

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY  
Tuesday, May 26, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Dennis Pardick.

**Roll Call:** Ward #1 Barb Yergler, present; Brandon Roderick, 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, City Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Police Chief Steve Cushman, Patti Welander (Gibson City Courier), Deb McCullough (WGCY radio), Ryan Ferguson (News Gazette/Paxton Record), Jim Hoffman, Susie Tongate, Greg Cook, Dennis Cummins, Bruce Killian.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Chief Steve Cushman.

Jan Hall motioned to approve Dennis Pardick as Mayor Pro-Tem for this meeting; second by Laura Miller. Council agreed with 7 ayes/ 0 against.

**Approval of Council Minutes:** Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve the minutes of May 11, 2015; seconded by Alderman Barb Yergler. MC 8-0. No discussion.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Pardick recognized visitors:** Bruce Killian requested use of the area adjacent to City Hall for a car wash hosted by OLOL Church for the youth of the Parish to be held May 30<sup>th</sup> from 8am to noon. Barricades are needed. Council approved this request.

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

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**Street and Alley** – John Carlson reported on his committee meeting of May 20<sup>th</sup> with discussion being the Lott Blvd. Project. The committee reviewed the drawings with Randy Stauffer offering several suggestions concerning 20 ft. radius at the corners of 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> streets and a matching 15 ft. radius at the SE corner of 13<sup>th</sup>. Greg Cook took these suggestions to review and make the changes.

**Police/Health, Light and Nuisance** – Alderman Brandon Roderick offered no report.

**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 reported on the May 18<sup>th</sup> committee meeting held at the North Park to review the plans for the Rotary Club Project. Alderman Yergler motioned to approve the removal of the planter and move the playground equipment and the Bear to the State Street Park; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. Council approved with 8 ayes/ 0 objections.

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

**CDAP** – City Admin Assist Peg Stalter offered no report.

**Pool Board** –Alderman Brandon Roderick offered no report.

**Recycling Board**– Alderman Nelda Jordan offered no report.

**Downtown Committee** – Alderman Barb Yergler offered no report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A.) **Consideration of Ordinance 2015-O-04, approving and authorizing the execution of a professional services agreement for the establishment and administration of Gibson City Tax Increment Financing District IV (4) by and between Jacob & Klein, LTD, and the Economic Group, LTD, and the City of Gibson, Ford County, IL.** Alderman Jan Hall motioned to approve Ordinance 2015-O-04 as written with a 3 year auto renewal; second by Alderman Laura Miller. MC 7-1. Alderman John Carlson voting against.

B.) **Consideration of Cleaning Contract for 2015/2016, presented by Melissa Cushman.** Alderman Jan Hall motioned to table this item and advertise this job for bids; second by Alderman Barb Yergler. MC 8-0.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

**TIF2 bills:** Alderman Laura Miller motioned to approve the two (2) TIF2 bills for \$1015.00; seconded by Alderman Brandon Roderick. MC 7-1. Alderman John Carlson owns property in the TIF and abstained.

**General Bills totaling \$73,766.78:** Alderman Jan Hall motioned to approve the general bills; seconded by Alderman Scott Davis. MC 8-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A.) Consideration of 2015-2016 Fiscal Year committee appointments.** Alderman Scott Davis motioned to approve committee appointments; second by Alderman Brandon Roderick. MC 8-0
- B.) Consideration of Water Rate increase.** Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to increase the water rate by 25% across the board and authorize Attorney Marc Miller to prepare the paperwork for the increase; second by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 7-1. Alderman John Carlson voting against.
- C.) Consideration of Sewer Rate Increase.** Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to increase the sewer rates by 25% across the board and authorize Attorney Marc Miller to prepare the paperwork; second by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 7-1. Alderman John Carlson voting against.
- D.) Consideration of Rt.47 Lift Station Rehabilitation bids.** Randy Stauffer reported that he had received bids ranging from \$30,335.00 to \$67,000.0 and recommends that the council approve the bid from FloTechniques of \$39,335.00. Alderman Nelda Jordan motioned to approve the bid, not to exceed \$39,335.00 from FloTechniques; second by Alderman John Carlson. MC 8-0.
- E.) Consideration to have City Superintendent Randy Stauffer to hire Farnsworth Group to prepare estimated for the additional surveying/engineering costs for the Lott Blvd. Project.** Greg Cook offered his report of the need for additional surveying to amend the plans. Mayor Pro-Tem Pardick commented that Mayor Dickey did not feel that the project would happen this year. He also wanted clarification that the additional work needed to be done is only to amend the project plans and not to proceed to the bidding process. Alderman John Carlson motioned to authorize Randy Stauffer to hire Farnsworth Group to amend the plans and do additional surveying and engineering for the Lott Blvd. project, not to exceed \$19,221.00 (\$7900.00 for administration and survey and \$12,000.00 for plan changes); second by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 8-0.
- F.) Consideration to purchase banners/signs for the ‘Hot Rod Power Tour’.** Susie Tongate of the Chamber of Commerce reported that the tour will be coming to Parkland on June 7<sup>th</sup> and that 400 tickets to the Harvest Moon Drive-in have been purchased for that evening. With the influx of persons coming into Gibson, the Chamber requests 3 banners welcoming them to Gibson City. Alderman Scott Davis motioned to approve the purchase of 3 banners, not to exceed \$500.00 from the marketing budget; second by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 8-0.
- G.) Alderman Jan Hall motioned to enter into Executive Session to consider the employment/compensation of 1 or more City Employees; second by Alderman Scott Davis. MC 8-0.**
- H.) Return to open session to approve the employment/compensation of 1 or more City Employees.** Alderman Jan Hall motioned to approve hiring Cathy Monical at \$14.00/hour plus benefits for the Police Department, to take retiring Terri Benningfield’s position; second by Alderman Laura Miller. MC 8-0.

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

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