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MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Monday February 24, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Dickey in City Hall Council Chambers.

Roll Call:

Ward #1	Susie Tongate:	P	Sarah Sarantakos:	P
Ward #2	Randy Wyant:	P	Ray Hankes :	P
Ward #3	Scott Davis:	P	Terry Roesch:	P
Ward #4	Denis Fisher:	A	Laura Miller:	P

Pledge led by Alderman Roesch.

Visitors: Admin Scott Shull, Chief Rosendahl, Supts. Duncan and Martin, Asst. Supt. Nolte, Joe Buff – American Legion Riders, Karen Kummerow – Recycling Chairman, Residents Dave Walton, Alan Anderson, Ellen Hankes and Mindy Basi – Ford Co. Chronicle.

Motion to approve Minutes of February 10, 2025, made by Alderman Roesch, Alderman Sarantakos seconded the motion, motion carried 7/0.

Visitor: Joe Buff, representing the American Legion Riders of Gibson City asked to conduct sales of flags at the intersections of 8th & Sangamon, and 8th and Rt 47N, on April 26, 2025, between hours of 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Council gave their approval.

Committee Reports: Alderman Tongate reported on an Economic Meeting held Monday February 17th where the draft of the Strategic Plan was reviewed. Mayor Dickey will explain in detail later in this meeting.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Lorenzen presented the January 2025 report.

Approval of Bills:

Motion made by Alderman Miller to pay 3 TIF-2 checks in the amount of \$ \$88,317.21, 2nd made by Alderman Wyant, motion carried 7/0.

Motion made by Alderman Hankes to pay General Fund checks in the amount of \$102,159.86, 2nd made by Alderman Roesch, motion carried 7/0.

New Business:

- A.** Karen Kummerow, Chairman of Gibson City Recycling Program, reported to council that sadly, Andy Tull, of Ridgeview Recycling has given notice he is retiring due to health conditions. The program has been in operation for 20 years, and grew from a collection of 22 tons in the first year to 85 tons of recycling collected this past year. If anyone who has purchased an annual Recycling pass wants a refund, please contact Karen Kummerow. If you wish to donate your annual fee, the money collected will be used to buy a bench made from recycled materials to

install at the dog park. Ms. Kummerow is looking for another recycling company to work with in Gibson City but has none at this time.

Mayor Dickey and council thanked Karen for her many years of dedication coordinating the Gibson City recycling program.

- B.** Supt. Duncan explained to council that Ameren needs a permanent easement of 150 feet on the south side of the City wastewater plant. Supt. Duncan stated this easement will not cause any interference with the City’s plans for a new water treatment system. Motion by Alderman Roesch to agree to sign the permanent easement with Ameren as presented, 2nd to this motion made by Alderman Wyant, motion carried 7/0.
- C.** Discussion and Consideration of Resolution 2025-R-01 / Council & Mayoral Adoption of Strategic Plan.
Mayor Dickey presented the Strategic Plan to council and thanked everyone who contributed ideas and worked on this plan for the past several months. He pointed out that the back page has a place for notes and there is a checklist of projects with estimated costs to use as a guide. City Clerk Jan Hall read Resolution 2025-R-01 that states the council fully supports the use of this Strategic Plan and encourages it to be followed for many years to come. Motion to pass resolution 2025-R-01 made by Alderman Hanks, 2nd by Alderman Tongate, motion passed 7/0, 2025 Strategic Plan is adopted.
- D.** Alderman Davis made a Motion to Enter Executive Session for the Limited Purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation and performance of one or more specific city employees pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), 2nd by Alderman Hanks, motion carried 7/0. Council entered Executive Session at 7:20 p.m.
- E.** Council returned from Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. At this time, Mayor Dickey appointed Carla McGrew as Appointed City Clerk at a rate of \$12,500 annually. Ms. McGrew will assume the responsibilities of our current city clerk, Jan Hall, who is retiring at the end of her term. She will also continue with her position as Dispatcher for Gibson City Police Department. Her wages will be paid from GCPD and from Admin. The appointed city clerk position will have additional duties including payroll, tracking CDAP loan payments and Façade Grants on Excel, and other duties as assigned by Mayor. Mayor Dickey announced that current clerk Jan Hall will be available as a ‘back-up’ for Carla at no charge. Motion to approve the appointment of Carla McGrew as Appointed City Clerk @ \$12,500 annually was made by Alderman Hanks, 2nd made by Alderman Wyant, motion passed 7/0.

ATTEST

APPROVED

Janice L. Hall, City Clerk

Mayor Daniel Dickey