

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY  
Monday, February 9, 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, Admin. Assistant Peg Stalter, Police Chief Steve Cushman, Randy Stauffer, Patti Welander (Gibson City Courier), Deb McCullough (WGCV radio), Ryan Ferguson (News Gazette/Paxton Record), Ryan Minion.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by City Attorney Marc Miller.

**Approval of Council Minutes:** Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve the minutes of Jan 26, 2015; seconded by Alderman Laura Miller. MC 8-0.

**Mayor Dickey recognized visitors:** 1.) Ryan Minion requested that barricades be place on Sangamon on Saturday, Oct. 10 for Harvest Fest and a variance for the band that is scheduled to play outside of City Hall. Alderman Dean Kidd motioned to approve October 10 for the event and the layout as proposed blocking 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> streets; seconded by Alderman Scott Davis. Council was poled with 8 ayes / 0 objections.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report.

**Administrative Report:** Admin Assistant Peg Stalter offered no report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Ordinance Committee** –Alderman Jan Hall offered no report.

**Police/Health, Light and Nuisance** – Alderman John Carlson reported on his committee meeting of Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, discussing Lott Blvd.—the removal of the center median between 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> streets and installation of new sidewalk. Expenses will be discussed. The committee will recommend hiring Farnsworth Group to provide engineering. John also requested that the street light at 6<sup>th</sup> street be connected.

**Finance Committee** – Alderman Scott Davis offered no report.

**Personnel Committee** – Alderman Dennis Pardick offered no report.

**Water and Sewer** – Alderman Nelda Jordan offered no report.

**Parks and Buildings** –Alderman Barb Yergler offered no report.

**Economic and Industrial Development** – Alderman Laura Miller reported on her committee meeting of Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**CDAP** – Administrative Assist Peg Stalter reported that all accounts are current with a balance of \$127,848.88.

**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 Laura Miller motioned to approve the one (1) TIF2 bill for \$2925.00.; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 7-0. Alderman John Carlson abstained as he owns property in the TIF.

**TIF3 bills:** Alderman John Carlson motioned to approve the one (1) check for \$6900.00; seconded by Alderman Nelda Jordan. MC. 6-2. Aldermen Laura Miller and Scott Davis abstained as they own property in the TIF.

**General Bills:** Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve the general bills totaling \$ 85,085.37 seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 8-0. .

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A.) Consideration to hire Hotel and Leisure Advisor, LLC to conduct feasibility study.** Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to hire Hotel and Leisure Advisor, LLC to conduct the feasibility study with funds from TIF3 and not to exceed \$14000.00; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 6-2. Aldermen Scott Davis and Laura Miller abstained as they own property in the TIF.
- B.) Consideration to hire Farnsworth Group for engineering for Lott Blvd. project.** The council put this item in old business for the next meeting, in order to obtain more information.
- C.) Consideration of motion directing the City attorney, in consultation with the Mayor, to prepare a Resolution taking a position on the assessment valuation challenge involving One Earth Energy.** Alderman Jan Hall motioned that the City wants to go on record as being supportive of local businesses and of the school district. It has acted in good faith and will continue to work with everyone in a fair manner., the One Earth Energy tax assessment issue began in 2009 and the city is prepared to accept a negotiated amount that it believes to be fair to all concerned, the City has heard from One Earth Energy and believes that it is more than ready to accept a negotiated assessment figure, and that the City is publicly asking that the school district enter into a conversation with both us and OEE and put this issue to rest for the benefit of all concerned; seconded by Alderman John Carlson. MC 6-1. Alderman Dennis Pardick was present, but did not vote and Alderman Dean Kidd voted against.
- D.) Consideration of TIF eligible expense for Nicor gas main extension.** Aldermen Dean Kidd motioned to provide funding not to exceed \$34000.00 to provide gas extension for Hollybrook which will be paid back with June tax; seconded by Alderman Scott Davis. MC 6-1. Alderman John Carlson abstained as he owns property in the TIF and Alderman Jan Hall voted against.

**Announcements:** Mayor Dickey announced he has received the resignation letter of Jr. Alderman Faith Duke, effective February 1<sup>st</sup> and thanked her for her service.

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

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