

BUDGET WORKSHOP AND REGULAR SESSION February 21, 2017

The City Council of Gilbertville, Iowa met in Regular Session Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. rather than 7:00 P.M. due to a conflict, at City Hall with Mayor Thome calling the meeting to order. Council members present: Ramaker, Balvanz, French and Becker. Quorum present.

Mayor Thome led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by French/Ramaker to approve the February 21 regular session agenda. Ayes - Four. Motion carried.

Approve Agenda

Motion by French/Ramaker to approve the consent agenda: 1) Minutes of the February 6, 2017 regular meeting; 2) Payment of bills; 3) Approval of Liquor License renewal for the Cornerstone Restaurant and Lounge, outdoor service and Sunday sales. Ayes – Four. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Reports:

Clerk Etringer reported she attended a seminar on TIFF and Urban Renewal with was beneficial. She had a concerned citizen call about the water bill, explaining to her some of the reasons of the increases and should be remain consistent for a while. Computer WORX stopped to look at what it would take to set all departments up on Microsoft outlook. He said emails would need to change and everyone would need to operate through outlook. Council member French didn't think it would be an issue to set it up. He will get with City Hall to see what further needs to be done. Salaries were published in the Courier on February 15, 2017.

Clerk

Public Works Director Delagardelle reported he has been working with the technician on the signals at the wastewater treatment plant. There was a small issue with the nitrate levels, but the last test was good. There was a problem with one of the sanders, both are in good working condition now.

PWD

Mayor Thome reported they met with a potential developer, the engineer may have a less expensive way of developing the land. There are about 18 lots they would like to get started on as soon as possible. He reminded everyone of the Fire/Police Department fund raiser Saturday February 25th at the Legion. Councilmember Becker reminded everyone that Men's softball league would be starting up. There may be potential for a mixed league. Mayor Thome stated anything other than Men's league and T-Ball would have to be approved by City Council.

Mayor

There was nothing to discuss for the budget workshop

Motion by Ramaker/Balvanz to set the date of March 6, 2017 at 7:00 for a public hearing for the 2017/2018 budget. Ayes—Four. Motion carried

Date for budget PH

Motion by Becker/Balvanz to approve PWD to attend a Water Works Operators Meeting and a Collection System Conference the first week of March. Ayes—Four. Motion carried

PWD to attend seminars

City Council had been working on revising the employee handbook and In December 2016 the Council voted to no longer pay employees 50% of the cost of the health insurance premium as per the employee handbook. A request was made by an employee to reconsider this because he opted out of the health insurance and the new handbook has not been approved. Motion by Becker/Ramaker. Ayes - Four Motion carried

50% ins payout

Motion by Becker/Balvanz approving the proposed amended Employee Handbook, with a few minor wording changes. Ayes - Four. Motion carried

Approve handbook

Mayor Thome opened the public hearing at 7:10 P.M. on the amended 2016/2017 budget. No oral or written comments on file. The amendment included an increase in public safety for the new police car to cover what the grand did not cover. An increase in Business/Enterprise expenditures for the water tower repairs and the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP). Revenue funds from an SRF loan for the WWTP. Community Day funds were transferred back to that account. Part of debt payment budgeted for in Community and Economic Development. Motion by Becker/Balvanz to close the hearing. Ayes Four. Motion carried.

PH amended budget 16/17

Motion by Balvanz/French to approve Resolution 2017-2024 approving the amended 2016/2017 budget. Ayes—Four. Motion carried.

Res 2024 amended bud

Engineer Madden was here to explain and present pay request #11 for the WWTP. He said all retainage is being released except about 1%. Things should be finalized and finished up in about two weeks and he will be back with the final pay request. Motion by Becker/Balvanz to approve Resolution 2017-2025 approving pay request #11 for \$103,900.29 to WRH for the WWTP. Ayes - Four. Motion carried.

Motion by Becker/French to adjourn at 7:21 P.M. Ayes – Four. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Mark Thome, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jean Etringer, City Clerk