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MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
Monday, October 13th, 2025 7:00 pm

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:	A
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 Tongate.

**Motion to approve Minutes** of September 22nd, 2025, made by Alderman Roesch, Alderman Miller seconded the motion, motion carried 6/0.

**Visitors:** Bill Sanchez, Joe Gentile, Tim Driscoll, Jeremy Darnell, Roger Gerth, Wendy Weidener, Suzanne Wilkins, David Walton, and Mindy Basi.

- Wendy Weidener and Roger Gerth spoke to the council regarding the use of golf carts in their neighborhood and the inability to cross the highway. This inability to legally cross inhibits them from accessing the remainder of the city. Mayor Dickey commiserated and agreed that the council would welcome the opportunity to make this change, however, the council has looked at this issue and has not yet found a solution. Attorney Marc Miller spoke to the legality of making this change and said that the city cannot unilaterally make a change like this without the state legislature giving the authority to do so. Mr. Miller informed the council and visitors that he would work with colleagues to try to find a possible resolution to the issue.
- Suzanne Wilkins asked the council for the opportunity to have road closures for Fright Night. The council gave the approval.
- David Walton passed on his gratitude for the work that the city has been doing to correct the drainage issue at his residence.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Lorenzen shared the latest treasurers report.

**Committee Reports:** Alderman Tongate announced that there would be a Park Meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 prior to the regular council meeting.

**Admin Reports:** Meg Fairchild reported that the reviews for the 2022-2024 audits are complete. The next audit will begin in the last week of October.

Sewer Superintendent, John Bobera, gave a brief synopsis of the sewer plant updates. The sludge management project will be completed this week. There was also discussion regarding the leasing of the area for solar company proposals.

City Superintendent, Tyler Martin, discussed leaf pickup. He will keep everyone apprised of the timeframe.

### **Approval of Bills:**

Motion made by Alderman Wyant to pay general bills in the amount of \$192,688.04. 2<sup>nd</sup> made by Alderman Davis, motion carried 6/0.

TIF 2 check for \$7058.00 was approved. Motion made by Alderman Miller, Second by Alderman Roesch. Motion carries 6/0.

Downtown TIF payment in the amount of \$38,742.85. Motion made by Alderman Hankes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Roesch. Alderman Wyant abstained. Motion carries 5/0.

TIF 4 check in the amount of \$1443.25. Motion made by Alderman Wyant, second by Alderman Miller. Motion carries 6/0.

### **New Business:**

- A. Assistant Superintendent, Rich Nolte, spoke to the council at the September 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting concerning the replacement of the Christmas banners that hang downtown. Mr. Nolte procured a bid and gave this to the council for review. A motion was made by Alderman Wyant, seconded by Alderman Hankes to approve this project, not to exceed \$3010.00. Motion carries 6/0.
- B. A motion was made by Alderman Roesch, second by Alderman Davis to approve Christmas Co-op Advertising. This includes \$6000 to WCIA, \$750 to the Ford Chronicle and \$1500 to WGCY. Motion carries 6/0.
- C. Mayor Dickey presented the Christmas Comes Early to Gibson program. It will encourage spending within the community. When someone spends \$100 in Gibson they will get \$100 in Gibson bucks. These will expire on 1/2026. There will also be the associated cost of reprinting the current stock. This is not to exceed \$500.00. Motion made by Alderman Davis, second by Alderman Wyant. Motion carries.
- D. Approval of Resolution 2025-R-04 for the Lighted Christmas Parade. Motion made by Alderman Hankes, second by Alderman Miller. Motion carries 6/0.
- E. Approval of Ordinance 2025-O-13 Downtown TIF payment in the amount of \$27,315.68. Motion made by Alderman Roesch, second by Alderman Hankes, Alderman Wyant abstained. Motion carried 5/0
- F. Approval of Ordinance 2025-O-14 Downtown TIF payment in the amount of \$10,000. Motion made by Alderman Davis, second my Alderman Miller. Motion carried 5/0.

- G. Approval of Ordinance 2025-O-15 downtown TIF payment to Justin Carpenter in the amount of \$10,000.00. Motion made by Alderman Roesch, second by Alderman Hanks Alderman Wyant and Miller abstained. Motion carries 4/0.
- H. Kyle Shippert applied for a grant to cover the damage that occurred to his property on Ash St. This damage was a result of the fire at the Jordan property. He asked for funds in the amount not to exceed \$2156. Motion made by Alderman Wyant, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Hanks. Motion carries 6/0.
- I. Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Roesch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Davis.

ATTEST

APPROVED

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Carla S McGrew, City Clerk

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Mayor Daniel Dickey