay in advance so in some months no payment is shown.

City Clerk Jan Hall reported that Gibson City has received the first of two payments from the Federal Treasury, deemed 'American Recovery Funds' for state and local governments. The amount received was \$219,753.81, and that same amount will be issued in one year, total of \$439,507.63 and Mayor Dickey recommended to council it be used toward Water Department upgrades and repairs. Council agreed, and Administrative Asst. Peg Stalter will see that an additional line item be added to the Water Department budget to track the expenditure of these funds. Clerk Hall reported that there are tracking reports to be submitted to the Treasury Department, and records be kept for 5 years.

Committee Reports: No reports at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. MCS Office Technologies presentation for Information Technology Technical Support Services to the City of Gibson. Todd McNutt reviewed his proposal for services for all city information technology technical support services. City receives a discounted rate, and 68 hours of service during regular work hours, and 10 hours of service 'after hours' as needed for \$1,046.50 per month for the first year, with a built-in increase to \$1089.00 monthly 2nd year, and \$1,133.00 per month 3rd year. City can opt out of this agreement after the first year or choose to remain in for all 3 years. Both Chief Rosendahl and Admin. Asst. Peg Stalter verified the need and encouraged council to enter this agreement. Motion to approve this Agreement as presented made by Alderman Celeschi, 2nd by Alderman Tongate, MC 7-0.
- B. Replacement of Electronic Welcome Sign at the traffic light at South Sangamon and 1st Street was explained by Todd McNutt. Sign will be fully remote programmable, full color, and larger than current sign, which is now difficult to buy replacement parts. Total cost of replacement sign, installation, and training by MCSI not to exceed \$25,950, and is included in current budget under marketing line item. Service Agreement hours can be used toward this sign. Motion to approve as presented by Alderman Miller, 2nd by Alderman Wyant, MC 7-0.
- C. Mayoral Appointment of Alderman Laura Miller to fill committee vacancies previously held by Alderman Pardick: Member Streets/Alleys; Finance/Efficiency; Chair Personnel; and Member Water/Sewer. Motion to approve as stated made by Alderman Davis, 2nd: Alderman Celeschi, MC 6-1, Alderman Fisher cast the no vote.
- D. Credit Card Company. Change from First National Bank of Omaha to local Heartland Bank. Administrative Assistant Peg Stalter explained this change is advantageous to the city in working locally, turn-around time in statements. Motion to approve this change made by Alderman Wyant, 2nd by Alderman Tongate, MC 7-0.
- E. Purchase new road drag not to exceed \$15,250.00 Supt. Link reviewed 3 bids, and recommended council approve the low bid to Clauss Specialties of

Cissna Park. Motion to approve made by Alderman Wyant, 2nd: Alderman Celeschi, MC 7-0.

Approval of Bills:

TIF #2 (5 checks) \$\$98,503.06 Motion to approve by Alderman Fisher, 2nd by Alderman Wyant, MC 7-0.

General Fund: \$119,239.09 Questioned by Alderman Fisher, check to Barrow Tree Service in the amount of \$5,550.00 because it did not list specific addresses for work done. Alderman Davis questioned exactly what was needed and how to obtain information after the fact, as the work is complete. After discussion, Motion made by Alderman Fisher to approve all General Fund checks in the amount of \$119,239.09. with understanding that all future invoices must be detailed and specific. 2nd by Alderman Wyant; MC 7-0.

New Business:

Agenda Item A –Approve Mayoral Appointment of Ryan Thorp to the Recycling Board to replace Matt & Danielle Brown, on recommendation of Chairman Karen Kummerow. Motion to approve this appointment made by Alderman Miller, 2nd by Susie Tongate, MC 7-0.

Agenda Item B Two audit quotes were received, (see attached) and after explanations by Admin. Stalter and Treasurer Shull, motion to approve the low quote of \$15,000 to Feller & Kuester was made by Alderman Celeschi, 2nd by Alderman Miller. MC 7-0.

Agenda Item C Consideration of Hydrant Valve Tool purchase from: USA Blue Book not to exceed \$6,000.00 (which includes accessory purchases) made by Alderman Wyant, 2nd by Alderman Fisher. Supt. Martin explained that this tool has dual purposes and will cut down manhours. Alderman Davis stated this can be purchased from Streets & Alleys fund and money returned to this line item when insurance payments are determined. MC 7-0.

Agenda Item D Donohue Engineering Well #6 Agreement of Services. Engineer Will Gray of Donohue reviewed the Agreement for Services that details the services provided for the project of new well #6. The overall project is estimated to cost \$1,075,000, and the engineering agreement is roughly 7.5% of that, or \$75,400. Time frame for testing the ground to be suitable is spring of 2022. Discussion among council regarding line items to be used, and decision was to verify with Gwen Crawford what amounts can be paid from TIF 2, with remaining amount to come from the American Recovery Funds. Motion to approve Donohue Engineering Services Agreement as presented for new water supply Well #6 project to be drawn from the TIF 2 account at a percentage as allowable by law with balance to come from the American Recovery Funds Act, made by Alderman Wyant, 2nd by Alderman Fisher, MC 7-0.

Agenda Item E Consideration to enter Agreement for Services with Donohue Engineering for a Drainage Study at Railsides Estates, fee not to exceed \$1,250. Alderman Wyant reported that residents of Railsides Estates attended the Water/Sewer Committee meeting on Monday, September 20th, and expressed concerns about drainage issues. Engineer Will Gray stated that Donohue will make a site visit and prepare a technical memo for council. Motion to approve made by Alderman Celeschi, 2nd by Alderman Wyant, MC 7-0.

Agenda Item F– Motion to Enter Executive Session to discuss personnel issues made by Alderman Miller, 2nd by Alderman Celeschi, MC 7.0

Agenda Item G Motion to return to regular session made by Alderman Wyant, 2nd by Alderman Fisher, MC 7-0.

Motion to come from Executive Session is that employees Dave Merritt and Rich Nolte will each receive \$3.00 per hour increases to wages beginning next new pay period. Motion to approve this increase as presented by Alderman Wyant, 2nd by Alderman Celeschi, MC 7-0.

Being no further business, Motion to adjourn by Alderman Miller, 2nd by Alderman Celeschi meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

APPROVED
Mayor Daniel E Dickey

ATTEST
Janice L Hall
City Clerk