

BUDGET WORKSHOP AND REGULAR SESSION March 20, 2017

The City Council of Gilbertville, Iowa met in Regular Session Monday, March 20, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. with Mayor Thome calling the meeting to order. Council members present: Ramaker, Balvanz, French and Meinert. Becker absent. Quorum present.

Mayor Thome led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Meinert/French to approve the March 20, 2017 regular session agenda. Ayes - Four. Motion carried.

Approve Agenda

Motion by French/Ramaker to approve the consent agenda: 1) Minutes of the February 21, 2017 regular meeting; 2) Payment of bills; 3) Approval of Liquor License renewal with outdoor service and Sunday sales for the Tenth Inning. Ayes – Four. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Reports:

Police: Chief Bauwens reported the security cameras have been installed. He purchased at Best Buy and installed himself, therefore saving several thousand dollars from hiring it out. The officers have been busy, there have been several arrest for people driving without a license.

Police

Policy: Meinert stated there are concerns the dumpster for yard waste is too high for some to reach to throw waste in. It was discussed we couldn't go smaller. Balvanz had a concern with his neighbor's yard being torn up by the garbage truck when the containers are picked up. Clerk Etringer will check with Black Waste Disposal on both issues.

Policy

Motion by French/Meinert to approve Resolution 2017-2028 approving the Official Signatories at Farmers State Bank. Roll call vote. Ayes—Four. Motion carried

Res 2028 Signatories

Motion by Ramaker/French to approve Resolution 2017-2037 approving a service agreement with Shuck-Briston Inc. for bridge and culvert inspection. Roll call vote. Ayes—Four. Motion carried

Res 2037 bridge inspec

Motion by Meinert/French to receive and place on file resignation from Jeff Thome, Maintenance Employee, effective March 31, 2017. Ayes – Four. Motion carried

Jeff Thome resignation

Mayor Thome began the discussion on hiring a Public Work Director and Public Works Employee. He stated he has been in discussions with the DNR representative in charge of our region and questioning what we would need to be in compliance until someone was hired. It was discovered late this afternoon that our facility is actual a grade 2 and not a grade 3. This will make the hiring process much easier, the regulations are not as strict for a Grade 2. This will also allow us to hire and Affidavit Operator to help out until a Grade 2 is hired. Mayor Thome is in contact with a local individual who is putting a proposal together to provide the necessary services to the City to be in compliance until someone is hired. Chief Bauwens and Balvanz will meet with Public Works employee Thome to learn the daily procedures for water and sewer, they can complete those duties under the supervision of the Affidavit Operator until someone is hired. Motion by Balvanz/French to give the Mayor permission to make the necessary decisions to get things done to be in compliance with the DNR until the next meeting for any contract approval or hiring decisions. Ayes - Four. Motion carried

Discussion on PWD and PWE

Ramaker asked what our options are when it comes to a Building Inspector, Mayor Thome stated he has talked to various surrounding Cities regarding a building inspector. The Evansdale inspector is willing to help out but he is on vacation this week. Motion by Balvanz/Ramaker to approve Mayor Thome to approach the Evansdale inspector to discuss a contract to bring to council for approval. Ayes Four. Motion carried.

Building Insp

Motion by Meinert/French to adjourn at 8:01 P.M. Ayes – Four. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Mark Thome, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jean Etringer, City Clerk