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> MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY Monday, April 11 2022

Call to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Dickey in council chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call:

Ward #1 Susie Tongate Ward #2 Randy Wyant Ward #3 Scott Davis Ward #4 Denis Fisher Junior Alderman Hailey Wahl Absent Present Present Present Present Erick Tjarks Present Ray Hankes Present Michelle Celeschi Absent Laura Miller Absent

Others present: Administrative Assistant Peg Stalter, Supts. Link and Martin, Mike Friend Farnsworth Group, Chief Rosendahl, Pastor Nick Carlson, Dr. Reece Chief of Staff Gibson Area Hospital.

Alderman Tjarks led council in Pledge of Allegiance.

Alderman Hankes made a motion approve minutes of March 28, 2022, 2nd by Alderman Wyant. Motion to approve minutes carried 5/0.

Recognition of Visitors:

Wayne Link – representing American Legion, made 2 requests for fund raisers. First, May 7th, request permission for candy sales at intersections of 8th & Sangamon, and Rt. 47 and 8th. Money raised goes to Gold Star Mission, who provide scholarships locally. 2nd, July 16th, request blocking 9th from Sangamon to the alley west for an outdoor event for Ford County Hometown Heroes – plans include a poker-run and a live auction. Council approved both requests.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Alderman Hankes reported that he and the Mayor met with representatives from 9 surrounding communities and discussed possibilities of working together on quantity purchases in hopes of saving money.

Approval of Bills:

Motion made by Alderman Fisher to pay General Fund bills in the amount of \$141,804.11, 2nd made by Alderman Tjarks, Motion carried 5/0.

Motion made by Alderman Wyant to pay 1 check from T.I.F #2 in the amount of \$11,273.53 2nd by Alderman Tjarks, Motion carried: 5/0.

Motion made by Alderman Tjarks to pay 1 check from T.I.F.#3 in the amount of \$3,328.79, 2nd by Alderman Hankes, Motion carried: 4/0 (Davis abstained due to owning property in TIF 3)

New Business:

- A. Dr. Donald Reese, Chief of Staff of Gibson Area Hospital submitted a request to be able to serve alcohol at the North Park for the Annual Staff Steak Dinner on June 25. Park is reserved from 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. to allow time for them to set up and then clean up. Serving of food and drink will be from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Motion made by Alderman Davis to host an event at the North Park on June 25 and serve alcohol to those 21 and older at no charge from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.2nd made by Alderman Hankes, motion carried 5/0.
- B. Update from Nick Carlson regarding GAHRF (Gibson Area House Rehab Foundation) Pastor Carlson provided a detailed update (see attached) on the progress of the GAHRF in their flood repairs. They received 120 applications for various needs. The project has 4 phases, and they are beginning the 4th phase now. GAHRF is seeking contractors to hire to help complete construction/repairs. Mayor Dickey thanked them for their dedication and hard work.
- C. Consideration of Farnsworth Group 10th & West Street Project Invoices. Engineer Mike Friend explained that this is the 1st invoice submitted on this project, covering December 15-31, 2021. The amount is \$7,307.05, to be paid from Motor Fuel Tax fund. Administrative Assistant Peg Stalter asked for clarification that this check can be written right away, confirmed by Mayor Dickey since the project was already approved. Motion made by Alderman Tjarks, 2nd by Alderman Fisher, to approve this 1st invoice of \$7,307.05 from MFT funds. Motion carried 5/0. Friend and Supt. Link will work closely on the purchase of the appropriate 'LA-15' form trap-rock, which is required in order to be used in the IDOT project.
- D. Consideration to Sell Old Squad Car to Highest Sealed Bid. Chief Rosendahl received 6 bids for the 2012 squad car with 96K miles on it. High bid was \$1800 from Kenneth Link. Alderman Wyant made the motion to approve accepting this bid as presented, 2nd by Alderman Tjarks. Motion carried 5/0.

E. Consideration to Hire a Temporary Cleaning Service. Mayor Dickey stated that Angie Lage and Sue O'Neal resigned from their cleaning of the city hall, police dept, and Angie also cleaned the parks. Juliana Burton will take over the cleaning of city hall and the Police Department at the same rate we paid Lage/O'Neal, \$350 per week. This does not include parks cleaning. Supt. Link stated that port-a-potties have been placed at the North and West Parks until the full cleaning service has been bid out and accepted. Alderman Fisher made the motion to hire Ms. Burton at \$350 a week on a temporary basis. 2nd by Alderman Hankes, motion carried 5-0.

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Davis, 2nd by Alderman Tongate, meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

APPROVED Mayor Daniel E Dickey

ATTEST Janice L Hall, City Clerk