

EXHIBIT 'A'

CHAPTER 1

ADMINISTRATION

ARTICLE I - GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS

DIVISION I - TITLE

1-1-1 TITLE. Upon the adoption by the City Council, this City Code is hereby declared to be and shall hereafter constitute the official "**Revised Code of Ordinances of the City**". The Revised Code of Ordinances shall be known and cited as the "**City Code**", and it is hereby published by authority of the City Council and shall be kept up-to-date as provided in **Section 1-1-3** under the direction of the City Attorney, acting for said City Council. Any reference to the number of any section contained herein shall be understood to refer to the position of the same number, its appropriate chapter and article heading and to the general penalty clause relating thereto as well as to the section itself when reference is made to this City Code by title in any legal document. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-2-3)**

1-1-2 ACCEPTANCE. The City Code as hereby presented in printed form shall hereafter be received without further proof in all courts and in all administrative tribunals of this State as the ordinances of the City of general and permanent effect, except the excluded ordinances enumerated in **Section 1-1-8**. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-2-6)**

1-1-3 AMENDMENTS. Any ordinance amending this City Code shall set forth the article, chapter, and section number of the section or sections to be amended, and this shall constitute a sufficient compliance with any statutory requirement pertaining to the amendment or revision by ordinance of any part of this City Code. All such amendments or revisions by ordinance shall be immediately forwarded to the codifiers and the ordinance material shall be prepared for insertion in its proper place in each copy of this City Code. Each such replacement page shall be properly identified and shall be inserted in each individual copy of the City Code on an annual basis. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-2-3)**

1-1-4 CODE ALTERATION. It shall be deemed unlawful for any person to alter, change, replace or deface in any way, any section or any page of this Code in such a manner that the meaning of any phrase or order may be changed or omitted. Replacement pages may be inserted according to the official instructions when so authorized by the City Council. The Clerk shall see that the replacement pages are properly inserted in the official copies maintained in the office of the Clerk.

Any person having in his custody an official copy of this Code shall make every effort to maintain said Code in an up-to-date and efficient manner. He shall see to the immediate insertion of new or replacement pages when such are delivered to him or made available to him through the office of the City Clerk. Said Code books, while in actual possession of officials and other interested persons shall be and remain the property of the City and shall be returned to the office of the Clerk upon termination of office or separation of duties.

1-1-5 JURISDICTION. Unless otherwise provided herein, this Code applies to acts performed within the corporate limits of the City. Provisions of this Code also apply to acts performed outside the corporate limits and up to the limits prescribed by law, where the law confers power on the City to regulate such particular acts outside the corporate limits.

1-1-6 - 1-1-7 RESERVED.

DIVISION II - SAVING CLAUSE

1-1-8 REPEAL OF GENERAL ORDINANCES. All general ordinances of the City passed prior to the adoption of this Code are hereby repealed, except such as are referred to herein as being still in force or are, by necessary implication, herein reserved from repeal **[subject to the saving clauses contained in the following sections]**, from which are excluded the following ordinances, which are not hereby repealed:

Tax Levy Ordinances; Appropriation Ordinances; Ordinances Relating to Boundaries and Annexations; Franchise Ordinances and other Ordinances Granting Special Rights to Persons or Corporations; Contract Ordinances and Ordinances Authorizing the Execution of a Contract or the Issuance of Warrants; Salary Ordinances; Ordinances Establishing, Naming, or Vacating Streets, Alleys, or Other Public Places; Improvement Ordinances; Bond Ordinances; Ordinances Relating to Elections; Ordinances Relating to the Transfer or Acceptance of Real Estate by or from the City; and all Special Ordinances.

1-1-9 PUBLIC UTILITY ORDINANCES. No ordinance relating to railroads or railroad crossings with streets and other public ways or relating to the conduct, duties, service or rates of public utilities shall be repealed by virtue of the adoption of this Code or by virtue of the preceding section, excepting as this Code shall be considered as amending such ordinance or ordinances in respect to such provisions only.

1-1-10 COURT PROCEEDINGS. No new ordinance shall be construed or held to repeal a former ordinance, whether such former ordinance is expressly repealed or not, as to any offense committed against such former ordinance or as to any act done, any penalty, forfeiture or punishment so incurred, or any right accrued or claim arising under the former ordinance, or in any way whatever to affect any claim arising under the former ordinance or in any way whatever to affect any such offense or act so committed or so done, or any penalty, forfeiture or punishment so incurred or any right accrued or claim arising before the new ordinance takes effect, save only that the proceedings thereafter shall conform to the ordinance in force at the time of such proceeding, so far as practicable. If any penalty, forfeiture or punishment be mitigated by any provision of a new ordinance, such provision may be, by the consent of the party affected, applied to any judgment announced after the new ordinance takes effect.

This Section shall extend to all repeals, either by express words or implication, whether the repeal is in the ordinance making any new provisions upon the same subject or in any other ordinance.

Nothing contained in this Chapter shall be construed as abating any action now pending under or by virtue of any general ordinance of the City herein repealed and the provisions of all general ordinances contained in this Code shall be deemed to be continuing provisions and not a new enactment of the same provision; nor shall this Chapter be deemed as discontinuing, abating, modifying or altering any penalty accrued or to accrue, or as affecting the liability of any person, firm or corporation, or as waiving any right of the City under any ordinance or provision thereof in force at the time of the adoption of this Code.

1-1-11 SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS. Each section, paragraph, sentence, clause and provision of this Code is severable, and if any provision is held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this Code, nor any part thereof, other than that part affected by such decision.

1-1-12 CITY CLERK'S CERTIFICATE. The City Clerk's Certificate shall be substantially in the following form:

CITY CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

STATE OF ILLINOIS)	
COUNTY OF FORD) ss.	CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
CITY OF GIBSON CITY)	

I, _____, City Clerk of the **City of Gibson City, Illinois**, do hereby certify that the following **Revised Code of Ordinances of the City of Gibson City, Illinois of 2002**, published by authority of the City Council were duly passed by the City Council of the **City of Gibson City, Illinois**, approved by the Mayor and published in book form according to law on this date, and that these ordinances are true and perfect copies of the ordinances, as passed, approved and now of record and on file in my office as provided by law.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the **City of Gibson City, Illinois**, this _____ day of _____, 2002.

CITY CLERK
CITY OF GIBSON CITY, ILLINOIS

(SEAL)

1-1-13 - 1-1-14 RESERVED.

DIVISION III - DEFINITIONS

1-1-15 CONSTRUCTION OF WORDS. Whenever any word in any section of this Code, importing the plural number is used in describing or referring to any matters, parties or persons, any single matter, party or person shall be deemed to be included, although distributive words may not have been used.

When any subject matter, party or person is referred to in this Code by words importing the singular number only, or the masculine gender, several matters, parties or persons and females as well as males and bodies corporate shall be deemed to be included; provided that these rules of construction shall not be applied to any section of this Code which contains any express provision excluding such construction or where the subject matter or content may be repugnant thereto.

1-1-16 DEFINITIONS. Whenever the following words or terms are used in this Code, they shall have the meanings herein ascribed to them unless the context makes such meaning repugnant thereto:

"AGENT", as used in this Code shall mean a person acting on behalf of another.

"CITY" shall mean the City of Gibson City, Illinois.

"CODE" OR "THIS CODE", shall mean the **"Revised Code of Ordinances of the City of Gibson City"**.

"CORPORATE AUTHORITIES" shall mean the Mayor and the City Council. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-1-2)**

"COUNCIL" unless otherwise indicated shall mean the City Council of this City.

"COUNTY" shall mean the **County of Ford**.

"EMPLOYEES" shall mean the following: Whenever reference is made in this Code to a City employee by title only, this shall be construed as though followed by the words **"of the City"**.

"FEE" OR "FEES" as used in this Code shall mean a sum of money charged by the City for carrying on of a business, profession or occupation.

"FISCAL YEAR". The "fiscal year" for the City shall begin on **May 1st of each year and end on April 30th of the following year. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-1-2[5])**

"KNOWINGLY" imports only a knowledge that the facts exist which bring the act or omission within the provisions of this Code. It does not require any knowledge of the unlawfulness of such act or omission.

"LAW" denotes applicable federal law, the Constitution and statutes of the State of Illinois, the ordinances of the City and, when appropriate, any and all rules and regulations which may be promulgated thereunder.

"LEGAL HOLIDAY" shall mean the holidays as authorized and recognized by the City Council in the employee agreement.

"LICENSE" as used in this Code shall mean the permission granted for the carrying on of a business, profession or occupation.

"MAY". The word "may" is permissive.

"MAYOR" as used in this Code shall mean the Mayor of this City.

"MISDEMEANOR" as used in this Code shall mean any offense deemed a violation of the provisions of this Code which is a lesser offense than a felony as defined by state law.

"NEGLECT", "NEGLIGENCE", "NEGLIGENT" AND "NEGLIGENTLY" import a want of such attention to the nature of probable consequences of the act of omission as a prudent man ordinarily bestows in acting in his own concern.

"NUISANCE" shall mean anything offensive or obnoxious to the health and welfare of the inhabitants of the City or any act or thing repugnant to or creating a hazard to or having a detrimental effect on the property of another person or to the community.

"OCCUPANT" as applied to a building or land shall include any person who occupies the whole or any part of such building or land whether alone or with others.

"OFFENSE" shall mean any act forbidden by any provision of this Code or the omission of any act required by the provisions of this Code.

"OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES". Whenever reference is made in this Code to a City Officer or employee by title only, this shall be construed as though followed by the words **"of the City"** and shall be taken to mean the officer or employee of this City having the title mentioned or performing the duties indicated.

No provision of this Code designating the duties of any officer or employee shall be so construed as to make such officer or employee liable for any fine or penalty provided in this Code for a failure to perform such duty, unless the intention of the City Council to impose such a fine or penalty on such officer or employee is specifically and clearly expressed in the section creating the duty.

"OFFICIAL TIME". Central Standard Time shall be the official time for the transaction of City business, except during applicable Daylight Savings Time set by National or State standards when the official time shall be advanced one (1) hour. All clocks and other timepieces in or upon public buildings or other premises maintained by or at the expense of the City shall be set and run at the official time prescribed by this paragraph.

"OPERATOR" as used in this Code shall mean the person who is in charge of any operation, business or profession.

"OWNER" as applied to a building or land shall include any part-owner, joint-owner, tenant-in-common, joint-tenant or lessee of the whole or of a part of such building or land.

"PERSON" shall mean any natural individual, firm, trust, partnership, association, or corporation in his or its own capacity as administrator, conservator, executor, trustee, receiver or other representative appointed by the Court. Whenever the word "person" is used in any section of this Code prescribing a penalty or fine as applied to partnerships or any such word as applied to corporations, it shall include the officers, agents, or employees thereof who are responsible for any violation of said section.

"PERSONAL PROPERTY" shall include every description of money, goods, chattels, effects, evidence of rights in action and all written instruments by which any pecuniary obligation, right or title to property is created, acknowledged, transferred, increased, defeated, discharged or diminished and every right or interest therein.

"RETAILER" as used in this Code, unless otherwise specifically defined, shall be understood to relate to the sale of goods, merchandise, articles or things in small quantities direct to the consumer.

"SHALL". The word "shall" is mandatory and not discretionary.

"STATE" OR "THIS STATE" unless otherwise indicated shall mean the **"State of Illinois"**.

"STREET" shall include alleys, lanes, courts, boulevards, public squares, public places and sidewalks.

"TENANT" as applied to a building or land shall include any person who occupies the whole or any part of such building or land, whether alone or with others.

"WHOLESALE" AND "WHOLESALE DEALER" as used in this Code unless otherwise specifically defined, shall be understood to relate to the sale of goods, merchandise, articles, or things in quantity to persons who purchase for the purpose of resale.

"WILLFULLY" when applied to the intent with which an act is done or omitted implies simply a purpose or willingness to commit the act or make the omission referred to. It does not require any intent to violate law, or to injure another, or to acquire an advantage.

"WRITTEN" AND "IN WRITING" may include printing and any other mode of representing words and letters, but when the written signature of any person is required by law to any official or public writing or bond required by law, it shall be in the proper handwriting of such person, or in case he is unable to write, by his proper mark. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-1-2)**

1-1-17 **CATCHLINES.** The catchlines of the several sections of this Code are intended as mere catchwords to indicate the content of the section and shall not be deemed or taken to be titles of such sections, nor as any part of the section, nor, unless expressly so provided, shall they be so deemed when any of such sections, including the catchlines, are amended or reenacted.

1-1-18 - 1-1-19 RESERVED.

DIVISION IV - GENERAL PENALTY

1-1-20 PENALTY.

(A) Any person convicted of a violation of any section of this Code shall be fined not less than **Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00)** nor more than **Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00)** for any **one (1) offense**.

(B) Any minor or person designated a juvenile by this State convicted of a violation of any section of this Code shall be fined not less than **Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00)** nor more than **Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00)** for any **one (1) offense**, but may not be confined except by provisions of the **Juvenile Court Act of the State of Illinois**.

(C) Whoever commits an offense against the City or aids, abets, counsels, commands, induces or procures its commission is punishable as a principal.

(D) Whoever willfully causes an act to be done which, if directly performed by him or another would be an offense against the City, is punishable as a principal.

(E) All municipal ordinance offenses may be satisfied without a court appearance by written plea of guilty and payment of the minimum fine, plus court costs, unless a court appearance is required by the ordinance violated. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-2-7 and 5/1-2-8)**

(F) **Community Service.** A penalty imposed for the violation of any section of this Code may include, or consist of, a requirement that the defendant perform some reasonable public service work such as but not limited to the picking up of litter in public parks or along public highways or the maintenance of public facilities.

1-1-21 MINOR VIOLATIONS PENALTY.

(A) Any person accused of a violation of any section of this Code **except Chapter 24** entitled **"Motor Vehicles"** may settle and compromise the claim by paying to the City the sum of **Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00)** within **ten (10) days** from the time such alleged offense was committed or by paying to the City Clerk the sum of **Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)** subsequent to said **ten (10) day period** and prior to such person being issued a complaint or notice to appear.

(B) The tickets issued under this Section shall be as a courtesy in lieu of arrest. If the person accused of this violation does not settle the claim, a complaint or notice to appear will be issued for that violation and the person shall be subject to the penalties set forth in **Section 1-1-20** of this Code.

1-1-22 SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL. In all actions for violation of any municipal ordinance where the fine would not be in excess of **Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00)** and no jail term could be imposed, service of summons may be made by the municipal clerk by certified mail, return receipt requested, whether service is to be within or without the State. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-2-9.1)**

1-1-23 APPLICATION.

(A) The penalty provided in this Chapter shall be applicable to every section of this City Code, the same as though it were a part of each and every separate section. Any person convicted of a violation of any section of this City Code, where any duty is prescribed or obligation imposed, or where any act which is of a continuing nature or declared to be unlawful, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor. A separate offense shall be deemed committed upon each day such duty or obligation remains unperformed or such act continues, unless otherwise specifically provided in this City Code.

(B) In all cases where the same offense is made punishable or is created by different clauses or sections of this City Code, the prosecuting officer may elect under which to proceed; but not more than one (1) recovery shall be had against the same person for the same offense; provided that the revocation of a license or permit shall not be considered a recovery or penalty so as to bar any other penalty being enforced.

(C) Whenever the doing of any act or the omission to do any act constitutes a breach of any section or provision of this City Code, and there shall be no fine or penalty specifically declared for such breach, the provisions of this Code shall apply and a separate offense shall be deemed committed upon each day during or on which a breach or violation occurs or continues.

1-1-24 LIABILITY OF OFFICERS. The failure of any officer or employee to perform any official duty imposed by this Code shall not subject such officer or employee to the penalty imposed for violation of this Code, unless a penalty is specifically provided for.

1-1-25 LICENSE. When a person is convicted of a violation of any Section of this Code, any license previously issued to him by the City may be revoked by the court or by the City Council.

ARTICLE II - CITY OFFICIALS

DIVISION I - CITY COUNCIL

1-2-1 **CITY COUNCIL.** The City Council shall consist of the Mayor and **eight (8)** Aldermen, **two (2)** from each of the **four (4) wards**, and their term of office shall be for **four (4) years**, and until their successors are elected and have qualified. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-50(D) and 5/3.1-20-10)**

1-2-2 **REGULAR MEETINGS.** The regular stated meetings of the City Council shall be held in the City Hall Building on the **second (2nd)** and **fourth (4th) Monday** of each month at **7:00 P.M.** When the meeting date falls upon a legal holiday, the meeting shall be held on Tuesday, the following day, the same hour and place, unless otherwise designated. Adjourned meetings may be held at such times as may be determined by the Council. **(Ord. No. 99-01; 01-11-99)**

1-2-3 **SPECIAL MEETINGS.** Special meetings of the City Council may be called by the Mayor or any **three (3)** Aldermen by giving **at least forty-eight (48) hours notice** thereof by delivering to them personally written or printed notices of the time of such meeting at the residences of the Aldermen; such notices shall be served by mail, by the Chief of Police or his designated representative. Said notices shall specify the purpose of said special meeting and the business to be taken up at that time and place. Such notice shall be posted at the City Hall and shall be provided to any local newspaper of general circulation or any local radio or television station that has filed an annual request for such notice. The notice shall be provided to such news media in the same manner as said notice is given to the Mayor and members of the City Council, provided such news media has given the City an address within the City at which such notice may be given. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-25 and 5 ILCS Sec. 120/2.02 and 120/2.03)**

1-2-4 **VACANCY.** When a vacancy occurs, if more than **twenty-eight (28) months** remain in the term and the vacancy occurs not less than **one hundred thirty (130) days** before the general municipal election, next scheduled under the general election law, the office shall be filled for the remainder of the term at that general municipal election. During the period from the time that the vacancy occurs until the next election of Aldermen, the Mayor shall appoint a qualified person to the office subject to the advise and consent of the City Council. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-50(B))**

1-2-5 COMMITTEES. The following standing committees of the City Council are hereby established, to-wit:

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| (A) | (1) | Ordinance | (5) | Finance/Efficiency |
| | (2) | Street & Alley | (6) | Water & Sewer |
| | (3) | Health, Light, Nuisance & Police | (7) | Parks & Buildings |
| | (4) | Personnel | (8) | Industrial Development |
| | | | (9) | Technology |

(B) The committees shall be appointed annually by the Mayor.

(C) The Mayor shall be ex-officio chairman of each and every standing committee.

(D) So far as is practicable, reports of committees shall be in writing.

(E) As provided by law, any report of a committee of the Council shall be deferred for final action thereon to the next regular meeting of the same after the report is made, upon the request of any **two (2)** Aldermen present. **(65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-35)**

(F) Each standing committee of the City Council shall exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the department of municipal government with which it is connected; shall ascertain the condition and needs of said department; shall, from time to time, report the same to the Mayor and City Council so that a full understanding thereof may be had, and generally, shall do all acts necessary to promote the efficiency of the department.

(G) All committee meetings are subject to the Open Meetings Act requirements and minutes shall be taken. **(5 ILCS 120/1 and 120/2.06)**
(Ord. No. 17-07; 06-12-17)

1-2-6 SPECIAL COMMITTEES. Special Committees may be appointed by the Mayor, subject to the advice and consent of the Aldermen, as may be needed from time to time.

1-2-7 QUORUM. At all meetings of the City Council, a majority of the corporate authorities shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and if no such quorum attends such meeting of the Council, the Aldermen may adjourn from day to day until a quorum is present; and shall have power to compel the attendance of absent members, except when such members are physically unable to attend such meetings. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-20)**

EDITOR'S NOTE: When the Council has a Mayor and eight (8) Aldermen, a quorum is five (5), which may consist of the Mayor and four (4) Aldermen, or five (5) Aldermen.

1-2-8 COMPELLING ATTENDANCE. It shall be the duty of each and all Aldermen to attend all regular meetings of the City Council and all special meetings when each has been duly notified of the date and place of such meeting. If, at any special meeting duly called, a quorum is not present, the Aldermen in attendance may adjourn the same to some stated time. Any Alderman duly notified in writing by the City Clerk of the time and

place of such adjourned meeting and any Alderman who may have been present when such adjournment was had who fails to attend the same shall be fined **Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00)** for each of such adjourned meetings as he failed to attend; provided that the foregoing shall not apply when any Alderman is absent from such meeting or meetings because of sickness or unavoidable accident. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-20)**

1-2-9 MEMBERS REFUSING TO ATTEND. Any member of the City Council who shall neglect or refuse to attend any meeting of the City Council without good and sufficient excuse to be passed upon by the City Council shall be fined the sum of **Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00)** for failure to attend such meeting. No member shall receive compensation for failure to attend said meeting under the provisions of Section 1-2-2. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3-11-12 and 5/3-4-14)**

[EDITOR'S NOTE: No procedure is set forth in the statutes for determining that a vacancy exists. Where a true question exists as to the presence of a vacancy, a hearing should be held before the vacancy is declared. A registered letter should be sent to the last known address of the person whose office is in question.

1-2-10 RESERVED.

DIVISION II - RULES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

1-2-11 RULES OF THE COUNCIL. The following rules of order and procedure shall govern the deliberations and meetings of the City Council. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-15)**

(A) **Order of Business.** The order of business shall be as follows:

- (1) Call to order by presiding officer.
- (2) Roll Call.
- (3) The reading of the journal of the proceedings of the last preceding meeting or meetings, and correction and approval of the same, unless dispensed with by the Aldermen and correction of the journal of the proceedings of previous meetings.
- (4) Reports and communications from the Mayor and other City Officers.
- (5) Visitors.
- (6) Reports of Standing Committees.
- (7) Reports of Special Committees.
- (8) Presentation of communications, petitions, resolutions, orders, and ordinances by the Aldermen.
- (9) Unfinished business.
- (10) Miscellaneous business.

All questions relating to the priority of business shall be decided by the chair without debate, subject to appeal.

(B) **Duties of Presiding Officer.** The presiding officer shall preserve order and decorum and may speak to points of order in preference to other Aldermen, and shall decide all question of order, subject to appeal.

In case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct, the presiding officer shall have the power to require that the chamber be cleared.

(C) **Duties of Members.** While the presiding officer is putting the question, no member shall walk across or out of the Council Chamber.

Every member, previous to his speaking, making a motion or seconding the same shall not proceed with his remarks until recognized and named by the Chair. He shall confine himself to the question under debate, avoiding personalities and refraining from impugning the motives of any other member's argument or vote.

(D) **Visitors.** No person, other than a member of the Council, shall address that body unless recognized by the Chairman.

(E) **Presentation of New Business.** When a member wishes to present a communication, petition, order, resolution, ordinance or other original matter, he shall send it to the desk of the Clerk who shall read such matter when reached in its proper order.

(F) **Debate.** No member shall speak more than once on the same question, except by consent of the Presiding Officer or unless **three-fourths (3/4)** of the corporate authorities agree that one's right to debate should be limited to speak only once and then not

until every other Alderman desiring to speak shall have had an opportunity to do so; provided, however, that the proponent of the matter under consideration, as the case may be, shall have the right to open and close debate.

The City Council, by motion, may limit debate. The Presiding Officer shall have the right to participate in debate. While a member is speaking, no Alderman shall hold any private discussion, nor pass between the speaker and the Chair.

(G) **Call of Aldermen to Order.** A member, when called to order by the Chair, shall thereupon discontinue speaking and take his seat and the order or ruling of the Chair shall be binding and conclusive, subject only to the right to appeal.

(H) **Appeals from Decision of the Chair.** Any member may appeal to the Council from a ruling of the Chair, and if the appeal is seconded, the Alderman making the appeal may briefly state his reason for the same, and the Chair may briefly explain his ruling; but there shall be no debate on the appeal and no other person shall participate in the discussion. The Presiding Officer shall have the right to participate in debate.

The Chair shall then put the question, **"Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?"**. If a majority of the Aldermen present vote **"No"**, the decision of the Chair shall be overruled; otherwise, it shall be sustained.

(I) **Question of Personal Privilege.** The right of a member to address the Council on a question of personal privilege shall be limited to cases in which his integrity, character, or motives are assailed, questioned or impugned.

(J) **Voting.** Every member who shall be present when a question is stated from the chair shall vote thereon, unless he is personally interested in the question, in which case, he shall take whatever steps are necessary to insure that his vote is not taken.

(K) **Special Order of Business.** Any matter before the City Council may be set down as a special order of business at a time certain if **two-thirds (2/3)** of the Aldermen present vote in the affirmative, but not otherwise.

(L) **Seconding of Notions Required; Written Motions.** No motion shall be put or debated in the meeting or in committee unless it be seconded. When a motion is seconded, it shall be stated by the presiding officer before debate, and every motion in the Council, except motions of procedure, shall be reduced to writing if required by a member, and the proposer of the motion shall be entitled to the floor.

(M) **Withdrawal of Motions.** After a motion or resolution is stated by the presiding officer, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Aldermen, but it may be withdrawn at any time before decision, by consent of the Aldermen.

(N) **Division of Questions.** If any question under consideration contains several distinct propositions, the Aldermen, by a majority vote of the Aldermen present may divide such question.

(O) **Record of Motions.** In all cases where a resolution or motion is entered in the journal, the name of the Aldermen moving the same shall be entered also.

(P) **Taking and Entering the Votes - Explanations of Votes Not Permitted.** If any member required it, the "yeas" and "nays" upon any question shall be taken and entered in the journal; but the yeas and nays shall not be taken unless called for prior to any vote on the question.

When the Clerk has commenced to call the roll of the members for the taking of a vote by yeas and nays, all debate on the question before the City Council shall be deemed concluded, and during the taking of the vote, no member shall be permitted to explain his vote, but shall respond to the calling of his name by the Clerk, by answering yea or nay, as the case may be.

(Q) **Announcement and Changes of Vote.** The result of all votes by yeas and nays shall not be announced by the Clerk, but shall be handed by him to the chairman for announcement, and no vote shall be changed after the tally list has passed from the hands of the Clerk.

(R) **Precedence of Motions.** When a question is under debate, the following motions shall be in order and shall have precedence over each other in order, as listed:

- (1) To adjourn to a day certain.
- (2) To adjourn.
- (3) To take a recess.
- (4) To lay on the table.
- (5) The previous question.
- (6) To refer.
- (7) To amend.
- (8) To defer or postpone to a time certain.
- (9) To defer or postpone (without reference to time.)
- (10) To defer or postpone indefinitely.

Numbers (2), (4), and (5) to be decided without debate.

(S) **Motions to Adjourn.** A motion to adjourn the City shall always be in order, except:

- (1) When an Alderman is in possession of the floor.
- (2) While the yeas and nays are being called.
- (3) When the members are voting.
- (4) When adjournment was the last preceding motion.
- (5) When it has been decided that the previous question shall be taken.

A motion simply to adjourn shall not be subject to amendment or debate, but a motion to adjourn to a time certain shall be.

The City Council may, at any time, adjourn over one (1) or more regular meetings on a vote of a majority of all the Aldermen authorized by law to be elected.

(T) **Previous Question.** When the previous question is moved on the main question and seconded, it shall be put on this form: **"Shall the main question now be put?"**. If such motion be carried, all further amendments and all further motions and debate shall be excluded, and the question put without delay upon the pending amendment in proper order and then upon the main question.

(U) **Motions to Lay on the Table and to Take From the Table.** A motion to lay the question on the table shall not be debatable, but a motion to lay on the table and publish, or with any other condition shall be subject to amendment and debate.

A motion to take any motion or other proposition from the table may be proposed at the same meeting at which such motion or proposition was laid upon the table, provided **two-thirds (2/3)** of the Aldermen vote therefor.

A motion to lay any particular motion or proposition on the table shall apply to that motion or proposition only. An amendment to the main question or other pending question may be laid on the table and neither the main question nor such other pending question shall be affected thereby.

(V) **Indefinite Postponement; Motion to Defer or Postpone Without Any Reference to Time.** When consideration of a motion or other proposition is postponed indefinitely, it shall not be again taken up at the same meeting.

A motion to postpone indefinitely shall not open the main question to debate.

A motion to defer or postpone without any reference to time shall not be construed as a motion to postpone indefinitely, but shall be considered to be of the same general nature and to possess the same general attributes so far as applicable under these rules, as a motion to postpone indefinitely or to a time certain.

(W) **Motion to Refer.** A motion to refer to a standing committee shall take precedence over a similar motion to refer to a special committee.

(X) **Motion to Amend.** A motion to amend an amendment shall be in order, but one to amend an amendment to an amendment shall not be entertained.

An amendment modifying the intention of a motion shall be in order; but an amendment relating to a different subject shall not be in order.

On an amendment to **"Strike Out and Insert"**, the paragraph to be amended shall first be read as it stands, then the words proposed to be stricken out, then those to be inserted, and finally, the paragraph as it will stand if so amended shall be read.

An amendment to the main question or other pending questions may be referred to a committee and neither the main question nor such other pending question shall be affected thereby.

(Y) **Filling of Blanks.** When a blank is to be filled and different sums or times proposed, the question shall be taken first on the least sum or the longest time.

(Z) **Motion to Substitute.** A substitute for any original proposition under debate or for any pending amendment or such proposition may be entertained notwithstanding that at such time, further amendment is admissible; and if accepted by the Aldermen by a vote shall entirely supersede such original proposition or amendment, as the case may be, and cut off all amendments appertaining thereto.

(AA) **Reconsideration.** A vote or question may be reconsidered at any time during the same meeting, or at the first regular meeting held thereafter. A motion for reconsideration having been once made and decided in the negative shall not be renewed, nor shall a motion to reconsider be reconsidered.

A motion to reconsider must be made and seconded by Aldermen who voted on the prevailing side of the question to be reconsidered, unless otherwise provided by law; provided, however, that where a motion has received a majority vote in the affirmative, but is declared lost solely on the ground that a greater number of affirmative votes is required by statute for

the passage or adoption of such motion, then in such case, a motion to reconsider may be made and seconded only by those who voted in the affirmative on such question to be reconsidered.

(BB) **Adoption of Robert's "Rules of Order Revised"**. The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in the latest published edition of **Robert's "Rules of Order Revised"** shall govern the Council in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the special rules of the Council.

(CC) **Temporary Suspension of Rules - Amendment of Rules.** These rules may be temporarily suspended by a vote of **two-thirds (2/3)** of the Aldermen entitled by law to be elected and shall not be repealed, altered or amended, unless by concurrence of **two-thirds (2/3)** of all the Aldermen entitled by law to be elected.

(DD) **Censure of Aldermen - Expulsion of Aldermen.** Any Alderman acting or appearing in a lewd or disgraceful manner, or who uses opprobrious, obscene and insulting language to or about any member of the Council, or who does not obey the order of the Chair, shall be, on motion, censured by a majority vote of the members present, or expelled by a **two-thirds (2/3)** vote of all Aldermen elected. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-15)**

1-2-12 AGENDA. An itemized agenda, along with all necessary supporting documentation shall be furnished to each member of the Council no later than the close of business on the Friday preceding the regular Council meeting. In the case of emergency matters, which could not have been reasonably foreseen in sufficient time to comply with this section, a revised agenda will be furnished to each member of the Council prior to the opening of the Council meeting. **(See 5 ILCS Sec. 120/2.02)**

1-2-13 RESERVED.

DIVISION III - ORDINANCES

1-2-14 ORDINANCES.

(A) **Attorney.** It shall be the duty of the City Attorney to prepare such ordinances as may be required by the City Council.

(B) **Introduced.** When a proposed ordinance is introduced, it shall be read one time by title only and referred to the proper committee unless the City Council shall otherwise specifically direct.

(C) **Committee.** Whenever such bill shall be reported back to the Council by any such committee to which it may have been referred with the recommendation that it do pass, and the report shall be concurred in by the Council, it shall then be subject to amendment by the Council, but amendments proposed by the committee shall first be acted upon by the Council. Upon its final passage, it shall be entered at large in the ordinance record by the City Clerk.

(D) **Vote Required-Yeas and Nays Record.** The passage of all ordinances for whatever purpose, and of any resolution or motion (1) to create any liability against a city or (2) for the expenditure or appropriation of its money, shall require the concurrence of a majority of all members then holding office on the City Council, including the Mayor, unless otherwise expressly provided by the Code or any other act governing the passage of any ordinance, resolution, or motion; provided that, where the Council consists of an odd number of Aldermen, the vote of the majority of the Aldermen shall be sufficient to pass an ordinance. The yeas and nays shall be taken upon the question of the passage of the designated ordinances, resolutions, or motions and recorded in the journal of the City Council. In addition, the corporate authorities at any meeting may by unanimous consent to take a single vote by yeas or nays on the several questions of the passage on any two (2) or more of the designated ordinances, orders, resolutions or motions placed together for voting purposes in a single group. The single vote shall be entered separately in the journal under the designation "omnibus vote", and in such event the Clerk may enter the words "omnibus vote" or "consent agenda" in the journal in each case in lieu of entering names of the members of City Council voting "yea" and of those voting "nay" on the passage of each of the designated ordinances, orders, resolutions and motions included in such omnibus group or consent agenda. The taking of such single or omnibus vote and such entries of the words "omnibus vote" or "consent agenda" in the journal shall be a sufficient compliance with the requirements of this section to all intents and purposes and with like effect as if the vote in each case had been separately by yeas and nays on the question of the passage of each ordinance, order, resolution and motion included in such omnibus group, and separately recorded in the journal. Likewise, the yeas and nays shall be taken upon the question of the passage of any other resolution or motion at the request of any Alderman and shall be recorded in the journal. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-40)**

(E) **Ordinances - Approval-Veto.** All resolutions and motions (1) which create any liability against a City, or (2) that provide for the expenditure or appropriation of its money, or (3) to sell any City property, and all ordinances, passed by the City Council shall be deposited with the City Clerk. If the Mayor approved of them, he shall sign them. Those ordinances, resolutions and motions which the Mayor disapproves shall be returned to the City Council, with his written objections, at the next regular meeting of the City Council occurring not less than five (5) days after their passage. The Mayor may disapprove of any one (1) or more sums appropriated in any ordinance, resolution, or motion making an appropriation, and, if so, the remainder shall be effective. However, the Mayor may disapprove entirely of an ordinance, resolution, or motion making an appropriation. If the Mayor fails to return any ordinance or any specified resolution or motion with his written objections, within the designated time, it shall become effective despite the absence of the Mayor's signature. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-45)**

1-2-15 RECONSIDERATION--PASSING OVER VETO. Every resolution and motion, specified in Section 1-2-14 and every ordinance, that is returned to the City Council by the Mayor shall be reconsidered by the City Council at the next regular meeting. If, after reconsideration, **two-thirds (2/3)** of all the Aldermen then holding office on the City Council shall agree at that regular meeting to pass an ordinance, resolution, or motion, notwithstanding the Mayor's refusal to approve it, then it shall be effective. The vote on the question of passage over the Mayor's veto shall be by yeas and nays, and shall be recorded in the journal. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-50)**

1-2-16 NO VOTE TO BE RECONSIDERED AT SPECIAL MEETING. No vote of the City Council shall be reconsidered or rescinded at a special meeting unless there are present at the special meeting at least as many Aldermen as were present when the vote was taken. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-55)**

1-2-17 - 1-2-18 RESERVED.

DIVISION IV - GENERAL PROVISIONS

1-2-19 CORPORATE SEAL.

(A) The Seal provided by the Council, consisting of the word, "**Seal**", with the inscription, "**City of Gibson City, Illinois**" around the outer edge of the seal, shall be and hereby is established and declared to be the seal of the City of Gibson City. The City Clerk shall be the custodian of the City Seal. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/2-2-12)**

(B) The Corporate Seal shall be used as such seal in all cases provided for by law or by the ordinances of the City and in all other cases in which, by law and custom, it is usual and necessary for the corporation to use a seal. The seal shall be and remain with the City Clerk who shall be the legal custodian. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-90)**

1-2-20 ELECTIONS.

(A) **Election Procedure.** The provisions of the **Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 10 and Chapter 65, Section 5/3.1-10-10** concerning municipal elections shall govern the conduct of the City elections.

(B) **Inauguration.** The inauguration of newly elected City officials shall occur at the first regular or special meeting of the City Council in May following the general municipal election in April. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-15) (Ord. No. 05-16; 09-26-05)**

1-2-21 APPOINTMENT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS. No Alderman of this City, during the term of office for which he is elected, may accept or be appointed to or hold any office appointed by the Mayor except if such Alderman is granted a leave of absence from such office. However, such Alderman may serve as a volunteer fireman and receive compensation for such service. Any appointment in violation of this section is void. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-15-15)**

NOTE: One (1) member may serve on the Library Board. (See 75 ILCS Sec. 5/4-1 and 50 ILCS Sec. 105/2)

1-2-22 MUNICIPAL OFFICERS - REGULATIONS.

(A) **Effect.** The provisions of this Division shall apply alike to all officers and employees of the City regardless of the time of creation of the office or position or the time of the appointment of the officer or employee.

(B) **Qualifications; Appointive Office.**

(1) No person shall be eligible for any appointive municipal office unless that person is a qualified elector of the municipality or otherwise provided by law.

- (2) The residency requirements do not apply, however, to municipal engineers, health officers, attorneys, or other officers who require technical training or knowledge, to appointed city treasurers, or to appointed city collectors (unless the City has designated by ordinance that the City Clerk shall also hold the office of collector). **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-6)**

(C) **Bond.** Every officer and employee shall, if required by the City Council upon entering upon the duties of his office, give a bond in such amount and with such sureties as may be determined by the Council, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of his office or position. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-30)**

(D) **Books Delivered to Successor.** Every officer shall, upon going out of office, deliver to his successor, all books, papers, furniture, and other things appertaining to such office, and which are the property of the City. Within **five (5) days** after notification and request, any person who has been an officer of a municipality is required to deliver to his successor in office, all property, books and effects in his possession belonging to the municipality, or pertaining to the office he has held. Upon his refusal to do so, he shall be liable for all damages caused thereby, and shall, upon conviction, be penalized according to the provisions of **Section 1-1-20** of this Code. He shall not receive his final check until his City Code Book and keys are turned over to the City Clerk. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-35)**

(E) **Books Open to Inspection.** Every officer shall, at all times when required, submit the books and papers of his office to the inspection of the Mayor or any committee or member of the City Council.

(F) **Fees; Report of Fees.** No officer of the municipality shall be entitled to charge or receive any fees as against the City. All officers of the City entitled to receive fees shall keep a correct account thereof, and make a report thereof under oath to the City Council prior to the first regular meeting of each month. In the report, they shall specify from whom such fees were received, for what service, and when received. All fees received shall be paid over into the City Treasury.

(G) **Other Rules and Regulations.** Every officer of the City shall perform such other duties and be subject to such other rules and regulations as the City Council may provide by law. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-40)**

(H) **Conservators of Peace.**

- (1) After receiving a certificate attesting to the successful completion of a training course administered by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board, the Mayor, Aldermen and policemen in municipalities shall be conservators of the peace. Those persons and others authorized by ordinance shall have power:
- (a) to arrest or cause to be arrested, with or without process, all persons who break the peace or are found violating any municipal ordinance or any criminal law of the State,
 - (b) to commit arrested persons for examination,
 - (c) if necessary, to detain arrested persons in custody over night or Sunday in any safe place or until they can be brought before the proper court, and

- (d) to exercise all other powers as conservators of the peace prescribed by the corporate authorities.
- (2) All warrants for the violation of municipal ordinances or the State criminal law, directed to any person, may be served and executed within the limits of a municipality by any policeman of the municipality. For that purpose, policemen have all the common law and statutory powers of sheriffs.
(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-15-25)

(I) **Oath.** Before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, all municipal officers, whether elected or appointed shall take and subscribe to the following oath:

"I, _____, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of _____ according to the best of my ability."

The Mayor and the Clerk shall have the power to administer this oath or affirmation upon all lawful occasions.

(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-15-20)

(See "Administration of Oaths", Section 1-2-63)

1-2-23 RESIGNATION OF APPOINTED OFFICIALS. Any officer of the City may resign from office. If such officer resigns he shall continue in office until his successor has been chosen and has qualified. If there is a failure to appoint a City officer, or the person appointed fails to qualify, the person filling the office shall continue in office until his successor has been chosen and has qualified. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-50)**

1-2-24 QUALIFICATIONS; ELECTIVE OFFICE.

(A) A person is not eligible for an elective municipal office unless that person is a qualified elector of the municipality and has resided in the municipality at least one (1) year next preceding the election.

(B) A person is not eligible for an elective municipal office if that person is in arrears in the payment of a tax or other indebtedness due to the municipality or has been convicted in any court located in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury, or other felony.

(C) A person is not eligible for the office of Alderman unless that person has resided in the municipality, as the case may be, at least one (1) year next preceding the election or appointment. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-5)**

1-2-25 BONDS OF CITY OFFICERS.

(A) **Amount.** Bonds of City officers required under **Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 65, Section 5/3.1-10-30** shall be executed in the following penal sums:

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| (1) | Mayor | \$3,000.00 |
| (2) | City Treasurer | \$500,000.00 |
| (3) | City Clerk | \$15,000.00 |
| (4) | City Collector | \$15,000.00 |

(B) **Premium Payment by City.** The surety bonds required by law shall be paid by the City. **(See 5 ILCS Sec. 270/1)**

(C) **Surety.** The City Council shall not receive or approve any bond or security whereon the name of the City Council, any one of the Aldermen or any elected or appointed officer of the City appear as bondsman or security. If, by mistake, a bond containing the name of any such officer is approved by the City Council or if any bondsman, after becoming such is elected or appointed to any City office, this section shall not act as a release of any such obligation incurred.

1-2-26 LIABILITY INSURANCE.

(A) **Purchase Of.** The City Council shall have the power to purchase liability insurance covering and insuring all municipal officers, employees and elected officials; said insurance to cover incidents occurring while in the performance of their duties, which insurance may insure, cover and protect any liability which the municipal corporation, officer, employee or elected official may incur. When the insurance has been purchased, the City shall be responsible for all premiums and deductible charges called for by any valid liability insurance policy covering the municipal corporation, officer, employee or elected official.

(B) **Indemnification.** If the City Council elects not to purchase liability insurance covering and insuring municipal officers, elected officials and employees as provided in this Section, then the City shall indemnify and cause to defend municipal officers, elected officials and employees from any claim filed by an individual, partnership or corporation when the claim is founded on any act or omission of the municipal officers, elected officials or employees while in the performance of their official duties, except the City shall not indemnify, but shall defend any municipal officer, elected official or employee from any claim made by an individual, partnership or corporation wherein the claim alleges that the municipal officer, elected official or employee acted intentionally, maliciously or wantonly and further, shall not indemnify or cause to defend the officials or employees where the claim is directly or indirectly related to the negligent care or use of a vehicle as defined by the **Illinois Compiled Statutes**, and the City shall not indemnify any municipal officer, elected official or employee from any claim made by a municipal officer, elected official or employee.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, the City shall not indemnify or cause to defend any municipal officers, elected officials or employees if the municipal officers, elected officials or employees have liability insurance insuring the municipal officers, elected officials or employees from the alleged claim; however, the City shall indemnify the municipal officer, elected official or employee the personal deductible limits of his personal policy. **(See 745 ILCS Sec. 10/2-201 et seq.)**

1-2-27 BIDDING AND CONTRACT PROCEDURES.

(A) **Competitive Bidding Required.** Any work or other public improvement which is not to be paid for in whole or in part by special assessment or special taxation, and all purchases of and contracts for supplies, materials, and services shall, except as specifically provided herein, be based whenever possible on competitive bids.

(B) **Formal Contract Procedure.** All work or other public improvement which is not to be paid for in whole or in part by special assessment or special taxation, and all purchases, orders or contracts for supplies, materials, equipment or contractual services except as otherwise provided herein, when the estimated cost thereof shall exceed **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00)**, shall be purchased from the lowest responsible bidder, after due notice inviting bids, unless competitive bidding is waived by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Aldermen then holding office. All bidders shall be required to show proof of insurability. **(Ord. No. 06-16; 05-08-06)**

(C) **Notice Inviting Bids.** Notice inviting bids shall be published at least once in a newspaper with general circulation within the City. The City shall also advertise all pending work or purchases by posting a notice on the public bulletin board in the City Hall.

(D) **Scope of Notice.** The newspaper notice required herein shall include a general description of the work to be performed or the articles to be purchased, shall state where specifications may be secured, and the time and place for opening bids.

(E) **Bid Deposits.** When deemed necessary by the City Council, bid deposits shall be prescribed in the public notices inviting bids. Unsuccessful bidders shall be entitled to the return of their bid deposits upon the award of the contract by the City Council. A successful bidder shall forfeit any bid deposit required by the City Council upon failure on his part to enter into a contract within **ten (10) days** after the award.

(F) **Bid Opening Procedure.**

(1) **Sealed.** Bids shall be submitted sealed to the City and shall be identified as bids on the envelope.

(2) **Opening.** Bids shall be opened in public at the time and place stated in the public notice.

(3) **Tabulation.** A tabulation of all bids received shall be made by the City Council or by a City employee, in which event, a tabulation of the bids shall be furnished to the City Council at its next regular meeting.

(G) **Rejection of Bids.** The City shall have the authority to reject all bids or parts of all bids when the public interest will be served thereby.

(H) **Bidders in Default to City.** The City shall not accept the bid of a contractor who is in default on the payment of taxes, licenses or other monies due the City.

(I) **Award of Contract.**

- (1) **Authority in City.** The City Council shall have the authority to award contracts within the purview of this section.
- (2) **Lowest Responsible Bidder.** Contracts shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder on the basis of the bid that is in the best interest of the City to accept. In awarding the contract, in addition to price, the City Council shall consider:
 - (a) The ability, capacity and skill of the bidder to perform the contract to provide the service required;
 - (b) Whether the bidder can perform the contract or provide the service promptly, or within the time specified, without delay or interference;
 - (c) The character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience and efficiency of the bidder;
 - (d) The quality of the performance of previous contracts or services;
 - (e) The previous and existing compliance by the bidder with laws and ordinances relating to the contract or service;
 - (f) The sufficiency of the financial resources and ability of the bidder to perform the contract or provide the service;
 - (g) The quality, availability and adaptability of the supplies or contractual services to the particular use required;
 - (h) The ability of the bidder to provide future maintenance and service for the use of the subject of the contract;
 - (i) The number and scope of conditions attached to the bid.
- (3) **Performance Bonds.** The City Council shall have the authority to require a performance bond, before entering into a contract, in such amounts as it shall find reasonably necessary to protect the best interests of the City.

(J) **Open Market Procedure.** All work and purchases of supplies, materials and services of less than the estimated value of **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)** shall be made in the open market, without newspaper advertisement and without observing the procedure prescribed by this section for the award of formal contracts.

(K) **Professional Services Exempt From Bidding Requirements.** All contracts for professional services, including, but not limited to, attorneys, engineers, real estate appraisers and architects and any other profession whose ethical code involved prohibits or discourages involvement in normal bidding procedures, may be entered into by the City without observing the bidding procedures prescribed by this section for the award of formal contracts.

(L) **Emergency Purchases.** In case of an apparent emergency which requires immediate work or purchase of supplies materials or services, the City Council shall be empowered to secure by open market procedure as herein set forth, at the lowest obtainable price, any work, supplies, materials or services regardless of the amount of the expenditure.

(M) **Superintendent Supervision.** If authorized by a vote of **two-thirds (2/3)** of all the aldermen then holding office, the Superintendent shall supervise and cause to be carried out the construction of the work or other public improvement and shall employ exclusively for the performance of all manual labor therein, laborers or artisans whom the municipality shall pay by the day or hour; and all material of the value of **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)** and upward used in the construction of the work or the public improvement shall be purchased by contract let to the lowest responsible bidder in the manner prescribed by the Code of the City. However, nothing contained in this Chapter shall apply to any contract by the City with the federal government or agents thereof.

(N) **Cooperative Purchasing.** The City shall have the authority to join with other units of government in cooperative purchasing plans when the best interests of the City would be served thereby. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/2-2-12, 8-9-1 and 8-9-2)**

1-2-28 PECUNIARY INTEREST IN CONTRACTS -- PROHIBITION.

(A) No municipal officer shall be interested, directly or indirectly, in his own name or in the name of any other person, association, trust or corporation, in any contract, work or business of the municipality, or in the sale of any article, whenever the expense, price and consideration of the contract, work business or sale is paid either from the treasury or by any assessment levied by any statute or ordinance. No municipal officer shall be interested, directly or indirectly, in the purchase of any property which:

- (1) belongs to the municipality, or
- (2) is sold for taxes or assessments, or
- (3) is sold by virtue of legal process at the suit of the municipality.

(B) However, any elected or appointed member of the governing body and any person serving on a municipal advisory panel or commission may provide materials, merchandise, property, services or labor, if:

- (1) the contract is with a person, firm, partnership, association, corporation or cooperative association in which such interested member of the governing body of the municipality or advisory panel or commission member has less than a **seven and one-half percent (7 1/2%)** share in the ownership; and
- (2) in the case of an elected or appointed member of the governing body, such interested member publicly discloses the nature and extent of his interest prior to or during deliberations concerning the proposed award of the contract; and
- (3) in the case of an elected or appointed member of the governing body, such interested member abstains from voting on the award of the contract, though he shall be considered present for the purposes of establishing a quorum; and

- (4) such contract is approved by a majority vote of those members presently holding office; and
- (5) the contract is awarded after sealed bids to the lowest responsible bidder if the amount of the contract exceeds **One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00)**, but the contract may be awarded without bidding if the amount is less than **One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00)**; and
- (6) the award of the contract would not cause the aggregate amount, of all such contracts so awarded to the same person, firm, association, partnership, corporation, or cooperative association in the same fiscal year to exceed **Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00)**.

(C) In addition to the above exemption, any elected or appointed member of the governing body and any person serving on a municipal advisory panel or commission may provide materials, merchandise, property, services or labor if:

- (1) the award of the contract is approved by a majority vote of the governing body of the municipality provided that, in the case of an elected or appointed member of the governing body, any such interested member shall abstain from voting; and
- (2) the amount of the contract does not exceed **Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00)**; and
- (3) the award of the contract would not cause the aggregate amount of all such contracts so awarded to the same person, firm, association, partnership, corporation, or cooperative association in the same fiscal year to exceed **Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00)**; and
- (4) in the case of an elected or appointed member of the governing body, such interested member publicly discloses the nature and extent of his interest prior to or during deliberations concerning present for the purposes of establishing a quorum.

(D) A contract for the procurement of public utility services by a municipality with a public utility company is not barred by this Section by one (1) or more members of the governing body being an officer or employee of the public utility company or holding interest if no more than **seven and one-half percent (7 1/2%)** in the public utility company, or holding an ownership interest of any size if the municipality has a population of less than **seven thousand five hundred (7,500)** and the public utility's rates are approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission. An elected or appointed member of the governing body having such an interest shall be deemed not to have a prohibited interest under this Section.

(E) Any officer who violates this Section is guilty of a violation of this Code and in addition thereto any office held by such person so convicted shall become vacant and shall be so declared as part of the judgment of the court.

(F) Nothing contained in this Section, including the restrictions set forth in subsections (B), (C) and (D), shall preclude a contract or deposit of monies, loans or other

financial services by a municipality with a local bank or local savings and loan association, regardless of whether a member or members of the governing body of the municipality are interested in such bank or savings and loan association as an officer or employee or as a holder of less than **seven and one-half percent (7 1/2%)** of the total ownership interest. A member or members holding such an interest in such a contract shall not be deemed to be holding a prohibited interest for purposes of this Act. Such interested member or members of the governing body must publicly state the nature and extent of their interest during deliberations concerning the proposed award of such a contract, but shall not participate in any further deliberations concerning the proposed award. Such interested member or members shall not vote on such a proposed award. Any member or members abstaining from participation in deliberations and voting under this Section may be considered present for purposes of establishing a quorum. Award of such a contract shall require approval by a majority vote of those members presently holding office. Consideration and award of any such contract in which a member or members are interested may only be made at a regularly scheduled public meeting of the governing body of the municipality. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-55-10)**

1-2-29 SALARIES REGULATION.

(A) **Elected.** No salary or compensation of any elected municipal officer who is elected for a definite term of office shall be increased or diminished during such term.

(B) **Appointed.** No salary or compensation of any appointed official who is appointed for a definite term of office shall be decreased during such term, but may be increased.

(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-50-5 and 5/3.1-50-6)

EDITOR'S NOTE: The salary of appointed officials and employees may be established in the appropriation ordinance or annual budget. The salary of elected officials must be established in an ordinance other than the appropriation ordinance at least **six (6) months** prior to the general municipal election in which voting is held for those offices.

1-2-30 CLAIMS PRESENTATION.

(A) **Presentation.** All claims against the City for goods purchased, damaged, or originating in any other way, except for claims for salaries and other allowances that are fixed by ordinance, **must be presented on or before the Monday prior to the next Council meeting of each month** to the Administrative Assistant. All such claims must be in writing and items shall be specified.

(B) **Exception.** This does not prohibit the City Council from passing on any claims not previously presented to the City Clerk if, in the opinion of the Council, justice to the claimant requires it.

1-2-31 FISCAL AND MUNICIPAL YEAR. The municipal year and fiscal year of the City shall begin on **May 1st of each year and shall end on April 30th of the following year.** No appointments shall be made during the last month of the municipal year in the year of a mayoral election. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-1-2)**

1-2-32 EXPENSES - REIMBURSEMENT. Each member of the corporate authorities may receive reimbursement from the municipality for expenses incurred by the member in attending committee meetings of the corporate authorities or for other expenses incurred by the member in the course of performing official duties. Mileage shall be reimbursable at the current rate for the State of Illinois. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-50-15(B))**

1-2-33 OFFICIAL RECORDS. All official records, including the Corporate Seal, shall be kept in the City Hall.

1-2-34 ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND.
(A) The City does hereby elect to participate in the **Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.**
(B) **Special Tax.** The City includes in its levy and appropriation ordinance provisions for the levying of a special tax to pay the City's cost of participating in the Retirement Fund and appropriate therefrom funds to pay the cost of participation. **(Ord. No. 452; 04-11-72)**

1-2-35 - 1-2-39 RESERVED.

DIVISION V - MAYOR

1-2-40 ELECTION. The Mayor shall be elected for a **four (4) year** term and shall serve until a successor is elected and has qualified. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-15-5 and 5/3.1-15-10)**

1-2-41 MAYOR PRO-TEM; TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN.

(A) If the Mayor is temporarily absent because of an incapacity to perform official duties, but the incapacity does not create a vacancy in the office, the corporate authorities shall elect one of their members to act as Mayor pro tem. The Mayor pro tem, during this absence or disability, shall perform the duties and possess all the rights and powers of the Mayor but shall not be entitled to vote both as Mayor pro tem and as an alderman.

(B) In the absence of the Mayor, or Mayor pro tem, the corporate authorities may elect one of their members to act as a temporary chairman. The temporary chairman shall have only the powers of a presiding officer and a right to vote only in the capacity as alderman on any ordinance, resolution, or motion. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-35)**

1-2-42 VACANCY. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Mayor and there remains an unexpired portion of the term of at least **twenty-eight (28) months** and the vacancy occurs at least **one hundred thirty (130) days** before the general municipal election next scheduled under the general election law, the vacancy shall be filled at that general municipal election. The City Council shall elect one of its members as **"Acting Mayor"** who shall perform the duties and shall possess all the rights and powers of the Mayor until a successor to fill the vacancy has been elected and has qualified. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-50)**

1-2-43 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER. The Mayor shall be the chief executive officer of the City and shall see to the enforcement of all laws and ordinances. The Mayor shall preside over the meetings of the City Council and perform such duties as may be required of him by statute or law. The Mayor shall have supervision over all of the executive officers and City employees; provided, however, his or her control is subject to the power of the City Council to prescribe the duties of various officers and employees. The Mayor shall have the power and authority at any reasonable time to inspect all books, papers and records pertaining to City affairs and kept by any officer of the City. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-15-10 and 3.1-35-20)**

1-2-44 RESERVED.

1-2-45 MAYOR'S SIGNATURE. The Mayor shall sign all City warrants, commissions, permits and licenses granted by authority of the City Council, except as otherwise provided, and such other acts and deeds as law or ordinance may require his or her official signature.

The Mayor may designate another to affix his or her signature to any written instrument that requires the Mayor's signature. The Mayor must send written notice of this designation to the City Council stating: (1) the name of the person whom he or she has selected, and (2) what instrument the person will have authority to sign.

A written signature of the Mayor executed by the person so designated with the signature underneath the signature of the person so designated shall be attached to the notice. The notice with the signature attached shall be recorded in the journal of the City Council and then filed with the City Clerk. When the signature of the Mayor is placed on a written instrument at the direction of the Mayor in the specified manner, the instrument, in all respects, shall be as binding on the City as if signed by the Mayor in person. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-30)**

1-2-46 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.

(A) **Appointed.** At the first annual meeting in May, the Mayor shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the City Council, all officers of the City whose election or appointment is not otherwise provided for, and said officers shall hold their offices for the ensuing month or year, and until their respective successors are appointed and qualified. Any vacancy occurring in an appointive office shall be filled in the same manner. The Mayor shall issue a commission or certificate of appointment to all persons appointed to office in the municipality. **(See 65 ILCS Secs. 5/3.1-55-5)**

(B) **Filling Vacancies.** The Mayor shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the City Council, all officers of the City whose appointment will not otherwise be provided for by law; and whenever a vacancy shall occur in any office, which by law or ordinance the Mayor is empowered and required to fill, the Mayor shall, at the next regular meeting of the City Council, communicate to it the name of the appointee to such office and pending the concurrence of the City Council in such appointment, the Mayor may designate some suitable person to discharge the functions of such office. **(See 50 ILCS Sec. 105/2)**

1-2-47 SUPERVISE CONDUCT OF OFFICERS; REMOVAL OF OFFICERS.

The Mayor shall supervise the conduct of all officers of the City and see that they faithfully and efficiently discharge the duties of their respective offices. Except where otherwise provided by statute, the Mayor may remove any officer appointed by the Mayor under this Code, on any written charge, whenever the Mayor is of the opinion that the interests of the municipality demand removal. The Mayor shall report the reasons for the removal to the corporate authorities at a meeting to be held not less than **five (5) days** nor more than **ten (10) days** after the removal. If the Mayor fails or refuses to report to the

corporate authorities the reasons for the removal, or if the corporate authorities by a **two-thirds (2/3) vote** of all members authorized by law to be elected disapprove of the removal, the officer thereupon shall be restored to the office from which the officer was removed. The vote shall be by yeas and nays, which shall be entered upon the journal of the corporate authorities. Upon restoration, the officer shall give a new bond and take a new oath of office. No officer shall be removed a second time for the same offense. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-10)**

1-2-48 DESIGNATION OF OFFICERS' DUTIES. Whenever there is a dispute as to the respective duties or powers of any appointed officer of the City, this dispute shall be settled by the Mayor, after consultation with the City Attorney; and the Mayor shall have the power to delegate to any appointive officer, any duty which is to be performed when no specific officer has been directed to perform that duty.

1-2-49 FORMAL OCCASIONS. The Mayor shall act for and on behalf of the City on formal occasions and receptions, but in the absence or inability to attend any such function, the Mayor may select any other City officer to so act.

1-2-50 GENERAL DUTIES. The Mayor shall perform all the duties which are prescribed by law and shall take care that the laws and ordinances are faithfully executed.

The Mayor from time to time, may and annually shall give the City Council information relative to the affairs of the City, and may recommend for their consideration such measures as he or she believes expedient. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-5)**

1-2-51 BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSIONER. The Mayor is hereby designated as License Commissioner to issue and revoke any and all business licenses as prescribed by law, with the advice and consent of the City Council.

1-2-52 LOCAL LIQUOR COMMISSIONER. The Mayor is hereby designated as Local Liquor Commissioner with all the powers to license and/or revoke any City liquor license according to State and City laws. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/4-2)**

1-2-53 HEALTH COMMISSIONER. The Mayor is hereby declared to be Health Commissioner with all powers to abate and remove all nuisances or health hazards within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City authority as prescribed by law.

1-2-54 DECIDING VOTE - MAYOR. The Mayor shall preside at all meetings of the City Council. The Mayor shall not vote on any ordinance, resolution or motion, except:

- (A) Where the vote of the Aldermen has resulted in a tie; or
- (B) Where one-half of the Aldermen elected have voted in favor of an ordinance, resolution or motion, even though there is no tie; or
- (C) Where a vote greater than a majority of the corporate authorities is required by the Illinois Compiled Statutes to adopt an ordinance, resolution or motion.

In each instance specified, the Mayor shall vote. Nothing in this section shall deprive an Acting Mayor or Mayor Pro-tem from voting in his or her capacity as Alderman, but he or she shall not be entitled to another vote in his or her capacity as Acting Mayor or Mayor Pro-tem. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-45-5)**

1-2-55 RESERVED.

DIVISION VI - CITY CLERK

1-2-56 ELECTED. The Clerk shall be elected at the same election as the Mayor for a **four (4) year term** and shall serve until a successor is elected and has qualified. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-15-5 and 5/3.1-30-5)**

1-2-57 VACANCY. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of City Clerk and more than **twenty-eight (28) months** remain in the term and the vacancy occurs not less than **one hundred thirty (130) days** before the general municipal election, next scheduled under the general election law, the office shall be filled for the remainder of the term at that general municipal election. During the period from the time that the vacancy occurs until the next election of Aldermen, the Mayor shall appoint a qualified person to the office subject to the advice and consent of the City Council. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-50(B))**

1-2-58 PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES; COUNCIL MINUTES; RECORDS.

(A) **Ordinances.** The City Clerk shall cause all ordinances passed by the City Council and approved by the Mayor, imposing any fine, penalty, imprisonment or forfeiture, or making any appropriation to be published or printed in book or pamphlet form, published by authority of the corporate authorities, or be published at least once **within thirty (30) days after passage**, in one (1) or more newspapers published in the City. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-2-5)**

(B) **Minutes; Records.** The City Clerk shall attend all meetings of the City Council and shall keep in a suitable book to be styled "**The Journal of the City Council,**" a full and faithful record of its proceedings. The City Clerk shall record and properly index in a book kept for that purpose, all ordinances passed by the City Council, and at the foot of the record of each ordinance so recorded, the Clerk shall make a memorandum of the date of the passage, when published, and a memorandum of the publication of such ordinance. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-90)**

(C) **Bonds.** The Clerk shall also record in proper books for the purpose, all official bonds and note upon each bond so recorded when the same was entered of record and the book and pages where recorded. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-110)**

(D) **Issue Notices.** The Clerk shall issue and cause to be served upon all Aldermen, notices of all special meetings of the City Council; also notices to the members of the different committees of that body and all persons whose attendance may be required before any such committee, when so directed by the chairman thereof. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-2-4, 5/1-2-5 and 5/3.1-35-90)**

1-2-59 DELIVERY OF PAPERS TO OFFICERS. The Clerk shall deliver to the several committees of the City Council and to the officers of this City, all petitions, communications, reports and resolutions, orders, claims and other papers referred to those committees or officers by the Council on demand therefor. The Clerk shall also, without delay, deliver to the Mayor, all ordinances or resolutions, orders and claims in his or her charge which may require to be approved or otherwise acted upon by the Mayor. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-90)**

1-2-60 PREPARATION OF DOCUMENTS, COMMISSIONS AND LICENSES. The Clerk shall prepare all commissions, licenses, permits and other official documents required to be issued by him or her under this Code and shall attest the same with the corporate seal, and the Clerk shall, in like manner, attest all deeds for the sale of real estate owned and conveyed by this City.

1-2-61 REPORT OF LICENSES. The Clerk shall report to the City Council at its regular meetings each month and oftener if the Council so requires the data contained in the license register with respect to licenses issued during the previous month.

1-2-62 DELIVERY OF LICENSES. In all cases where the City requires a license to be obtained for the purpose of engaging in or carrying on any business or occupation, and the licensee is required to obtain plates, tags or stickers from the Clerk, it shall be the duty of the Clerk to deliver such plates, tags, or stickers to the person paying the license fee.

1-2-63 ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS. The Clerk shall have the power to administer oaths or affirmations for all lawful purposes. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-15-20)**

1-2-64 OUTSTANDING BONDS. The Clerk shall keep in his office in a book or books kept expressly for that purpose a correct list of all the outstanding bonds of the City, showing the number and amount of each, for and to whom the bonds are issued; and when the City bonds are issued, or purchased, or paid, or cancelled, the book or books shall show that fact; and in the annual report, the Clerk shall describe particularly the bonds sold during the year and the terms of sale with each and every item of expense thereof. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-110)**

1-2-65 RESERVED.

1-2-66 SUCCESSOR. The City Clerk shall carefully preserve all books, records, papers, maps and effects of every detail and description belonging to the City or pertaining to the office, and not in actual use and possession of other City officers; and upon the expiration of his or her official term, the Clerk shall deliver all such books, records, papers and effects to the successor in office. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 3.1-10-35)**

1-2-67 NOTIFICATION TO PERSONS APPOINTED TO OFFICE. Within **five (5) days** after an appointment is made, the Clerk shall notify all persons appointed to office of their appointment. The office becomes vacant unless the person appointed qualifies within **ten (10) days** after such notice.

1-2-68 LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIAL. The City Clerk shall be known as the Local Election Official and shall perform all duties as prescribed by **Chapters 10 and 65 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes.**

1-2-69 OTHER DUTIES. In addition to the foregoing duties, the Clerk shall perform all such other duties pertaining to the office as are or may be imposed upon the office by law or resolution or ordinance of the City Council. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-40)**

1-2-70 DEPUTY CLERK. The City Clerk, when authorized by the City Council, may appoint the Deputy Clerk who shall have the power and duty to execute all documents required by any law to be executed by the Clerk and affix the seal of the City thereto whenever required. In signing any documents, the Deputy Clerk shall sign the name of the City Clerk followed with the word, **"By"** and the Deputy Clerk's name and the words, **"Deputy Clerk"**.

The powers and duties herein described shall be executed by such Deputy Clerk only in the absence of the City Clerk from the City Clerk's office in the City Hall, and only when either written direction has been given by the City Clerk to such Deputy Clerk to exercise such power or the City Council has determined by resolution that the City Clerk is temporarily or permanently incapacitated to perform such functions. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-30-10 and 5/3.1-10-45 and 5/3.1-35-95)**

1-2-71 - 1-2-72 RESERVED.

DIVISION VII – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

1-2-73 APPOINTED. The Administrative Assistant shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council. There may be more than **one (1)** Administrative Assistant at the discretion of the Mayor with the approval of the City Council.

1-2-74 BOND. Before entering upon the duties of office, the Administrative Assistant shall execute and file with the Treasurer a bond in such amount and with such sureties as may be required by the City Council, conditioned upon the faithful performance of his/her duties.

1-2-75 DUTIES. The Administrative Assistant shall have the following duties and obligations as well as any obligations mandated by State statute:

(A) **Supervision.** The Administrative Assistant shall have supervision over all officers and employees of the City charged in any manner with the receipt, collection or disbursement of the City revenue or with the collection and return of the City revenue into the Treasury.

(B) **Office Hours.** The Administrative Assistant shall keep his/her office at the City Hall. The office hours shall be from **eight o'clock (8:00) A.M.** to **four o'clock (4:00) P.M.** Monday through Friday. The office shall be closed on Saturdays, Sundays and on City holidays. **(Ord. No. 09-11; 06-08-09)**

(C) **Documents - Custody.** The Administrative Assistant shall have custody and control of all such municipal documents, books and papers which he/she is required by statute or ordinance to keep.

(D) **Estimate of Expenses.** On or before the **first (1st) day of May** of each year and before the annual appropriation ordinance is prepared, the Administrative Assistant shall submit to the corporate authorities a report of his/her estimate, as nearly as may be, of the money necessary to defray the expenses of the City during the current fiscal year. For the purposes of making this report he/she shall require all officers of the City to submit statements of the condition and expenses of their offices or departments; and any proposed improvements and the estimated expense thereof; a statement of all unperformed contracts; and the amount of all unexpended appropriations of the preceding year. His/her report also shall:

- (1) classify the objects and purpose of such estimated expenditures and the amounts required for each;
- (2) show the aggregate income of the preceding fiscal year from all sources;
- (3) show the amount of liability on which interest is to be paid;
- (4) show the bonds and debts due and payable and the dates when such are due and payable; and
- (5) give such other information regarding the financial situation of the City as the City Council may require. **(See 65 ILCS 5/3.1-35-100)**

(E) **City Council Meetings.** The Administrative Assistant shall attend regular City Council meetings and such other meetings as may be directed by the Mayor. **(Ord. No. 05-10; 06-27-05)**

1-2-76 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE. The City Council shall, within the **first (1st) quarter** of each fiscal year, pass an ordinance to be termed the annual appropriation bill, in which the City Council shall appropriate such sum or sums of money as it may deem necessary to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of the City for the current fiscal year; and in such ordinance shall specify the objects and purposes for which such appropriations are made and the amount appropriated for each object or purpose. No further appropriations shall be made at any other time within such fiscal year, unless a proposition to make such additional appropriation has been first sanctioned by a majority of the legal voters of such City, either by a petition signed by electors of the City numbering more than **fifty percent (50%)** of the number of votes cast for the Mayor at the last preceding general election, or by a majority of those voting on the question at a general or special election duly called therefor. The City Council may, however, at any time after the first **one-half (1/2)** of the fiscal year, by a **two-thirds (2/3) vote** of all the members thereof, make transfers within any department or other separate agency of the City, of sums of money appropriated for one corporate object or purpose to another corporate object or purpose, provided that no appropriation for any object or purpose shall thereby be reduced below an amount sufficient to cover all obligations incurred or to be incurred against such appropriation. **(See 65 ILCS 5/3.1-35-115)**

1-2-77 NO FURTHER EXPENDITURE - EMERGENCY - BORROWING MONEY. Neither the City Council nor any department or officer of the City shall add to the corporate expenditures in any **one (1) year** anything over and above the amount provided for in the annual appropriation bills of that year, except as herein otherwise specifically provided; and no expenditure for an improvement to be paid for out of the general fund of the City shall exceed, in any **one (1) year**, the amount provided for such improvement in the annual appropriation bill; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall prevent the City Council from ordering, by a **two-thirds (2/3) vote**, any improvement, the necessity of which is caused by any casualty or accident happening after such annual appropriation is made. The City Council, by a like vote, may order the Mayor and the Committee on Finance to borrow a sufficient amount to provide for the expense necessary to be incurred in making any improvements, the necessity of which has arisen as is last above-mentioned, for a space of time not exceeding the close of the next fiscal year, which sum, and the interest, shall be added to the amount authorized to be raised in the next general tax levy, and embraced therein. Should any judgment be obtained against the City, the Mayor and the Committee on Finance, under the sanction of the City Council, may borrow a sufficient amount to pay the same, for a space of time not exceeding the close of the next fiscal year, which sum and interest shall, in like manner, be added to the amount authorized to be raised in the general tax levy of the next year, and embraced therein.

1-2-78 DUTIES. The Administrative Assistant shall be the City Collector and shall perform the following duties:

- (A) He shall preserve all warrants returned to him.
- (B) He shall keep such books and accounts as the City Council may direct.
- (C) He shall keep all warrants, books, vouchers, and papers pertaining to the office of City Collector open for the inspection of the Mayor or any member or committee of the City Council.
- (D) Once each week, or oftener if required by the City Council, the Administrative Assistant shall pay over to the City Treasurer all money collected by him as Administrative Assistant from any source whatsoever, taking the City Treasurer's receipt therefor, in duplicate.
- (E) At the close of the fiscal year, the Administrative Assistant shall place on file with the City Council a statement of all moneys collected by him during the year, the particular warrant or special assessment or account on which collected, the balance of money uncollected on all warrants in his possession, and the balance remaining on all warrants during the preceding fiscal year, and he shall cause such statement to be published by the City Clerk as provided by statute.
- (F) He shall make such additional reports to the City Council of the financial status of the City as the City Council may request or require by statute.

1-2-79 COLLECTION OF WATER AND SEWER CHARGES. He shall set up a proper system of records and accounting and bill customers for water and sewer service charges and receive payments and receipts therefor. The Administrative Assistant shall prepare statements showing delinquencies and, when directed by the City Council, file notices of such delinquencies with the Recorder of Deeds of Ford County, Illinois, as required by the ordinances of the City.

1-2-80 REPORTS. On or before every meeting of the City Council each month, the Administrative Assistant shall make out and submit to the City Council a statement or report, in writing, of all the moneys received and warrants drawn by him during the preceding month, showing therein from or what sources and on what account moneys were received, and for what purpose and on what account the warrants were drawn or paid.

1-2-81 OUTSTANDING BONDS. The Administrative Assistant shall keep in his office in a book kept expressly for that purpose a correct list of all the outstanding bonds of the City, showing the number and amount of each, for an to whom the said bonds are issued; and when the City bonds are issued or purchased or paid or canceled the book or books should show the fact; (and in his annual report, the Administrative Assistant shall describe particularly the bonds sold during the year and terms of sale, with each and every item of expense thereof). **(See 65 ILCS 5/3.1-35-110)**

1-2-82 PAYROLL. The Administrative Assistant shall prepare the City payroll for all persons who come under appropriations for salaries.

1-2-83 AUDIT ACCOUNTS. The Administrative Assistant shall audit all accounts or claims allowed by the City Council as provided by the ordinances, and when such claims are allowed as aforesaid, the Administrative Assistant shall draw a warrant in due form upon the City Treasury therefor.

1-2-84 WARRANTS. The Administrative Assistant shall keep in a suitable book an accurate list of all warrants drawn upon the City Treasury, showing the date, number and amount of each, and the name of the person in whose favor drawn. There shall be a statement of charges attached to each check drawn. All warrants drawn upon the City Treasury shall be signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the Administrative Assistant and shall specify therein the particular fund or appropriation to which the same is chargeable, and the person to whom payable, and no money shall be otherwise paid than upon such warrants so drawn.

1-2-85 PERSONNEL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE. The Administrative Assistant shall, under the direction of the Personnel and Finance Committee, open and keep a complete set of books in which, among other things, shall be set forth the appropriations of the fiscal year for which each distinct object and branch of expenditures, and also the receipts from each and every source of revenue so far as he can ascertain the same.

1-2-86 OFFICE EMPLOYEES. The Administrative Assistant shall manage the employees within the Administrative Assistant's office with the approval of the City Council and Mayor.

1-2-87 ADDITIONAL DUTIES. The Administrative Assistant shall perform such additional duties and have such additional powers as the City Council may, by ordinance or resolution, confer upon him.

1-2-88 PAYMENTS. The Administrative Assistant shall prepare bi-monthly an itemized list of all moneys received and shall deliver a copy of the same to the City Treasurer and shall also pay over to the Treasurer all moneys received in the office and take a receipt therefor.

1-2-89 - 1-2-91 RESERVED.

[Unless Otherwise Noted, This Division Ord. No. 89-0-1; 03-13-89]

DIVISION VIII - CITY TREASURER

1-2-92 DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHED. There is hereby established a department of the municipal government of the City which shall be known as the "**Finance Department**". It shall embrace the Finance Committee and the Treasurer.

1-2-93 FINANCE COMMITTEE. The standing committee on Finance shall exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the Finance Department. It shall ascertain the condition and needs thereof; shall, from time to time, report the same to the Mayor and City Council so that a full understanding thereof shall be had and generally, shall do all the acts necessary to promote the efficiency of the Department.

1-2-94 TREASURER ELECTED; VACANCY. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of City Treasurer and more than **twenty-eight (28) months** remain in the term and the vacancy occurs not less than **one hundred thirty (130) days** before the general municipal election, next scheduled under the general election law, the office shall be filled for the remainder of the term at that general municipal election. During the period from the time that the vacancy occurs until the next election of Aldermen, the Mayor shall appoint a qualified person to the office subject to the advice and consent of the City Council. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-50(B))**

1-2-95 MONEY; WARRANTS; ACCOUNTS; PAYMENTS. The City Treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to this City and shall pay all warrants signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the City Clerk and not otherwise; and shall keep a separate account of each fund or appropriation and the debits and credits belonging thereto. The Treasurer shall give to every person paying money into the City Treasury a receipt therefor, specifying the date of payment, and upon what account paid, and shall file copies of such receipts with the Clerk with the monthly reports. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-40)**

1-2-96 WARRANT REGISTER. The Treasurer shall keep a register of all warrants redeemed and paid, showing the number, date, and amount of each, the fund from which paid, and the name of the person to whom and when paid; and the Treasurer shall cancel all warrants as soon as they are redeemed. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-40 and 5/3.1-35-45)**

1-2-97 PERSONAL USE OF FUNDS. The Treasurer shall keep all money belonging to the City and in the Treasurer's custody separate and distinct from the Treasurer's own money and shall not use, either directly or indirectly, the City's moneys or warrants for the personal use and benefit of the Treasurer or of any other person. Any violation of this provision shall subject the Treasurer to immediate removal from office by the corporate authorities, who may declare the Treasurer's office vacant. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-55)**

1-2-98 BOND. The Treasurer shall give bond conditioned upon the faithful performance of his duties and to indemnify the City for any loss due to neglect of duty or wrongful act on his part; and the amount of such bond shall not be less than **ten percent (10%)** of the highest amount of taxes and special assessments received by the Treasurer during any fiscal year in the preceding **five (5) fiscal years**, nor less than one and one-half times the largest amount which the Council estimates will be in his custody at any one time, nor less than **three (3) times** the number of residents of the City, as determined by the last Federal Census. Such bond shall be filed with the Clerk as required by statute. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-45)**

1-2-99 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS. The Treasurer shall collect all payments on special assessments and shall see to it that the same are properly recorded and credited to the particular account entitled thereto. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-85)**

1-2-100 BOOKKEEPING. The Treasurer shall keep the books and accounts in such a manner as to show with accuracy, all moneys received and disbursed for the City, stating from whom and on what account received, and to whom and on what account paid out, and in such a way that the books and accounts may be readily investigated and understood, and the books and accounts and all files and papers of the office shall be, at all times, open to examination by the Mayor or the Finance Committee of the Council. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-40)**

1-2-101 STATEMENTS. The Treasurer shall report to the corporate authorities at the regular monthly meeting, a full and detailed account of all receipts and expenditures of the municipality as shown by his books up to the time of the report. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-45)**

1-2-102 REPORT DELINQUENT OFFICERS. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to report to the City Clerk any officer of the City authorized to receive money for the use of the City who may fail to make a return of the moneys received by the Treasurer at the time required by law or by ordinances of the City.

1-2-103 YEAR-END REPORT. Within **six (6) months** after the end of each fiscal year, the Treasurer shall prepare and file annually with the City Clerk an account of monies received and expenditures incurred during the preceding fiscal year as specified in this section. The Treasurer shall show the following in such account:

(A) All monies received by the City, indicating the total amounts in the aggregate received in each account of the City, with a general statement concerning the source of such receipts; provided, however, for the purposes of this paragraph, the term "**account**" shall not be construed to mean each individual taxpayer, householder, licensee, utility user, or such other persons whose payments to the City are credited to the general account; and

(B) Except as provided in paragraph (C) of this section all monies paid out by the City where the total amount paid during the fiscal year exceeds **One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)**, giving the name of each person to whom paid, on what account paid, and the total amount in the aggregate paid to each person from each account; and

(C) All monies paid out by the City as compensation for personal services, giving the name of each person to whom paid, on what account paid, and the total amount in the aggregate paid to each person from each account; and

(D) A summary statement of operations for all funds and account groups of the City as excerpted from the annual financial report, as filed with the appropriate state agency of the State of Illinois.

Upon receipt of such account from the City Treasurer, the City Clerk shall publish the account at least once in one or more newspapers published in the City. (**See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-65**)

[NOTE: The Treasurer shall file a copy of the report with the County Treasurer as provided in Sec. 5/3.1-35-70 of Chapter 65 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes.]

1-2-104 DEPOSIT OF FUNDS.

(A) **Designation by Council.** The Treasurer is hereby required to keep all funds and moneys in his or her custody belonging to the City in such places of deposit as have been designated by **Section 1-2-104(F)**. When requested by the Treasurer, the corporate authorities shall designate a bank or banks in which may be kept the funds and moneys of the City in the custody of the Treasurer. When a bank or savings and loan association has been designated as a depository, it shall continue as such depository until **ten (10) days** have elapsed after a new depository is designated and has qualified by furnishing the statements of resources and liabilities as required by this Section. When a new depository is designated, the corporate authorities shall notify the sureties of the Municipal Treasurer of that fact in writing at least **five (5) days** before the transfer of funds. The Treasurer shall be discharged from responsibility for all funds or money that the Treasurer deposits in a designated bank or savings and loan association while the funds and money are so deposited.

(B) The Municipal Treasurer may require any bank or savings and loan association to deposit with the Treasurer securities or mortgages that have a market value at least equal to the amount of the funds or moneys of the municipality deposited with the bank or savings and loan association that exceeds the insurance limitation provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation.

(C) The Municipal Treasurer may enter into agreements of any definite or indefinite term regarding the deposit, redeposit, investment, reinvestment, or withdrawal of municipal funds.

(D) Each Municipal Treasurer may:

- (1) combine moneys from more than one fund of a single municipality for the purpose of investing those funds and;
- (2) join with other municipal treasurers or municipalities for the purpose of investing the municipal funds of which the Treasurer has custody.

Joint investments shall be made only in investments authorized by law for the investment of municipal funds. When moneys of more than one fund of a single municipality or moneys of more than one municipality are combined for investment purposes, the moneys combined for that purpose shall be accounted for separately in all respects and the earnings from investments shall be separately and individually computed, recorded, and credited to the fund or municipality, as the case may be, for which the investment was acquired.

(E) No bank or savings and loan association shall receive public funds as permitted by this Section unless it has complied with the requirements established by Section 6 of the Public Funds Investment Act. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-50 and 30 ILCS Sec. 235/6)**

(F) The following bank(s) are herewith designated as places of deposit where the Treasurer of the City is required to keep all funds and moneys in his custody belonging to this municipality:

- (1) Heartland Bank & Trust Co.
- (2) Bank of Gibson City, Gibson City, IL
- (3) Busey Bank
- (4)
- (5)
- (6)

1-2-105 - 1-2-106 RESERVED.

DIVISION IX - JUDICIARY

1-2-107 APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY. The Attorney shall be appointed by the Mayor, by and with the advise and consent of the City Council for the term of **one (1) year**, unless sooner removed for cause, and until a successor shall have been appointed and qualified. The Attorney shall have full charge of the law affairs of the City and shall be known as the City Attorney and shall receive payment for the services based on an hourly rate compensation for office services and advice, and shall receive reasonable fees for other services rendered when, in his or her judgment, or in the judgment of the Mayor or City Council, the same are necessary or are for the best interests of the City. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-30-5) (Ord. No. 06-10; 04-24-06)**

1-2-108 DUTIES.

(A) **Prosecute for City.** The City Attorney shall prosecute or defend on behalf of the City in all cases in which the interests of the corporation or any officer thereof are involved; and the City Clerk shall furnish him or her with certified copies of any ordinance, bond or paper in keeping necessary to be filed or used in any suit or proceedings.

(B) **Preparation of Ordinances.** The Attorney shall, when required, advise the City Council or any officer in all matters of law in which the interests of the corporation are involved, and shall draw such ordinances, bonds, forms and contracts, or examine and pass upon the same, as may be required by the Mayor, the City Council, or any committee thereof.

(C) **Judgments.** The Attorney shall direct executions to be issued upon all judgments recovered in favor of the City, and shall direct their prompt service. The Attorney shall examine all the bills of the officers of courts, and of other officers of the law, and shall certify to their correctness and the liability of the City therefore.

(D) **Violations of Ordinances.** The Attorney shall institute and prosecute an action in every case of violation of a City ordinance when instructed to do so by the Mayor or the City Council.

(E) **Prosecution of Suits.** The Attorney shall not be required to prosecute any suit or action arising under the ordinances of the City when, upon investigation of the same, the Attorney shall become satisfied that the complaint was instituted maliciously, vexatiously, or without just cause; and shall dismiss or discontinue any such suit or proceeding upon such terms as he or she may deem just or equitable.

(F) **Collection of Taxes.** The Attorney is hereby authorized and instructed to enforce the collection of any and all taxes and special assessments in the collection of which the City is interested and to attend all sales of real or personal property made to enforce the collection of such taxes or special assessments and to bid thereat on behalf of the City.

(G) **Commissions.** The City Attorney shall act as the legal advisory for the Utilities Systems, for the Plan Commission, for the Zoning Board of Appeals and for all other boards and commissions hereafter established by the City Council. The Attorney shall perform all legal services as may be required for those boards and commissions.

1-2-109 - 1-2-111 RESERVED.

DIVISION X – STREET AND ALLEY SUPERINTENDENT

1-2-112 OFFICES CREATED. There is hereby created the office of Street and Alley Superintendent, the same to be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council.

1-2-113 OATH – BOND. Before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, the officers shall each take and subscribe the same oath as required of other City officers.

1-2-114 STREET AND ALLEY SUPERINTENDENT DUTIES. Essential and other important duties and responsibilities of the Street and Alley Superintendent include, but are not limited to:

- (A) The Street and Alley Superintendent shall have the authority over and charge of all public works, streets, alleys, avenues, and public places.
- (B) Have authority over the City parks and playgrounds.
- (C) Have authority over the City buildings and repairs.
- (D) Have authority over the erection, improvements, paving, curbing, sidewalks, sewers, drains, bridges, viaduct, and culverts.
- (E) Have authority over the cleaning, decorating and repairing of all City buildings.
- (F) Have authority over the care, cleanup and upkeep of the City parks and playgrounds, and the buildings and erections of all of the City property, machinery, tools and equipment used by the street and alley department.
- (G) Perform the duties of his/her office and to supervise and superintend all persons working or employed in and about the street and alley department by authority of the City Council.
- (H) Creating daily work plans, administering the department budget, monitoring development with OSHA and other applicable regulations, controlling expenditures, scheduling personnel training and vacation, and overall management of personnel and equipment.
- (I) Responsible for maintenance on all City vehicles and machinery.
- (J) Responsible for permitting on all City property.
- (K) Responsible for all City trees including, but not limited to planting, removing and trimming.
- (L) Work with Planning and Zoning committees.
- (M) Responsible for mowing and weed control on all City property.

1-2-115 SUPERVISION BY COMMITTEES. In the performance of his/her duties, the above named officers shall act under the committee of the City Council given charge of such particular work or duty by the ordinances of the City, provided, however, that in case of a conflict between **two (2)** or more of the committees, the Mayor shall determine which committee shall have jurisdiction and his/her determination shall be final.

1-2-116 - 1-2-117 RESERVED.

(Ord. No. 2021-09; 07-12-21)

DIVISION XI – SAFETY MANAGER

1-2-118 SAFETY MANAGER. The City Safety Manager shall plan, direct, manage, and oversee projects, activities and operations related to safety and risk management in coloration with other City departments to promote and enact the safety program. The primary objectives are to assure regulatory compliance and to reduce accidents and losses, thereby improving safety and efficiency of all employees. The Safety Manager shall develop and administer risk management programs, create and modify policies to comply with safety legislation and industry practices, coordinate and develop organization-wide programs for risk-free services, act as the liaison to attorneys, insurance companies, and individuals and investigate any incident that may result in an asset loss.

The Safety Manager position duties shall be assigned to an existing position in the City and shall report to the Mayor of the City and receive general supervision and administrative direction from the Mayor of the City and shall collaborate with Department Heads for specific safety requirements within each department.

(Ord. No. 2021-05; 06-01-21)

ARTICLE III - WARD BOUNDARIES

1-3-1 WARDS AND BOUNDARIES. The City of Gibson is divided into **four (4) wards**, the boundaries of each of the wards being fixed as follows:

(A) The First Ward of the City shall be composed of all of that part of the City of Gibson lying north of the centerline of Ninth Street and west of the centerline of Church Street;

(B) The Second Ward of the City shall be composed of all of that part of the City of Gibson lying north of the centerline of Ninth Street and east of the centerline of Church Street;

(C) The Third Ward of the City shall be composed of all of that part of the City of Gibson lying south of the centerline of Ninth Street and east of the centerline of Church Street;

(D) The Fourth Ward of the City shall be composed of all of that part of the City of Gibson lying south of the centerline of Ninth Street and west of the centerline of Church Street.

ARTICLE IV - SALARIES

1-4-1 MAYOR. The Mayor shall receive an annual salary of **Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00)**, payable in equal quarterly installments for the term of **four (4) years**. In addition to said salary, the Mayor shall receive **Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00)** for attending any committee meeting. **(Ord. No. 1-13-97)**

1-4-2 ALDERMEN. Each alderman shall receive the sum of **Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)** for each Council meeting, payable quarterly. Each alderman shall receive **Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00)** for attending any committee meeting. **(Ord. No. 1-13-97)**

1-4-3 CITY CLERK. The City Clerk shall receive an annual salary of **Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00)**, payable in equal quarterly installments for the term of **four (4) years**. Effective **May 1, 2005**, the City Clerk shall receive an annual salary of **Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00)** payable in equal quarterly installments for the term of **four (4) years**. In addition to said salary, the City Clerk shall receive **Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00)** for attending any committee meeting or Zoning Board of Appeal's meeting. **(Ord. No. 1-13-97)**

1-4-4 TREASURER. The Treasurer shall receive an annual salary of **Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500.00)**, payable in equal quarterly installments for the term of **four (4) years**. In addition to said salary, the Treasurer shall receive **Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00)** for attending any committee meeting. **(Ord. No. 00-18; 10-23-00)**

1-4-5 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. The members of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall receive **Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00)** per meeting attended, payable quarterly.

1-4-6 PLAN COMMISSION. The members of the Plan Commission shall receive **Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00)** per meeting attended, payable quarterly.

(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-50-5; 5/3.1-50-10; 5/3.1-50-15)

[ED. NOTE: The salaries of elected officials who hold elective office for a definite term shall neither be increased nor diminished during that term and shall be fixed at least one hundred eighty (180) days before the beginning of the terms of the officers whose compensation is to be filed.

The ordinance fixing compensation for members of the corporate authorities shall specify whether those members are to be compensated (i) at an annual rate or, (ii) for each meeting of the corporate authorities actually attended if public notice of the meeting was given.]

ARTICLE V - MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

1-5-1 PARTICIPATION. The City Council does hereby authorize and approve membership in the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association and directs the Mayor and Clerk to execute an Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract with the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association for membership on an annual basis and each year thereafter unless this Article is repealed.

1-5-2 CONTRIBUTION. Each member hereby agrees to contribute to the Association a sum of money to be determined by the Association at the time of its annual renewal based on the needs of the Association and the loss experience of the Member, which sum shall constitute the cost of the Member's contribution for membership in the Association.

(Ord. No. 17-17; 10-28-17)

ARTICLE VI – ETHICS CODE

1-6-1 STATE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES ETHICS ACT.

(A) The regulations of Sections 5-15 (**5 ILCS 430/5-15**) and Article 10 (**5 ILCS 430/10-10 through 10-40**) of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, **5 ILCS 430/1-1 et seq.**, (hereinafter referred to as the “Act” in this Section) are hereby adopted by reference and made applicable to the officers and employees of the Village to the extent required by **5 ILCS 430/70-5**.

(B) The solicitation or acceptance of gifts prohibited to be solicited or accepted under the Act, by any officer or any employee of the Village, is hereby prohibited.

(C) The offering or making of gifts prohibited to be offered or made to an officer employee of the Village under the Act, is hereby prohibited.

(D) The participation in political activities prohibited under the Act, by any officer or employee of the Village, is hereby prohibited.

(E) For purposes of this Section, the terms “officer” and “employee” shall be defined as set forth in **5 ILCS 430/70-5(c)**.

(F) The penalties for violations of this Section shall be the same as those penalties set forth in **5 ILCS 430/50-5** for similar violations of the Act.

(G) This Section does not repeal or otherwise amend or modify any existing ordinances or policies which regulate the conduct of Village officers and employees. To the extent that any such existing ordinances or policies are less restrictive than this Section, however, the provisions of this Section shall prevail in accordance with the provisions of **5 ILCS 430/70-5(a)**.

(H) Any amendment to the Act that becomes effective after the effective date of this Section shall be incorporated into this Section by reference and shall be applicable to the solicitation, acceptance, offering and making of gifts and to prohibited political activities. However, any amendment that makes its provisions optional for adoption by municipalities shall not be incorporated into this Section by reference without formal action by the corporate authorities of the City.

(I) If the Illinois Supreme Court declares the Act unconstitutional in its entirety, then this Section shall be repealed as of the date that the Illinois Supreme Court’s decision becomes final and not subject to any further appeals or rehearings. This Section shall be deemed repealed without further action by the corporate authorities of the City if the Act is found unconstitutional by the Illinois Supreme Court.

(J) If the Illinois Supreme Court declares part of the Act unconstitutional but upholds the constitutionality of the remainder of the Act, or does not address the remainder of the Act, then the remainder of the Act as adopted by this Section shall remain in full force and effect; however, that part of this Section relating to the part of the Act found unconstitutional shall be deemed repealed without further action by the corporate authorities of the City.

(Ord. No. 04-15; 05-10-04)

ARTICLE VII – INVESTMENT POLICY

1-7-1 INVESTMENT POLICY. It is the policy of the City to invest public funds in a manner which will provide the highest investment return with the maximum security while meeting the daily cash flow demands of the City and conforming to all State and local statutes governing the investment of public funds.

1-7-2 SCOPE. This policy includes all public funds of the City.

1-7-3 PRUDENCE. Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital, as well as the probable income to be derived.

The standard of prudence to be used by investment officials shall be the “prudent person” standard and shall be applied in the context of managing an overall portfolio.

1-7-4 OBJECTIVE. The primary objective, in order of priority, shall be:

- (A) **Legality.** Conformance with federal, state and other legal requirements.
- (B) **Safety.** Preservation of capital and protection of investment principal.
- (C) **Liquidity.** Maintenance of sufficient liquidity to meet operating requirements.
- (D) **Yield.** Attainment of market rates of return.

The portfolio should be reviewed periodically as to its effectiveness in meeting the City’s needs for safety, liquidity, rate of return, diversification and its general performance.

1-7-5 DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY. Management and administrative responsibility for the investment program is hereby delegated to the Treasurer who may establish written procedures for the operation of the investment program.

1-7-6 ETHICS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. Officers and employees involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with the proper execution and management of the investment program, or that could impair their ability to make impartial decisions.

1-7-7 AUTHORIZED FINANCIAL DEALERS AND INSTITUTIONS.

The Treasurer will maintain a list of financial institutions authorized to provide investment services. In addition, a list will also be maintained of approved security brokers/dealers selected by creditworthiness.

1-7-8 AUTHORIZED AND SUITABLE INVESTMENTS. Investments may be made in any type of security allowed for in Illinois statutes regarding the investment of public funds. Investments shall be made that reflect the cash flow needs of the fund type being invested.

1-7-9 COLLATERALIZATION. Collateralization may be required, at the discretion of the City, on all funds held in banks or savings and loans above the insured limits provided by the FDIC or FSLIC. In order to anticipate market changes and provide a level of security for all funds, the collateralization level will be a minimum of **one hundred two percent (102%)** of market value of principal and accrued interest.

1-7-10 SAFEKEEPING AND CUSTODY. All security transactions, including collateral for repurchase agreements, entered into by the City, shall be conducted on a delivery-versus-payment (DVP) basis. Securities will be held by an independent third party custodian designated by the Treasurer and evidenced by safekeeping receipts and a written custodial agreement.

1-7-11 DIVERSIFICATION. The City shall diversify its investments to the best of its ability based on the type of funds invested and the cash flow needs of those funds. Diversification can be by type of investment, number of institutions invested in, and length of maturity.

1-7-12 MAXIMUM MATURITIES. To the extent possible, the City shall attempt to match its investments with anticipated cash flow requirements. Unless matched to a specific cash flow, the City will not directly invest in securities maturing more than **two (2) years** from the date of purchase.

Reserve funds may be invested in securities exceeding **two (2) years** if the maturity of such investments are made to coincide as nearly as practicable with the expected use of the funds.

1-7-13 INTERNAL CONTROL. The Treasurer is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure designed to insure that the assets of the City are protected from loss, theft or misuse. The internal control structure shall be designed to provide reasonable assurance that these objectives are met. The internal controls shall address the following points:

- (A) Control of collusion.
- (B) Separation of transaction authority from accounting.
- (C) Custodial safekeeping.
- (D) Written confirmation of telephone transactions for investments and wire transfers.

1-7-14 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS. The investment portfolio will be managed in accordance with the parameters specified within this policy. The portfolio should obtain a comparable rate of return during a market/economic environment of stable interest rates. Portfolio performance should be compared to benchmarks with similar maturity, liquidity and credit quality as the portfolio maintained by the Illinois Public Treasurer's Investment Pool (IPTIP).

1-7-15 REPORTING. The Treasurer shall prepare an investment report at least monthly. The report should be provided to the City Council and available upon request. The report should be in a format suitable for review by the general public. An annual report should also be provided to the City Council. A statement of the market value of the portfolio shall be issued to the City Council quarterly.

1-7-16 INVESTMENT POLICY ADOPTION AND MODIFICATION. The investment policy has been adopted by ordinance. The policy shall be reviewed on an annual basis by the Treasurer, and any modifications made thereto shall be made by ordinance.

ARTICLE VIII – EMERGENCY MEETING PROTOCOLS

1-8-1 CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS. Any regular or special meetings of the City Council may be conducted at the call of the Mayor or **two (2)** City Council members via electronic means including audio or video conference. Such meetings may be held, providing such notice to the public and media as is reasonable under the circumstances, and if possible, providing access to the public and including means for public participation. Notice by email to Council members shall be effective when emailed to each Council member and the Clerk shall utilize such email addresses as are on record for each Council member by the City or such new address as may be provided by such Council member. Personal service, calls, and calls leaving voicemails shall also be effective service and effective as of when service is made or calls are made all as may apply. Any such calls shall be made to phone numbers on file with the City as updated by each Council member or to the last ascertainable phone number for each Council member. All such meetings shall be considered “emergency meetings” under the law.

During this period of emergency with the suspension of the Illinois Open Meeting Act, any actions which require an affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum present, electronically or physically at the meeting for the passage of any ordinance, resolution or other action shall be subject to the following provisions:

(A) All City Council members shall be allowed to attend and participate in City Council meetings by such telephonic, video conferencing, or other electronic means as are made available by the City which allow for real-time participation. Council members may, if permitted by the Mayor, participate in such meeting from the regular meeting location.

(B) Electronic means shall include telephone, video, or web-based conferencing means made available by the City that:

- (1) Allows all Council members to hear and communicate with each other and the City Clerk.
- (2) Where possible, practicable, and feasible, allows the public to hear and view, the meeting, public statements by Council members and voting through commonly available technological means. Failure to provide for same shall not preclude the City Council from continuing the meeting or void any action taken at such meetings.
- (3) Where possible, allows for the public comment where possible and practicable by email and/or other electronic messaging if feasible. Failure to allow for such comment shall not preclude the City Council from continuing the meeting or voiding any action taken at such meeting.

(C) During a meeting held pursuant to this Article, members of the public shall not be entitled or permitted to be present in the physical location where the meeting occurs.

(D) All votes shall be conducted by a roll call vote that discloses the identity of the person voting and that person’s vote.

(E) All electronic meetings conducted pursuant to this Article shall be recorded.

(F) Minutes of the meeting shall be taken and promptly prepared for review and approval by the City Council at the next regular or special meeting.

(G) A quorum may be established by the attendance of Council members through Electronic Means.

(H) If a Council member's ability to participate by Electronic Means is disconnected or delayed, the City Council may elect to proceed with the meeting provided a quorum remains present.

(Ord. No. 20-02; 04-16-20)