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MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Monday March 10, 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 Sarantakos.

Mayor Dickey provided an update from California Nuggets of Ripon, California, letting Gibson City know they have started making improvements to their building on N. Sangamon. CA Nuggets will be hiring 20+ full-time employees for their operation. They use local sources and manufacture a snack food from corn.

Visitors: Admin Scott Shull, Chief Rosendahl, Supts. Duncan and Martin, Karen Kummerow – Recycling Chairman, Shannon May, Cameron Reynolds, David Walton, Alan Anderson, Heidi DuVall, Rob Schmitt, Bill Kirby and Mindy Basi – Ford Co. Chronicle.

Motion to approve Minutes of February 24, 2025, made by Alderman Hankes, Alderman Sarantakos seconded the motion, motion carried 7/0.

Committee Reports: Alderman Sarantakos updated council about a meeting she attended in Springfield with our 'new pool' engineers from Fehr Graham – to speak with Illinois Department of Public Health to find out why they have denied our submitted plans more than once. Main concern is the department requesting a change of 'wing walls' for a safety measure. Engineer Johnson explained that it will possibly take 2 months or more to make the necessary design changes but the city can still bid the job and break ground in the fall. Clerk Hall asked if this has any bearing on our current pool; answer was no. Mayor Dickey stated that Fehr Graham Engineers are meeting with a group tomorrow morning at the current pool site to determine if it is financially feasible to make IDPH required repairs for one season – Mayor Dickey stated that council needs to discuss and vote on all further expenditures.

Approval of Bills:

Motion made by Alderman Miller to pay 1 - TIF-2 checks in the amount of \$ \$792.00, 2nd made by Alderman Wyant, motion carried 7/0.

Motion made by Alderman Sarantakos to pay General Fund checks in the amount of \$249,588.36, 2nd made by Alderman Sarantakos. Alderman Sarantakos pointed out that we have an invoice from Off Track Trucking for towing 4 vehicles from a residential property and asked if we will recoup the payment by placing a lien on the property. Chief Rosendahl explained that Chapter 25 – Nuisances – has been enhanced and is being followed and non-compliance will result in court action and fines. City Clerk Jan Hall asked to make a comment on the current Code updates recently adopted – clarifying that if your building permit application meets confines of the Zoning Code, you will receive a permit, but, if you are denied or violate the Code, it is not correct in thinking you can point to a neighbor and say 'they can, why can't I?'... All codes and zoning will be

enforced as adopted in January 2025 regardless of what was standing at the time of adoption. After discussion, motion carried 7/0.

New Business:

- A.** Discussion & Consideration of Gibson Area Hospital – Bill Kirby & Rob Schmitt –presented council with promotional flyers for the 5th annual Summer Bash – headliner this year is “Foreigner”. All went well with the enlarged layout last year, and they intend to follow the same plan for this year with an anticipated larger crowd. One change is a gate entry fee of \$10 instead of a wrist band to purchase alcohol. Schmitt stated both he and Mr. Kirby are personally donating at the ‘event sponsor’ level, which is \$10K . They hope the city will donate the same as last year, \$10K. Alderman Hankes asked if \$10K is adequate, and Alderman Roesch suggesting raising the amount to the corporate level, which is \$15K. There are reports indicating the amount of business draw this is for the area, and with that, Alderman Roesch made a motion to sponsor the GAHS Summer Bash August 2025 at the Corporate level of \$15K. 2nd to this motion made by Alderman Hankes. Motion carried 7/0.
- B.** Discussion & Consideration of Facade Grant application from Kruse Real Estate Office, 110 N. Sangamon, to replace front window and door. Amy & Marcus Watterson were present to answer question regarding their plans for replacing the window and door at their office at 110 N Sangamon Avenue. The total quote is \$12,640. The City matches funds up to a maximum of \$5,000. Alderman Wyant made a motion to approve the Façade Grant for Kruse @ 110 N. Sangamon in the maximum amount allowed, \$5,000. 2nd to this motion made by Alderman Hankes. Alderman Davis asked Admin Shull how much money the City has left in this year. Shull responded that there are 2 unpaid grants, waiting for invoices to be turned in, Roderick and Marti. After those are paid, the fund will be have \$400 left, so the Kruse grant will come from our next fiscal year budget, beginning May 1st. After discussion, roll call vote and motion carried 7/0.
- C.** Discussion & Consideration Ordinance #2025-O-4 Amending the Facade Grant language to extend building completion time. Council previously discussed and agreed to change the completion time of façade grant projects from 90 days to 180 days. Attorney Miller presented the updated amendment to reflect this change. Alderman Tongate made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-O-4, 2nd made by Alderman Sarantakos, motion carried 7/0.
- D.** Discussion & Consideration Ordinance #2025-O-5 Amending Chapter 16 – Garbage to include previous language regarding inspections, fees, insurance of trucks. Mayor Dickey suggested this item be tabled to provide time for aldermen to provide additional suggestions. Alderman Davis then made a motion to Table Item D., second by Alderman Wyant. Mayor Dickey stated that Supt. Martin is willing to perform annual inspections on the garbage trucks. Motion to table carried 7/0.
- E.** Discussion & Consideration of soil sampling at 850 W. 8th Street / Strebeck property to be used as a city drop for limbs and brush, as well as a maintenance / parking shed. Supt. Martin explained this property has been discussed last fall, but the Sellers changed their minds at that time. Now the property is for sale again, and Supt. Martin requests the council approve soil sampling be performed by Farnsworth Engineers. Alderman Roesch made a motion to approve soil samples at a cost not to exceed \$5K, 2nd by Alderman Hankes, motion carried 7/0.
- F.** Alderman Davis made a motion to Enter Executive Session per IL Codes for the purpose of discussing one or more employees, second made by Alderman Wyant, council entered Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.

G. Council returned to Open Session at 7:45 p.m. with no action to be taken. Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Sarantakos, 2nd by Alderman Roesch, all in favor, meeting adjourned.

ATTEST

APPROVED

Janice L. Hall, City Clerk

Mayor Daniel Dickey