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MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Monday, March 9th, 2026 @ 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:	A	Ray Hankes:	P
Ward #3	Scott Davis:	P	Terry Roesch:	P
Ward #4	Denis Fisher:	P	Laura Miller:	P

Pledge led by Alderman Fisher.

Mayor Dickey announced that he would like to name Landen Lage as a Jr Alderman. Mayor Dickey delivered a short bio of Landen and his accomplishments as a student and student athlete. A motion was made by Alderman Roesch with a second by Alderman Davis for this appointment. Motion carried 7/0. Mr. Lage was sworn in by Clerk Carla McGrew.

Motion to approve Minutes of February 23rd, 2026, made by Alderman Roesch, Alderman Fisher seconded the motion, motion carried 7/0.

Visitors:

- A golf cart update was given by Attorney Miller following a question from a visitor. Mr. Miller said that the speed study had been completed and traffic study will follow, although he is not privy to a time frame for this to be completed. The city is at the mercy of the state on this project. Updates are to follow.

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

Admin Reports: Meg Fairchild reported that the auditors will complete the remainder of their work after tax season.

Committee Reports: Alderman Tongate spoke in reference to the Economic Development committee and upcoming events in the city of Gibson. Currently, plans are underway for the 250th anniversary for the United States. The celebration will be held in downtown Gibson City on July 11th, 2026, starting at noon with a flag raising ceremony and continuing through the evening with live music. Additionally, Matthew Burns spoke about the participation of the City of Gibson in the Lott District. This participation would be from 11 am- 11 pm every Friday and Saturday, set at the discretion of the city. This participation would designate the downtown with open seating and activities for people to enjoy.

Approval of Bills:

Motion made by Alderman Fisher to pay general bills in the amount of \$480,352.37. 2nd made by Alderman Miller, motion carried 7/0.

DT TIF check for \$20,000.00 approved. Motion made by Alderman Hanks, Second by Alderman Fisher. Motion carries 6/0, one abstained.

TIF 2 in the amount of \$2974.93. Motion made by Alderman Hanks, Second by Alderman Fisher. Motion carried 7/0

Pool loan payment in the amount of \$22,004. Motion made by Alderman Sarantakos, second by Alderman Fisher. Motion carried 7/0.

New Business:

- A. City Superintendent Tyler Martin addressed the task of moving a shed that had been designated for the current pool. This shed is being moved for use at the water plant; additionally, a new pad of concrete will be needed. The cost to move the shed is \$12,500 and the bid for the concrete work is \$29,024.00. This totals \$41,524.00. Mayor Dickey suggested that the funds be used from the Build GC Pool fund for this project. Motion was made by Alderman Roesch, second by Alderman Sarantakos. Motion carried 7/0. Mr. Delbert Bruens, with Midwest Structural Solutions, was in attendance. Mr. Martin introduced Mr. Bruens and advised that he would start project once he had returned from his son's graduation from the military. Mayor Dickey took a moment to recognize E3 Ethan Bruens.
The agenda items for mowers and the trailer were tabled and will appear under old business at the March 23rd meeting.
- B. Mr. Bill Kirby was in attendance to present the 2026 Summer Bash overview. He thanked the city for their support in the past years and also expressed a thank you to the city employees who assist with set up and tear down of the event. Mr. Kirby asked council if they would consider a \$15,000.00 sponsorship level again. Motion was made by Alderman Roesch and a second by Alderman Hanks. Motion carried 7/0.
- C. Ms. Billie Jo Denny was in attendance to apprise the council of the plans for the 2026 Harvest Fest. Ms. Denny also expressed her appreciation to the city and council for recent support of this endeavor. A motion was made by Alderman Roesch for a sponsorship of \$15,000.00 and this was seconded by Alderman Sarantakos. Motion carried 7/0.
- D. Sewer/ Waste Water Superintendent John Bobera was in attendance to reference two pieces of sludge equipment. He explained that he would like to sell these items, as they are no longer needed. A motion was made to declare two pieces of sludge equipment as surplus property and authorize the superintendent to place the items out for bid under such terms that he deems appropriate by Alderman Roesch, second by Alderman Miller. Motion carried 7/0.

- E. Alderman Roesch made a motion to enter into executive session for the limited purpose of discussing litigation pending before the city. This was seconded by Alderman Sarantakos. Motion carried 7/0.
- F. Motions were made to enter into open session.
- G. Motion made to adjourn by Alderman Roesch, second by Alderman Davis.

ATTEST

APPROVED

Carla S McGrew, City Clerk

Mayor Daniel Dickey