

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY
Monday, April 27, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Dan Dickey.

Roll Call: Ward #1 Barb Yergler, present; Dean Kidd, present
Ward #2 Jan Hall, present; Nelda Jordan, present
Ward #3 John Carlson, present; Scott Davis, present
Ward #4 Dennis Pardick, present; Laura Miller, present

Others present: City Attorney Marc Miller, City Treasurer Scott Shull, Admin. Assistant Peg Stalter, City Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Police Chief Steve Cushman, Patti Welander (Gibson City Courier), Deb McCullough (WGCY radio), Ryan Ferguson (News Gazette/Paxton Record), Sharon A. Heavilin, Brandon Roderick, Ellen Hanks, Denny Houser, Jim Killian, Alicia Skinner and Sharon Heavilin. .

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Dean Kidd.

Approval of Council Minutes: Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve the minutes of April 13, 2015; seconded by Alderman Laura Miller. MC 8-0.

Mayor Dickey recognized visitors: 1.) Denny Houser of the American Legion announced Poppy Day on May 23rd from 8 am to 11 am and asked permission to be present on the corner of 8th Street and Sangamon and 8th Street and Rte. 47 Council approved. Mr Houser also requested a 1 day liquor license for July 17th and that 9th street between Ace Hardware and the Legion be roped off for an outside band to perform. Council will consider this request at the next meeting. 2.) On behalf of the Lions Club, Dean Kidd requested permission to sell Candy on May 8th from 7 am to 5 pm and Saturday, May 9th from 7 am to noon at the corner of 8th Street and Sangamon and 8th Street and Rte 47. Council approved. 3.) Alicia Skinner requested permission to sell carnations for 'Relay for Life' on May 16th at the corner of 8th Street and Sangamon from 8 am until gone. Council approved. 4.) Laura Miller announced the Gibson Bowl will be hosting an event for the Red Knights Motorcycle (firemen) on May 16th from 2 – 4 pm. and requested a 1 day liquor license for an outside area to be fenced off to accommodate the group. She also requested a 1 day liquor license for May 24th for a joint 'turning 50' birthday party and retirement party from 1 – 5 pm. These requests will be considered at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: City Treasurer Scott Shull presented the March Financial Report.

Administrative Report: Admin Assistant Peg Stalter offered no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ordinance Committee –Alderman Jan Hall offered no report.

Street and Alley – Alderman John Carlson reported that Engineer Greg Cook brought copies of the Lott Blvd. project that will be sent to the State for approval. He thanked Randy Stauffer for fixing the ditch on 9th Street. He also reminded residents that grass clippings are to be kept out of the street, to avoid clogging the sewer drains. He reported that Don Lange reports that water is eroding his yard and asked for city assistance. Randy reported that 7 Ash trees have been removed. Chief Cushman offered to notify people who will be losing their trees if Randy will give him a list.

Police/Health, Light and Nuisance – Alderman Dean Kidd reported on the committee meeting with no motions to present. Chief Cushman reported that his assistant Terri Benningfield will be retiring and he is beginning a search for her replacement. Chief also reported a recent rash of burglaries in Gibson and urges residents to report any suspicious activity to the Department immediately.

Finance Committee – Alderman Scott Davis offered no report.

Personnel Committee – Alderman Dennis Pardick offered no report.

Water and Sewer – Alderman Nelda Jordan scheduled a meeting on April 30th at 7 pm. Randy Stauffer announced that he is looking for a new waste water management person. Hydant flushing will begin May 10th for 2 weeks.

Parks and Buildings –Alderman Barb Yergler reported that she would like to call a meeting at the North Park when the weather is nicer to review the Rotary project. The slide at the South Park is broken and needs to be repaired. Council gave Randy permission to continue the current mowing contracts until the next council meeting, when the new contracts will be reviewed.

Economic and Industrial Development – Alderman Laura Miller offered no report.

CDAP – City Treasurer Scott Shull reported on this item in his report.

Pool Board –Alderman Dean Kidd offered no report.

Recycling Board– Alderman Nelda Jordan offered no report.

Downtown Committee – Alderman Barb Yergler offered no report.

OLD BUSINESS: none

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

TIF2 bills: Alderman Barb Yergler motioned to approve the one (1) bill for \$310.00; seconded by Alderman Laura Miller. MC.7-0. Alderman Carlson abstained as he owns property in the TIF.

TIF3 Bills: Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve the one (1) bill for \$3620.97; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 6-0. Aldermen Scott Davis and Laura Miller abstained as they own property in the TIF.

General Bills: Alderman John Carlson motioned to approve the general bills totaling \$ 125,715.60; seconded by Alderman Laura Miller. MC 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A.) Consideration of Resolution 2015-R-01, Council Meeting Dates for 2015-2016. Alderman Laura Miller motioned to approve Resolution 2015-R-01; seconded by Dennis Pardick. MC 8-0.

B.) Consideration of 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Committee Appointments for the Planning Commission, Zoning Board and Pool Board. Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to approve the appointments as presented; seconded by Alderman Barb Yergler. MC 8-0.

C.) Dennis Pardick motioned to enter into Exec Session to consider the Employment and Compensation of 1 or more City Employees; second by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 8-0.

D.) Return to Open Session for the approval of Employment and Compensation of 1 or mre City Employees. Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to approve a \$1.00/hour raise, retroactive to April 13^t for Jim Killian; seconded by Laura Miller. MC 8-0.

Announcements: City Clean-up Day is scheduled for May 16.

The 5K run is scheduled for May 9 in the am.

ADJOURN: Alderman John Carlson motioned to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Scott Davis. Council was poled with 8 ayes/ 0 objections.

APPROVED

ATTEST