

REGULAR SESSION February 18, 2020

The City Council of Gilbertville, Iowa met in Regular Session Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. with Mayor Thome calling the meeting to order. Council members present: Even, Corbin, Meinert, Becker and Frost. Quorum present.

Janice Roaseur gave the invocation and Mayor Thome led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Meinert, seconded by Corbin to approve February 18, 2020 regular session agenda. Ayes - Five. Motion carried.

Approve Agenda

Motion by Becker, seconded by Even to approve following items listed on the consent agenda: 1) Minutes of the February 3, 2020 regular meeting; 2) Payment of bills, receipts and Transfers and 3) Clerk/Treasurer Report for January 2020. Ayes – Five. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Dan Trelka introduced himself and his wife. He is the retired Police Chief of Waterloo and currently serves on the Board of Supervisors. He explained why he is running for Black Hawk County Sherriff.

Public Comment

Maggie Burger with Speer Financial explained and answered questions on the proposed tax abatement and proposed rebate agreement. The tax abatement program offers abatement on the first \$75,000 of a new home for 5 years. This would be an approximate savings of \$12,810 over 5 years based on a house valued at \$275,000. The proposed rebate agreement plan is an agreement with the developer to provide tax increment financing assistance to the developer over a period of 10 years. The rebate starts after a house has been built and taxes are being paid. This allows the developer to lower lot costs. Low to moderate income (LMI) funds will have to be set aside to be used for LMI projects.

Abatement Plan

Mayor Thome opened the public hearing on the proposed tax levy at 7:30 p.m. Clerk Adamson explained new legislative has been adopted for the budget process to include an additional public hearing on the maximum levy. Motion by Meinert, seconded by Frost to close the public hearing at 7:32 p.m. Ayes- Five. Motion carried.

Levy PH

Motion by Meinert, seconded by Corbin to approve Resolution 2020-2155 approving maximum dollars from certain levies for the city’s proposed fiscal year 2020-2021. Roll call vote. Ayes –Five. Motion carried.

Res 2020-2155 levy

Motion by Becker, seconded by Frost to set a public hearing for the proposed budget for March 2, 2020. Roll call vote. Ayes – Five. Motion carried.

Budget PH

REPORTS

Chief Evans reported the speed sign was delivered and he is working on installing the software.

Public Works Director Werner reported a DNR inspection was completed and everything went well.

Mayor Thome proposed removing President’s Day and offering a floating holiday to employees. Clerk Adamson will prepare an update to the personal policy.

Becker stated he talked to another internet provider and they may be interested in offering internet in the city limits. He explained it sounds like the best method would be for the public ownership and he is looking into this. There is a Broadband summit in Des Moines to discuss better broadband options for communities and rural areas that a representative for the city will attend.

Motion by Becker, seconded by Meinert to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Ayes – Five. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Mark Thome, Mayor

Attest: _____
Teresa Adamson, MMC