

The City Council of Gilbertville, Iowa held a budget workshop session at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall council members present: Meinert, Balvanz. Becker and Ramaker. French absent. Quorum present.

Budget workshop

Council reviewed the budget numbers a few minor adjustments were made. The revised budget will be reviewed at the next meeting and a public hearing date will be set.

Mayor Thome Called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Sharon Mayer gave the invocation, Mayor Thome led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Meinert/Becker to approve the February 6, 2017 regular session agenda. Ayes - Four. Motion carried.

Approve Agenda

Motion by Balvanz/Ramaker to approve the following items listed on the consent agenda: 1) Minutes of the January 16, 2017 meeting minutes; 2) Payment of bills, revenues and transfers; 3) Utility Bill reconciliation report for January 2017; 4) Clerk Treasurer Report for January 2017. Ayes – Four. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Thome opened the public hearing on water/sewer disconnection at 7:02 p.m. for nonpayment of the bill. Clerk Etringer stated there was two delinquent accounts. Motion by Becker/Balvanz to close the hearing at 7:03 p.m. Ayes—Four. Motion carried

PH water disconnect

Motion by Becker/Ramaker to authorize PWD Delagardelle to disconnect services, residents will be required to pay arrears and \$50.00 reconnect fee prior to restoration. Ayes—Four. Motion carried.

Approval to disconnect

Troy Belmer with Advanced systems presented a proposal for a new colored copier which would be cheaper than the contract on the existing black and white copier. The current contract is up in June. We did have a second quote, which was about \$25.00 a month less, that bid did not include the price to ship the old copier back, which can be costly. Advanced Systems will ship the copier back. It was decided to keep the local company that we the scanner with and have done business with for years. Motion by Becker/Meinert to approve a 60 month lease for a copier with Advance Systems. Ayes—Four. Motion carried.

Contract for color copier

Members from the Fire department have contacted a land owner to purchase a piece of land just north of Casey’s. It would be 200x250 deep to the east, which would extend past the car wash. Becker questioned why we would purchase land when the City owns land by the water tower. The location of that land was a concern, having to go through residential areas and making the corner on 21st Ave out to 20th Ave. The proposed location would give immediate access to the highway and quicker access any direction. Fees in addition to the cost of the land were discussed. The Fire and Police departments can apply for several grants once a location is obtained. They are also planning on doing fund raisers to help with matching funds needed. Motion by Balvanz/Ramaker to approve the Fire department to proceed with presenting a proposal for the purchase of land for a new Community Emergency response building. Ayes—Three. Meinert abstained. Motion carried.

New Comm Emergency response bldg.

Motion by Becker/Meinert to table Resolution 2017-2026 approving the proposed Employee Handbook until the February 21, meeting when everyone has more time to review it. Mayor Thome asked Clerk Etringer to provide a list of changes for council to review. Ayes—Four. Motion carried.

Table Res 17-2026 emp hand book

Motion by Ramaker to use PTO for all time away from work. Due to a lack of a second the motion did not pass. Motion by Becker/Meinert to allow make up time rather than using PTO if extra hours have been worked in the week. Ayes—Three. Ramaker—Nay. Motion carried.

Make up time vs PTO

Budget workshop will be held during the next council meeting on Tuesday February 21, 2017.

Next budget workshop

REPORTS:

Public Works: Public Works Director Delagardelle reported the ISO audit was completed last week all went well, they would like some of the electrical updated, and he is waiting for the written report. They removed sludge and are doing some painting. Delagardelle commented they still need heat and electric in the public works building. Becker suggested he start buying a little at a time. Mayor Thome suggested he start getting prices.

Public works

Police: Chief Bauwens reported he had been out for a couple weeks, Assistant Chief Smith took care of things, all going well.

Police

Fire: Chief Johnson reminded everyone of the fund raiser for the new building Saturday, February 25 at the American Legion. It will be a steak fry, auction and dance, hope to see everyone there. The township fire budget meeting went well.

Motion by Becker/Meinert to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Ayes – Four. Motion carried.

Mark Thome, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jean Etringer/City Clerk

