

BUDGET WORKSHOP AND REGULAR SESSION February 1, 2016

The City Council of Gilbertville, Iowa held a budget workshop February 1, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Thome and Council members present: Ramaker, Balvanz, Meinert, and Becker. French was absent. Budget worksheets were reviewed and questions were answered by department heads. Budget work shop

Police and Fire budgets are set.

Public Works Director (PWD) Delagardelle is budgeting for upgrading more intakes on 5th street. Parks are in good shape. A sidewalk project is planned to be done LMI funds.

Discussion was held on other areas where cuts may be possible and where we stand with outstanding debt.

Mayor Thome called the February 1, 2016 meeting to order. Council members present: Ramaker, Balvanz, Meinert, French and Becker. Quorum present. Call to order

Mayor Thome led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Meinert, seconded by French to approve the February 1, 2016 regular session agenda. Ayes - Five. Motion carried. Approve Agenda

Motion by French, seconded by Balvanz to approve the consent agenda: 1) Minutes of the January 18, 2016 regular meeting; 2) Payment of bills and transfers; 3) Utility Billing Reconciliation for the month of January 2016; 4) Approve Clerk/Treasurers report for July, August, and September. Ayes – Five. Motion carried. Consent Agenda

Mayor Thome opened the hearing on water/sewer disconnection at 7:02 p.m. for nonpayment of the bill. Motion by Meinert, seconded by French to close the hearing at 7:03 p.m. Ayes - Five. Motion carried. PH for water disconnect non payment

Motion by Balvanz, seconded by Ramaker to authorize PWD Delagardelle to disconnect service, resident will be required to pay the arrears and a \$50 reconnect fee prior to service restoration. Ayes – Five. Motion carried. Approve disconnect

Motion by Becker, seconded by French approving the third and final reading and place on file Ordinance 295 approving amending provisions pertaining to increasing the collection of solid waste adding a \$1.00 to increase from \$11.90 to \$12.90. The increase is due to increased land fill fees. Ayes - Five. Motion carried. 3rd final Ord 295 garbage increase

Motion by Becker, seconded by Ramaker to adopt Ordinance 295 pertaining to collection of solid waste. Ayes Five. Motion carried. Adopt Ord 295 garbage increase

Discussion was held on the possibility of trading in the public works vehicle. With the low miles and still being under warranty a trade could be made for a low cost. It was decided to have further discussion or action after the budget is finalized. pw vehicle

Motion by Meinert, seconded by Balvanz to reconsider and rescind the appointment of an individual that had previously been approved to the fire department. The decision was due to some discrepancies that have arisen. Ayes - Five. Motion carried. Reconsider previous FD approval

Motion by Becker, seconded Balvanz to set March 7, 2016 as public hearing date for the proposed 16/17 budget. PH set for 16/17 budget

Reports: Reports PD

Police Department: Chief Bauwens reported business as usual.

Fire: Assistant Chief Johnson reported the Fire Association is working on a couple fund raisers. Reports Fire

Public Works: PWD Delagardelle reported the Engineer has been working on the land development and the best options for storm drainage. He gave an update on the progress of the WWTP, public works building, well house the well is up and running. Reports PWD

Clerk: Clerk Etringer remind everyone the next meeting will be Tuesday, February 16th due to the President's Day, Monday the 15th. Reports Clerk

Motion by Meinert, seconded by Balvanz to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Ayes – Five. Motion carried. Adjourn

Mark Thome, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jean Etringer, City Clerk