

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY
Monday, August 11, 2014 (corrected)

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
Jr. Alderman	Faith Duke, absent

Others present: City Attorney Marc Miller, Admin. Assistant Peg Stalter, Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Police Chief Steve Cushman, Patti Welander (Gibson City Courier), Ryan Ferguson (Paxton Record/New Gazette), Debbie McCullough (WGCY radio), Randal Arends, Bonnie Arends, Ellen Hanks, Michael Sandmark, Sharon Heavilin, Greg Brucker, Darryl Coates, Paula Dickey.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderwoman Laura Miller.

Approval of Council Minutes: Alderman Scott Davis motioned to approve the minutes of July 28, 2014; seconded by Alderman Barb Yergler. MC 8-0. No discussion.

Mayor Dickey recognized visitors: 1.) Darrell Coates of the Dept. Natural Resources reported that Emerald Ash Bore has been detected in Gibson City Ash trees. He recommends that the City take a positive approach and begin to plant small trees to take the place of the Ash trees being threatened and recommends to increase the number of trees planted in town.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Administrative Report: Administrative Assistant Peg Stalter offered no report. City Clerk Carla Moxley reported that the Garbage Hauler Permits will be coming due in September. She asked that the council look at the current Ordinance and application prior to mailing the notices to the 2 companies currently servicing Gibson City. Chief Cushman reported that his department does not do the inspections. Alderman Dennis Pardick will contact John Schertz, in Elliott, who inspects trash trucks and will report at next meeting. Notifications will be held until that time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ordinance Committee –Alderman Jan Hall reported that last week's scheduled meeting was postponed to another date and time to be announced, due to the length of the closed personnel meeting.

Streets and Alley – City superintendent Randy Stauffer reported that the oil and chip project is completed and lines on the streets are being drawn. Alderman John Carlson reminded the Council and Media that residents continue to mow grass clippings into the streets. He questioned Chief Cushman who asked that he be emailed a list of those who are continuing with that practice.

Police/Health, Light and Nuisance – Chief Cushman reported the July Summary of the Department's Activities. He estimates that approx.70 Golf Carts are now licensed in the City.

Finance Committee – Alderman Scott Davis offered no report.

Personnel Committee – Alderman Dennis Pardick will report the committee's recommendations in item E.

Water and Sewer – Superintendent Randy Stauffer offered no report and referred to item D in new business.

Parks and Buildings –Alderman Barb Yergler offered no report.

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

CDAP – Admin. Assist. Peg Stalter reported that all accounts are current with a balance of \$156,527.00.

Pool Board – Alderman Dean Kidd offered no report.

Recycling Board– Alderman Nelda Jordan offered no report.

Downtown Committee – Alderman Barb Yergler asked that Sharon Heavilin and Mark Sandmark report on the recent survey taken. One comment was for outdoor speakers downtown. Alderman John Carlson reported that the speakers have in place and the control in located at Ace Hardware, but has not been used for some time.

OLD BUSINESS: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

TIF 2 bills: Alderman Barb Yergler motioned to approve the 2 (two) bills for \$ 842.83; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 7-0. Alderman John Carlson owns property in the TIF and abstained from the vote.

TIF 3 bills: No bills

General Bills: Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve the general bills totaling \$112,388.52; seconded by Alderman Dean Kidd. MC 8-0. Alderman John Carlson inquired of the bill for Water Control Plant. Superintendent Randy Stuffer reported that the control panel needed repaired.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A.) Consideration of reimbursing the demolition of 103 & 105 S. Sangamon Ave.** Randy and Bonnie Arends are nearing the completion to purchase of the properties at 103/105 S. Sangamon and are requesting city financial assistance in the demolition of both buildings, estimated to be \$55,000.00. In discussion, Alderman Jan Hall asked that 50% reimbursement be discussed for fear of setting a precedent to the downtown revitalization and asked for a meeting to discuss this item. Alderman Barb Yergler agreed, as did Alderman John Carlson. Alderman Nelda Jordan inquired as to where the funds would come from since the TIF money has been discontinued. Following extensive discussion, Alderman Dean Kidd motioned to authorize the Mayor to reimburse Randall Arends, Inc. funds in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 for the demolition of the buildings at 103/105 S. Sangamon Street, contingent upon satisfactory evidence of demolition resulting in a level empty lot, with the city providing fill to be transported by the property owner. All work is to be completed pursuant to a bid provided by Lee Excavating per estimate 2014-E080 by reference incorporated herein. All funds are to be paid out of the Downtown Revitalization Fund; seconded by Alderman Scott Davis. MC. 5-3. Aldermen Nelda Jordan, Jan Hall, and John Carlson voted against.
- B.) Consideration of the selling of the 2 city lawn mowers by bid.** Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to authorize the city superintendent to take bids for the sale of two City lawnmowers which have been declared surplus property with the bids to be submitted by Friday, September 5 at 11:00 am.; seconded by Alderman John Carlson. MC 8-0.
- C.) Consideration of Downtown Signs.** Mayor Dickey asked that this item be tabled to next meeting.
- D.) Consideration of accepting price quote for rehabilitation of Well #5.** Superintendent Randy Stauffer reported that he has funds available for the rehabilitation of Well #5 and has received several bids for the project. Alderman John Carlson motioned to award the bid to Municipal Well and Pump not to exceed \$15,000.00; seconded by Alderman Laura Miller. MC 8-0.
- E.) Consideration for the approval of Employment and Compensation of One or More City Employees.** Alderman Dean Kidd reported on the closed personnel meeting. The committee reviewed the applicants for the Street and Alley Department, following the resignation of Kevin Bell, and recommends that the Council approve the hiring of Josh Lindsey at \$14.00/hr. plus benefits, effective August 18, 2014. Alderman Dean Kidd motioned to approve the hiring of Joshua Lindsey at \$14.00/hr. plus benefits, effective August 18, 2014; seconded by Alderman Dennis Pardick. MC 8-0.
- F.) Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss imminent litigation concerning One Earth Energy tax appeals and to discuss the employment and compensation of 1 or more employees; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 8-0.**

Announcements: none

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

APPROVED

ATTEST