

The City Council of Gilbertville, Iowa met in Regular Session on Monday, April 1, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Fischels calling the meeting to order. Council members present: Kavalier, Meinert, Thome and Becker. Savage was absent. Quorum present.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Meinert, seconded by Thome to approve the April 1, 2013 regular session agenda. Ayes - Four. Motion carried.

Approve Agenda

Motion by Thome, seconded by Kavalier to approve the following items listed on the consent agenda: 1) Minutes of the March 18, 2013 regular meeting; 2) Resolution 2013-844 authorizing payment of bills; 3) Utility Billing Reconciliation for the month of March, 2013; and 4) Approval of application from Tedd Schmitz to the Gilbertville Volunteer Fire Department. Ayes - Four. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Thome explained that the City is interested in purchasing land for growth opportunities and a possible future fire station. Garald Brusktern stated he is interested in selling all the land or developing it depending on what the City contribution be. Becker stated the City may be interested in buying the land and developing it. Garald stated a previous developer had drawn up a lot plan for the area that included 56 lots. It was agreed the lots were too small and would need to be made bigger. There is approximately 22 acres available. Thome reviewed an example of a Development deal the City of Denver did to encourage new houses. Becker stated there are other Cities in the area that have used TIF funds to aid in developing. Motion by Becker, seconded by Thome to invite a representative from Speer Financial and Attorney McCoy to the next meeting to discuss options. Ayes- Four. Motion carried.

Garald Brusktern

No water disconnection hearing was held.

Water/sewer hearing

A request was received from the Cedar Valley Nature Trail Bridge to Bridge Dedication Committee for a \$50 donation to aid in supporting a water bottle give away at the Bridge to Bridge dedication ceremony. The water bottle will list each town the trail passes through. In 2008 The Cedar Valley Nature Trail bridges in Evansdale and at McFarlane Park were destroyed. The Evansdale Bridge was completed and dedicated in 2011 and May 4, 2013 the bridge at McFarlane Park will be dedicated. Motion by Kavalier, seconded by Becker to approve a \$50 donation to support the water bottle give away. Ayes - Four. Motion carried.

Donation bridge dedication

Department Head Updates: Police Chief Northland reported he had court this week. He will be attending training next Wednesday and Thursday and attending court for a car theft. Becker asked Chief Northland to get the ball schedules from the school. Fire Chief Bovy stated they are having a propane tank training May 4th and need an area the size of a football field to hold training and asked if the land by the water tower could be used. PWD Delagardelle stated he didn't see a problem with training there but it may be muddy if it doesn't dry up. Chief Bovy questioned if all the information for billing on Fire calls had been done. Clerk Adamson stated she had forwarded him all the information and reminded everyone that in the past when billing had been done collection was a problem. Mayor Fischels believes the department should be able to bill because townships are at their maximum asking. Chief Bovy and Mayor Fischels met with Poyner Township Trustees and they are requesting Raymond take over part of the fire district. PWD Delagardelle reported the well has been tested to determine if the chemical would work to correct the problem and we are waiting on the results. He reviewed a map from Engineer Claaseen showing potential signage and street painting to correct the problem where it curves on 5th Street. He estimated the cost for signs and painting to be approximately \$1,000. The area would be no parking except on Sunday or holidays. Thome reported he had been contacted by Braley's office a few times and they are working on helping with the Census.

Department Head updates

Motion by Meinert, seconded by Kavalier to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Ayes - Five. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Harry Fischels, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Adamson, MMC, City Clerk