

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY
Monday, October 13, 2014

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), Dylan Sitton, Ross Brown, Karen Kummerow, Ellen Lee, Diana Stauffer, Miranda Leonard, Jayne Tjardes.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Scout Dylan Sitton of Troop 29.

Approval of Council Minutes: Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve the minutes of Sept. 22, 2014; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 8-0. No discussion or corrections.

Mayor Dickey recognized visitors: 1.) Diana Stauffer requested that Sangamon Ave. be closed between 8th and 9th Streets from 4-7 pm on Tuesday, October 28 for the Octoberfest Celebration. Council approved the request. 2.) Dylan Sitton of Troop 29 reported that his troop is looking for projects around town that they might paint and asked that the City supply the paint. Council approved supplying paint for this volunteer project and asked that the troop contact Randy Stauffer.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Administrative Report: Admin Assist Peg Stalter offered no report. City Clerk Carla Moxley announced that packets are available in the office for applicants for the April 7, 2015 election. Seats becoming vacant are Ward 1 (currently held by Dean Kidd, Ward 2 (currently held by Nelda Jordan), Ward 3 (currently held by Scott Davis) and Ward 4 (currently held by Laura Miller).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ordinance Committee – Alderman Jan Hall offered no report.

Streets and Alley – Alderman John Carlson inquired of the presence of barricades on W. 9th Street at the RR crossing. Randy Stauffer reported they are there during the repair to that crossing which has been delayed by the weather. No additional reports offered.

Police/Health, Light and Nuisance – Chief Cushman reported he has purchased a box trailer for storage of supplies at the Gun Range, purchased for \$1800.00, which is less than he originally expected. The trailer was delivered and placed at the Range and is in excellent condition.

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 and Randy Stauffer reported that the city has 34 acres of farm land at the industrial site and that Jerry Oyer has farmed from 1988 to the present. He will no longer be able to farm that land and the City will be advertising for a replacement to farm that area.

CDAP – Admin Assist. Peg Stalter reported that all accounts are current with a balance of \$160,496.09.

Pool Board – Alderman Dean Kidd offered no report.

Recycling Board – Alderman Nelda Jordan offered no report.

Downtown Committee – Alderman Barb Yergler offered no report. The committee will be meeting at the Railside on November 13.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A.) **Logistics of Holiday Parade.** Miranda Leonard reported that the committee has decided to erect the Christmas Tree south of City Hall on November 8th, with a rain date of November 15th. The site has cables for securing the tree and electricity for the lights. She also requested picnic tables be brought to the tent area on Parade Day. Council asked her to speak to Randy Stauffer on this matter and with Chief Cushman on the road closings and police presence. No further action was taken by the Council.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

TIF2 bills: Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve the six (6) TIF2 bills for \$921,812.94 seconded by Alderman Laura Miller. Alderman John Carlson owns property in the TIF and abstained. MC 7-0.

TIF3 bills: Alderman John Carlson motioned to approve the one (1) TIF3 bill for \$4,035.96; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. Aldermen Laura Miller and Scott Davis own property in the TIF and abstained. MC 6-0.

General Bills: Alderman Laura Miller motioned to approve the general bills totaling \$178,458.15 seconded by Alderman John Carlson. Alderman Carlson inquired of the plumbing bill for the North Park and Randy identified this as repair to the faucets. Alderman Hall inquired about the vehicle repair bill of \$5000.00 and Randy identified this as repairs to the 4 wheel utility truck. MC 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A.) **Consideration of Approval of final plans for Carley Subdivision.** Ellen Lee presented the final plat for the Carley Subdivision and requested that the appropriate persons sign. Alderman Dean Kidd motioned to approve the final plat for the Carley Subdivision and authorize the Mayor and appropriate persons to sign; seconded by Jan Hall. MC. 8 ayes/ no objections.
- B.) **Consideration to Ordinance (2014-O-11), for a variance for Scott's Pharmacy outdoor sign.** Alderman Jan Hall motioned to approve Ordinance 2014-0-11, providing a variance for a new sign at Scott's Pharmacy, located at 220 N. Sangamon; seconded by Alderman Dean Kidd. MC 8 ayes/ 0 objections.
- C.) **Consideration of Mayor's Appointment of Kevin Seymour to the Recycling Board.** Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to approve the Mayor's Appointment of Kevin Seymour to the Recycling Board; seconded by Alderman Scott Davis. MC 8 ayes/ no objections.
- D.) **Consideration of Ordinance (2014-O-12, authorizing Northern Illinois Gas Company (dba Nicor Gas Company), its successors and assigns, to construct, operate and maintain a gas distribution system in and through the City of Gibson City.** Attorney Marc Miller recommends approving this Ordinance, which is non exclusive. Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to approve Ordinance 2014-O-12, authorizing Northern Illinois Gas Company (dba Nicor Gas Company), its successors and assign, to construct, operate and maintain a gas distribution system in and through Gibson City for a term of 50 years; seconded by Alderman Dean Kidd. MC 8-0. 0
- E.) **Set Trick or Treat Hours.** With a brief discussion, Alderman John Carlson motioned to approve Trick or Treat hours for Friday, October 31 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm; seconded by Alderman Scott Davis. MC. 8 ayes/ 0 objections.

Announcements: Randy Stauffer reported that his department is ready to begin leaf pickup and reminded that no yard waste is included in the pick up. Leaves should be raked to the curb, not in the street.

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

APPROVED

ATTEST