

The City Council of Gilbertville, Iowa met in Regular Session on Monday, February 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Fischels calling the meeting to order. Council members present: Savage, Meinert and Becker. Thome and Kavalier absent. Quorum present.

Rita Becker gave the invocation and Mayor Fischels led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge  
of Allegiance

Motion by Meinert, seconded by Savage to approve the February 19, 2013 regular session agenda. Ayes - Three. Motion carried.

Approve  
Agenda

Motion by Becker, seconded by Meinert to approve the following items listed on the consent agenda: 1) Minutes of the February 4, 2013 regular meeting; 2) Resolution 2013-837 authorizing payment of bills; and 3) Clerk/Treasurer Report for the month of January 2013. Ayes – Three. Motion carried.

Consent  
Agenda

Jeff Ortner stated that he had bought a property at 908 9th Street after the Title Company report showed no liens. He subsequently received notice that the property had two months of utility bills in arrears, with another month being charged for current usage. He stated that he wasn't paying for the "arrears" charges and objected paying for services that he wasn't using. Meinert explained that he was responsible for sewage charges since sump pump was still operating in house. Delagardelle said that there was no provision for eliminating the sewer charge according to the Ordinance. Becker stated that the only provision for discontinuing minimum sewer charge would be to dig up and plug the sewer line. Mr. Ortner asked about removing the house entirely, with the drain disconnected and capped, would that eliminate the sewer charge as well as the water? Delagardelle stated that once the line was capped at the property line the house doesn't have to be demolished to remove the charge. Discussion was held over various town's "disconnect" and "activation" fees. Mayor Fischels asked if the property had been purchased recently. Mr. Ortner replied yes but couldn't remember the exact closing date. He will get that information to City Hall so the appropriate corrections in ownership can be made. Mayor Fischels and Council agreed to reconsider the Ordinances.

Jeff Ortner –  
908 9<sup>th</sup> Str.

Fire Chief Curt Bovy requested permission to develop a cost study, plan, and site proposal for a new fire station. In order to apply for any grants he has to have a cost estimate. He reminded the Council that when "401" was purchased the current station had to be revamped. The Department is looking at a building approximately 60' x 120'. The Department is considering a "Dunkerton style" station with conference room and offices in addition to equipment storage. Possible locations include city-owned property next to the water tower or privately owned land by the car-wash. As far as a potential shelter, Bovy stated that the Department doesn't have a generator for emergency back-up. There are "shelters" around the community, the school building and the Legion, but nothing centrally located. Savage stated that combining the Fire Station with the Police Station is a viable option. Further discussion was held regarding concepts of the building, possible locations, and possible funding. Council gave Fire Chief Bovy permission to begin gathering information to be revisited.

Fire Station  
Discussion

Motion by Becker, seconded by Meinert to approve Resolution 2013-838 approving a service contract to Aramark for three years. Ayes – Three. Motion carried.

Res. 2013-838  
Aramark Service  
Contract

Motion by Becker, seconded by Meinert to authorize City Clerk to either determine best quote for painting City Hall if second quote materializes, or accept existing quote. Ayes – Three. Motion carried.

Painting  
City Hall

Department Head Updates:

Police Chief Northland reported that he would like to swap out the door going into the main office for one with a window for safety reasons. You cannot see anyone approaching the door. Also, the southwest corner of the 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 16<sup>th</sup> Street intersection has visibility issues. When cars are parked at the two end spaces on 4<sup>th</sup> Street, it is impossible to see traffic coming north when at the stop sign before entering the intersection from the west. Removing those two parking spaces should eliminate the problem. Measurements will need to be taken so the Ordinance 69.08-No Parking Zones can be amended.

Department  
Head updates

PWD Delagardelle reported that well pump #3 is sucking air and needs taken out of service due to excessive mineral build-up. With a new pump and capacity limiter to prevent air infiltration only about 100 gal per minute can be achieved. There is another option. Jeff from JC Plumbing told of a company from Minnesota that uses a chemical to clean the well. The chemical is \$6,000 with another couple of thousand to pull the pump, agitate the well for the day then reinstall the pump. The company gives a 2-year written guarantee that the well will be able to produce the 210 gal per minute required. Savage questioned any drawbacks to the chemical. PWD Delegardelle replied that the product was eco safe. We still have two wells in town and this could provide the time necessary to deal with IA DNR in the process to drill a new well, since the engineer states that there has to be a new well. Motion by Becker, seconded by Savage to proceed with the chemical treatment. Ayes – Three. Motion carried. PWD Delagardelle stated that the Waste Treatment Plant lift station was

pressure washed by him and Gilligan of Municipal Pipe. The concrete is good and the lift station can be reused as the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of up-grading the Wastewater Plant.

Motion by Becker, seconded by Meinert to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Ayes – Three. Motion carried.

Adjourn

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Harry Fischels, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jane Walters, Deputy City Clerk