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MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Monday November 27, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Dickey.

Roll Call:

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

Visitors: Chief Rosendahl, Supt. Martin, Admin Scott Shull, Treasurer Lorenzen, Dale Denney, Paul Sarantakos, Rob Schmitt and City Attorney Marc Miller.

Pledge led by Alderman Hankes.

Motion to approve Minutes of November 12, 2023 made by Alderman Miller, 2nd made by Alderman Sarantakos. Motion carried 5/0.

Administrative Report: None.

Treasurer's Report: Read by Treasurer Vickie Lorenzen, no comments/questions.

Committee Reports: Supt. Martin reported 22 trees have been removed, with 9 remaining on the list to come down. Crew have removed benches from downtown sidewalks for snow removal. Regarding North Park, Martin's intention is to use stainless steel sinks/toilets in the restrooms due to continued vandalism. All but 200 meters have been received and installation will begin in the spring. Supt. Martin continues to work with Don Craig of IRWA (Illinois Rural Water Association) on the GIS mapping, and report on leaf pick-up is that mostly north of railroad tracks will be done by Wednesday, then leaf removal starts south of railroad, should be complete in 2 weeks.

Old business:

- A. Representative Adrianna Burella of Solar Provider Group presented the council the same presentation for the planned Drummer Creek Solar Farm that was given to Plan Commission. Explanations included it will take 3-4 months from start to finish building the solar farm, has a 40-year life expectancy and would be decommissioned with 12 months of operation ceasing. City Attorney Marc Miller explained the reason for the 20-year pre-annexation agreement provides requirement that if/when the solar farm has city property contiguous, under terms of annexation they must annex into the city.

Alderman Sarantakos asked about taxes, and Miller explained in present state all taxes are to the county and taxing bodies, none to the city, but if an annexation occurs at that time the city will receive taxes on the project.

Bruella explained there are Federal program incentives and a minimum 20% discount for subscribers. At this time Attorney Miller explained that City Clerk will complete the official 'finding of facts' from the Plan Commission hearing, and Alderman Davis made a motion to continue the hearing to January 8, 2024, 2nd made by Alderman Hankes, motion to continue hearing on Solar Farm to January 8 passed 5/0.

- B. Consideration to accept a payment and release a lien on property located at 403 W. 10th remains tabled. Mayor Dickey stated this is still being negotiated, remains on 'old business'.

Bills:

Motion to pay 1 TIF 2 checks in the amount of \$570.00 made by Alderman Miller, 2nd made by Alderman Sarantakos, motion approved 5-0.

Motion to pay General fund checks in the amount of \$131,213.69 made by Alderman Sarantakos, 2nd made by Alderman Tongate, motion approved 5-0.

New Business:

- A. Marty Nuss summarized comparison health plans Discussion and Consideration of a Presentation by Marty Nuss of IPG Concerning Insurance Renewal. Motion to approve Blue Choice Plan made by Alderman Davis, 2nd by Alderman Tongate. Roll call vote, motion passed 5/0. Alderman Sarantakos clarified the split of the benefit costs is 75% provided by the City, 25% by the employee. Mr. Nuss then shared information comparing coverages provided by Humana vs Equitable, for Life/Dental/Vision Insurance to employees. Alderman Davis made a motion to go with Equitable Insurance plan, 2nd made by Alderman Miller, motion carried 5-0.
- B. Discussion and Consideration of a recommendation from Plan Commission to approve a request to rezone 111 N Church from Business to Residential-2. Property owner Lori Day intended use rental property. Motion made by Alderman Hankes to approve Plan Commission Recommendation to rezone 111 N. Church from Business to Residential 2 for rental purposes, 2nd made by Alderman Davis, motion carried 5/0.
- C. Discussion and Consideration of a recommendation from Plan Commission to approve a request for a Special Use Permit by Paul Sarantakos, 120 West 11th Street, to operate a licensed massage therapy business from within the residence. Recommended by Plan Commission includes a stipulation - Special Use dissolves upon change of ownership of property. Motion made by Alderman Davis to accept the recommendation of the Plan Commission as presented to grant a Special Use Permit to Paul Sarantakos at his residence of 120 W. 11th Street, 2nd made by Alderman Hankes, motion carried 4 in favor with Alderman Sarantakos abstaining from the vote.
- D. Discussion and Consideration of the Annual Tax Levy Ordinance for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Tax Year. Attorney Marc Miller gave a summary of the Annual Tax Levy Ordinance # 23-O-35, total

levy being \$315,000.00 as presented. Motion made by Alderman Sarantakos to pass Ord. 23-O-35, Tax Levy as presented, 2nd made by Alderman Davis, Motion carried 5/0.

E. Discussion and Consideration of an ordinance calling for the submission to the electors of the City of Gibson whether it shall be authorized to levy a tax for the expenditure on municipal operations and public infrastructure pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/18-11-1.1. Mayor Dickey requested this item be discussed at a Finance Committee meeting prior to council discussion, and he had just received the needed information today. Item tabled to next meeting.

Alderman Davis made a motion to adjourn, 2nd made by Alderman Miller. Motion passed all in favor, meeting adjourned @ 7:55 p.m.

APPROVED

Mayor Daniel E Dickey

ATTEST _____
Janice L. Hall, City Clerk