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MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Monday, February 9th, 2026 7:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by City Clerk, Carla McGrew in City Hall Council Chambers. The clerk asked for a motion to make Scott Davis mayor pro tem. Motion made by Alderman Wyant, second by Susie Tongate. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Ward #1	Susie Tongate:	P	Sarah Sarantakos:	A
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 Fisher.

Motion to approve Minutes of January 26th, made by Alderman Hanks, Alderman Roesch seconded the motion, motion carried 7/0.

Visitors: Betty Kay Benningfield, Ellen Hanks, Mindy Basi and Matthew Burns.

- Betty Kay Benningfield was in attendance representing the Ford County Health Department. The health department has been able to secure a grant for the installation of a Narcan dispenser and an used needle receptacle. There are currently dispensers in Gibson that are being utilized. Betty Kay addressed the council to get their assessment as to where additional receptacles could be placed. After discussion, Alderman Miller offered to allow them to be placed at her place of business, Gibson Bowl.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Lorenzen gave the treasurer's report.

Admin Reports: Meg Fairchild reported that the e-pay option has been available for two months now. 160 have utilized the service and of those, 43 have signed up for auto payment. Admin Fairchild will be sending another round of notices to convert more citizens to auto-pay.

Committee/ Superintendent Reports:

Approval of Bills:

Motion made by Alderman Wyant to pay general bills in the amount of \$227,030.28. 2nd made by Alderman Miller, motion carried 7/0.

TIF 2 in the amount of \$47,234.47 was approved. Motion made by Alderman Hankess, Second by Alderman Roesch. Motion carries 7/0.

TIF 3 approved in the amount of \$8282.76. Motion made by Alderman Hankes, second by Alderman Roesch. Motion carried 5/0 with 2 Alderman abstaining.

TIF 4 in the amount of \$23.69. Motion made by Alderman Roesch, second by Alderman Miller. Motion carries 7/0.

Downtown TIF in the amount of \$386.97. Motion made by Alderman Hankes, second by Alderman Roesch. Motion carries 5/0 with 2 Alderman abstaining.

Old Business: Ordinance 2026-O-4 was approved by council. Attorney Marc Miller explained the need for this amendment. These were pre-approved funds that needed to be amended in the manner in which they were paid; payable to the individual vs. the business. The appropriate parties weighed in to verify that the transaction is indeed correct and is being distributed in the qualifying manner. Motion made by Alderman Wyant with a second by Alderman Roesch; this motion carried 7/0/

New Business:

- A. Sewer Superintendent, John Bobera, updated the council on the planning of the new garage at the sewer department. Mr. Bobera asked council to approve a \$4600 down payment for windows. Alderman Wyant made a motion to approve; this was seconded by Alderman Roesch. Motion carried 7/0.
- B. Ordinance 2026-O-5 was presented for consideration. Chester and Sue Nichols of 223 W 5th St applied for the reimbursement, up to \$5000, offered by the city. This reimbursement is offered for individuals who would like to tear down buildings on their property. Mr and Mrs Nichols had already removed the building on their property prior to application for the funds. After discussion, the council agreed that the verbiage in the ordinance should be updated to reflect this caveat in the application process. Alderman Tongate made a motion to approve the payment with a second by Alderman Hankes. Motion failed 3/2.
- C. Motion made by Alderman Davis to enter executive session. Second by Alderman Roesch. Motion carried 7/0.
- D. Motion carried to return to open session
- E. Superintendent Martin asked council for consideration of hiring two employees. Tyler Catteral at \$25/ hour and Levi Etheridge at \$26/hour, one week vacation after one year and full benefits. Both of these employees will be subject to 6 month probation for analyzation of performance. Motion made by Alderman Wyant with a second by Alderman Roesch. Motion carried 7/0.
- F. Motion made to adjourn.

ATTEST

Carla S McGrew, City Clerk

APPROVED

Mayor Daniel Dickey