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MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

September 14th @ 7:00 pm

PLEDGE LED BY ALDERMAN TONGATE

Gibson City Council Mtg - September 14, 2026

Resident, Greg Kerber, raised concerns about a quote attributed to JD Construction for the Telecare building project. The council voted to amend the August 10th minutes to clarify the document was an estimate, not a quote, and was not considered in the bid process. The attorney clarified that municipalities under 500,000 people only require a 2/3 council vote for procurement. The council approved the Gibson City Homeowners Stormwater Mitigation Program, a new water tower task order (not to exceed \$11,500), MCC and VFD replacement at the water plant (not to exceed \$300,000), a \$15,000 engineering change order, and awarded the 7th and Guthrie storm improvement project to Cross Construction at \$74,258.50. Resolution 2026-R4 for GGAEA affiliation was approved, and a settlement agreement was authorized.

Call to Order and Roll Call The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Roll call was conducted by the clerk, with aldermen present including Hankes, Tongate, Wyant, Davis, Miller, Roesch, Sarantakos, and Fisher. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the assembly.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes – August 24, 2026

A motion was made by Alderman Fisher and seconded by Alderman Roesch to approve the council meeting minutes of Monday, August 24, 2026. No corrections or additions were noted. The motion passed unanimously on roll call vote.

Visitor Recognition – County EMA Coordinator

A representative from the County EMA introduced themselves as the new EMA coordinator and expressed full support for Mayor Dickey's plan. No further details were provided.

Visitor Recognition – Greg Kerber: Telecare Building Quote

Resident Greg Kerber raised concerns about the bid procurement process for the Telecare building project. He stated that a bid was attributed to a contractor (JD Construction) in the August 10th council minutes, but that contractor confirmed he never submitted a bid. The only submission in regard to the Telecare building was a rough approximation, not a formal bid. The mayor also confirmed that only the other contractor's formal quote was considered in the bid process. Kerber argued the council minutes incorrectly stated two bids were received and requested a public correction. The council voted to amend the August 10th minutes to clarify the submission was only an estimate and was not considered in the bid process. A motion was made by Alderman Tongate and seconded by Alderman Sarantakos. Motion carried 8/0.

The city attorney explained that under Illinois statute, municipalities under 500,000 in population are not required to follow a strict formal bidding process (publication, notice, bid specs) unless the municipality has adopted an ordinance mandating such a process. Without such an ordinance, a 2/3 vote of the board is sufficient to approve any procurement.

Administrative Report – Fiscal Year 2026 Audit

The administrative report noted that the Fiscal Year 2026 audit began on the day of the meeting. All documentation had been sent to the auditors the prior week. The timeline for completion was not yet confirmed.

Committee Report – GASA Koozie Event and Final Car Cruise

It was reported that GGAEA requested approval to hand out koozies on the corner on Friday, October 9th. A special event document was submitted and received. The event was approved. The final car cruise of the year was also noted for Friday, October 9th, described as a successful season with good attendance and favorable weather. Hours were noted as approximately 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM or until koozies ran out.

Water Main Break on 8th Street

Superintendent Tyler Martin reported that a major water main break occurred on 8th Street earlier in the week (Thursday). The city crew repaired it "hot" (without shutting off water service) and completed the fix before the scheduled concert, avoiding any service interruption. Patchwork on the asphalt still needed to be completed, and Tyler confirmed he had contacted asphalt companies that day to arrange the repair.

Approval of Bills

Three bill payments were approved by roll call vote: General Fund bills totaling \$482,850.42 (motion by Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman Hanks); TIF 2 bills totaling \$86,333.00 (motion by Alderman Wyant, seconded by Alderman Hanks); Municipal bond payment for the pool totaling \$5,856 (motion by Alderman Sarantakos, seconded by Alderman Roesch). All passed.

New Business – Gibson City Homeowners Stormwater Mitigation Program

The committee unanimously recommended moving forward with the Gibson City Homeowners Stormwater Mitigation Program, with the addition of check valves. The program requires residents to apply and receive approval before any work begins — retroactive applications will not be accepted. The program was set to start one week from the meeting date. The mayor noted he planned to meet with an outside organization to explore financial assistance options for residents who cannot afford costs beyond the \$1,000 threshold. The motion to approve was made by Alderman Davis and seconded by Alderman Roesch. The program was approved by roll call vote. Motion carried 7/1. The nay was recorded by Alderman Fisher.

New Business – Task Order for New Water Tower

Superintendent Martin presented a task order for a new 500,000-gallon elevated water storage tower. Two new wells (Well 7 activated, Well 8 drilled and ready) now provide sufficient water supply to support the additional storage. The task order (Task Order #84) covers preparation of bid specifications, EPA loan and grant applications, and project planning. The cost is not to exceed \$11,500. The project timeline is estimated at 3–4 years. Motion made by Alderman Roesch, seconded by Alderman Miller. Approved unanimously.

New Business – MCC and VFD Replacement at Water Plant (Item D)

Superintendent Martin presented a proposal to replace the Master Control Panel (MCC) and Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs) at the water plant, which runs the high-service pumps. The existing system has safety issues and is overdue for replacement. Two bids were received: Bodine Electric and Keast Electric. VFD drives' bid came in at \$77,000; MCC approximately \$160,000. Total project cost not to exceed \$300,000, funded through an existing open bond. Work is planned to begin January/February to avoid high-usage season and coordinate with IFF. Motion by Alderman Wyant, seconded by Alderman Roesch. Approved unanimously.

New Business – Construction Engineering Change Order #1, Water System Improvements Volume A & B – Donahue & Associates

A \$15,000 change order for Donahue & Associates was presented for water system improvements related to well testing and drilling activities. Motion made by Alderman Hanks, seconded by Alderman Miller. Approved, with Alderman Fisher abstaining.

New Business – Bid Acceptance for 7th and Guthrie Storm Improvement Project (Item E)

Donahue Engineering previously completed a study on the 7th and Guthrie intersection to improve stormwater flow. The project was put out for bid with 10 contractors initially expressing interest; 6 submitted bids. The bid range was \$74,258.50 (low) to \$163,280 (high). Cross Construction was recommended as the low bidder at \$74,258.50. An addendum was issued and agreed to by all contractors prior to final bidding. Wastewater Superintendent John Bobera confirmed the project scope was walked prior to final bid. The council approved awarding the contract to Cross Construction, not to exceed \$74,258.50. Motion by Alderman Roesch, seconded by Alderman Sarantakos. Approved.

New Business – GGAEA Affiliation Resolution 2026-R4

The council considered Resolution 2026-R4 regarding GGAEA (Gibson Growth and Economic Alliance Association) affiliation as an associate member. Aldermen Hankes and Fisher spoke against the resolution, asserting the city should pursue full membership rather than associate membership. Despite opposition from the two aldermen, the resolution passed on roll call vote with the majority voting aye and two nay.

New Business – Settlement Agreement

The city attorney presented an ordinance authorizing the mayor to sign a settlement agreement and release between the City of Gibson and Roofing Contractors, consistent with what was previously discussed in executive (closed) session. The attorney distributed copies of the approving ordinance and settlement agreement. The mayor confirmed the agreement had received legal approval and matched what was discussed in closed session. Motion made by Alderman Davis and seconded by Alderman Wyant. Motion carried 8/0. Signed copies were to be retained for city records.

Adjournment

Junior Alderman Lage made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Alderman Tongate. Approved unanimously.

ATTEST

APPROVED

Carla S McGrew, City Clerk

Mayor Daniel Dickey