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MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Monday, October 27th, 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:	P
Ward #2	Randy Wyant:	P	Ray Hankes:	P
Ward #3	Scott Davis:	P	Terry Roesch:	P
Ward #4	Denis Fisher:	P	Laura Miller:	A

Pledge led by Alderman Wyant.

Motion to approve Minutes of October 13th, 2025, made by Alderman Fisher, Alderman Roesch seconded the motion, motion carried 7/0.

Visitors:

Nicki Miller was present to inform the council of her intentions to start a meal share program for those in need in the community. Citing the cost of groceries and the government shutdown as the motivation to start this program again. December 13th is the kickoff date for the program, and it will be held at Father Kirk Hall. Nicki is asking for any volunteers to attend. The council profusely thanked her for her willingness to kickstart this program.

- Visitors were in attendance from the Cender subdivision regarding the use of golf carts. At this time the mayor took a moment to bring everyone up to date on what has transpired since the last council meeting. Currently, the tentative idea is that the city would extend a sidewalk from Lynn St to Longview Bank and then to Wood St. This could potentially become a golf cart route. Attorney Marc Miller then spoke about the legality of this plan. Ultimately the council is still at the mercy of IDOT. IDOT has agreed to start a speed study of the area. Once that is complete, they can then do a safety study. If those two studies are found to be satisfactory with the state, they could allow for golf cart travel. Marc reminded everyone that this would be a marathon and not a sprint, but he was encouraged by the fact that they were willing to do some testing.

Treasurer's Report: There was no treasurer's report.

Administrative Report: Meg Fairchild reported that the auditors were on site and should finish the audit by weeks end.

Committee Reports: Alderman Roesch spoke on behalf of Superintendent Martin; he announced that the tentative date for leaf pick-up would-be November 10th with a back-up date of November 17th.

Alderman Sarantakos announced that the Parks meeting has been rescheduled for November 10th at 6:00.

Approval of Bills:

Motion made by Alderman Roesch to pay general bills in the amount of \$213,408.82. 2nd made by Alderman Sarantakos, motion carried 7/0.

Downtown TIF payment in the amount of \$192,891.98. Motion made by Alderman Sarantakos, 2nd by Alderman Tongate. Alderman Wyant and Alderman Fisher abstained. Motion carries 5/0.

New Business:

- A. The mayor spoke to the council regarding the 13 acres that the city currently owns and maintains. Each time the ground is mowed it costs approximately \$900. After discussion, Zack Bunting has agreed to farm it and pay \$50/ acre. Alderman Sarantakos made a motion to rent this ground to Mr. Bunting. Motion seconded by Alderman Roesch. Motion carried 7/0.
- B. Gwen Crawford gave the presentation regarding the loan options for the pool. Heartland Bank offered its services to the City of Gibson, up to \$6.2 million. Lending option one amortizes the loan over 20 years with a 10-year fixed rate. Option two amortizes over 10 years with a locked rate. Please see the meeting packet for details. After discussion of the options the council voted to utilize option one. Motion made by Alderman Davis and second by Alderman Hankes. Motion carried 7/0.
- C. City opened bids in September for the pool, which ranged from 6.1 million to 6.68 million. A motion was made by Alderman Sarantakos to award a bid in the amount of \$6,714,000 to Behr Construction, Motion seconded by Alderman Tongate. Motion carried 7/0.
- D. Mr. Marty Nuss, with IPG, was present to discuss the upcoming renewal of the health insurance plan. Ultimately, the premiums were lowered incrementally. The deductibles rose from \$500 to \$600; the out of pocket raised slightly. The council was pleased with the option that was presented. A motion was made by Alderman Davis to approve the plan presented, seconded by Alderman Fisher. Motion carried 7/0.
- E. Ordinance 2025-0-16 Levy Abatement Ordinance was reviewed. Mr. Miller discussed the bond abatement and how it correlates to the taxpayers. This ordinance needs to be signed yearly. Motion made by Alderman Davis and a second by Alderman Hankes to accept this ordinance. Motion carried 7/0.
- F. Motion made by Alderman Hankes and second by Alderman Sarantakos to accept the engagement letter not to exceed \$15,000. This fee is for Miller Canfield to handle

- documentation prep, closing arrangements and other duties related to the closing for the loan at Heartland Bank. Motion carried 7/0.
- G. Chief Rosendahl requested the contract renewal for \$25,000 between GCPD and the Ford County Sheriff's Office. This contract renewal would go into effect on December 1, 2025. Motion made by Alderman Roesch, second by Alderman Hanks. Motion carried 7/0.
- H. Motion made by Alderman Davis to adjourn, second by Alderman Roesch. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST

APPROVED

Carla S McGrew, City Clerk

Mayor Daniel Dickey