



CITY OF GIBSON | 101 E 8TH STREET, PO BOX 545, GIBSON CITY, IL 60936

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
Monday, November 10, 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 Hanks: P
Ward #3	Scott Davis: P	Terry Roesch: P
Ward #4	Denis Fisher: P	Laura Miller: P

**Pledge** led by Alderman Davis.

**Motion to approve Minutes** of October 27, 2025, made by Alderman Hanks, Alderman Sarantakos seconded the motion, motion carried 8/0.

**Visitors:** Rob Schmitt, Treasurer Vickie Lorenzen, Admin Meg Fairchild, Officer Horsch, Supt. Bobera, Supt. Martin, GGAEA Director Matthew Burns, Mindy Basi -Ford Co. Chronicle.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Lorenzen read the monthly report for October.

**Committee Reports:** Alderman Sarantakos reported that the Parks Committee met 6:00 this evening. Todd McNutt / MCS, presented the options, details and costs to consider for keyless entry at all ball fields and park restrooms. After much discussion, it was decided by the committee not to pursue keyless entry due to extreme costs and need for detailed coordination. Alderman Sarantakos stated that the plans are in process to include money for major improvements at the north park building and coordination by city employees for locking/unlocking doors. No motions at this time.

**Admin Reports:** Meg Fairchild reported that the auditors have not yet completed the 2024 report, hopefully next week. Also reported the 1% sales tax increase for the new pool fund has generated \$355,885.56, and the closing on the loan for the new pool project is expected to happen in December.

**Approval of Bills:**

Motion made by Alderman Miller to pay general bills in the amount of \$170,704.80. 2<sup>nd</sup> made by Alderman Hanks, motion carried 8/0.

Motion made by Alderman Sarantakos, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Fisher to approve a TIF 2 check for \$164,391.90. Motion carries 8/0.

## **Old Business:**

- A. Feasibility Study for a hotel - Mayor Dickey asked Alderman Hankes to report on the comparisons of companies to hire for this study. Noted that the City had a hotel study performed 10 years ago by Hotel Leisure Advisors and the outcome was positive, but we had no Developer interested at that time. Alderman Hankes asked Director of Greater Gibson Economic Association, Matthew Burns, to report his comparison study between Hotel Leisure Advisors and Core Distinction Group. The GGAEA is supporting the Core Distinction Group and asking the City to donate \$5000 towards the cost, which will be shared with the Gibson Hospital, Gibson Chamber, and possibly others. Alderman Hankes made a motion to donate \$5000 to GGAEA towards the cost of the hotel feasibility study. 2<sup>nd</sup> made by Alderman Roesch. Motion passed 8/0. Mayor Dickey asked for clarification of who will be the lead coordinator of the project, Matthew Burns stated GGAEA will take charge and see that each donor receives a copy of the final report.
  
- B. Discussion and Consider regarding a solar farm to be located at the Wastewater Treatment Plant was presented by Supt. John Bobera. Mayor Dickey reported that this project has been studied in depth by Supt. Bobera and himself, and City Attorney Marc Miller had thoroughly reviewed and negotiated some points with Keystone Power Holdings, LLC. Mayor Dickey pointed out the project will have a \$5 million dollar liability policy, any legal issue would be heard in front of a Judge, the solar farm lease is 30 years with demolition within 180 days of ending project, and 80% life is anticipated to remain after 30 years. City will have the option to purchase at that time. The savings in electricity costs to the city are projected to be \$1.9 million dollars over 30 years. Alderman Roesch made the motion to approve Ordinance 2025-O-17 / and the contract with Keystone Power Holdings, LLC., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Miller, motion carried 8/0.

## **New Business:**

- A. Council discussed making improvements to the Jordan drive lift station building. Supt. Bobera reported that his department needs more garage space for vehicles and equipment, and if the city will insulate the Lift Station building at Jordan it will create the extra storage needed as well as protecting all the workings inside the lift station. Alderman Wyant made a motion to approve hiring Schlagel Insulation at a cost not to exceed \$5k, 2<sup>nd</sup> made by Alderman Roesch, motion approved 8/0.
  
- B. Council discussed decorating the 2 flowerpots at the electronic sign on South Sangamon. Alderman Sarantakos made a motion to approve decorating the pots for the Holidays at a cost not to exceed \$55.00 each, 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion made by Alderman Tonate, motion approved 8/0.
  
- C. Supt. Martin presented information about the yearly maintenance on the VAC truck, to be done by Coe Equipment Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$7k. Motion made by Alderman Wyant to approve this maintenance on the VAC truck by Coe Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$7K, 2<sup>nd</sup> made by Alderman Fisher, motion carried 8/0.

**D.** Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Daivs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Roesch, meeting adjourned.

ATTEST

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Carla S McGrew, City Clerk

Mayor Daniel Dickey