

REGULAR SESSION April 19, 2021

The City Council of Gilbertville, Iowa met in Regular Session Monday, April 19, 2021. Mayor Thome called the meeting to order. Council members present: Even, Frost, Perry, Meinert and Becker. Quorum present.

Sharon Mayer gave the invocation and Mayor Thome led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Becker, seconded by Meinert to approve the April 19, 2021 regular session agenda. Ayes - Five. Motion carried.

Motion by Even, seconded by Perry to approve following items listed on the consent agenda: 1) Minutes of the April 5, 2021 regular meeting; 2) Payment of bills, receipts and transfers; 3) Clerk/Treasurer Report March 2021; 4) Utility Reconciliation for the month of April 2021 and 5) Casey's Cigarette Permit. Ayes – Five. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Public Comment – Randy Mangrich expressed concerns about the no parking on the South East side of the 1400 block of 5th Street request.

Public Comment

Discussion was held on ball diamond rental procedures. The city will drag the diamonds for children's league games and on weekends the diamonds are rented. People using the diamonds will be responsible for chalking and moving the bases.

Ball Diamond
Rental Procedures

John Johnson (JJ) was present via telephone. He is requesting parking be allowed on the South east Side of the 1400 block of 5th Street in front of his business Cornerstone Bar & Grill. He would like to have two parking spaces one being a handicap parking spot. He talked to the person living next door and they did not have a problem with having a couple parking spots in front of the Cornerstone. He stated there had been talk about it causing a safety issue. The stop sign at the intersection of 13th and 5th is 8 to 10 feet from the corner of the building and the stop sign at his intersection is at the corner of the building making it more visible. Becker stated he doesn't want to choose which block should have parking and have 1 block with parking and 1 without parking. He said the business district has parking. JJ asked why he is not considered in the business district because that is what he pays for taxes. He feels as a business owner he gives back to the community and would like a handicap parking spot in front of his building. Mayor Thome explained Chief Evans recommended no parking or making parking on the entire street but he prefers no parking for safety reasons. Meinert asked if he would mind having parking on the opposite side of the street because it would be less of an intersection problem. She would like to see a bike trail. A plan for bike trails in Gilbertville were discussed at a meeting with a representative from INRCOG. Frost agrees with JJ that he is a business owner in the business district and should have parking. Parking on 5th shouldn't be any different than other businesses are allowed. He is making his decision on snow removal and safety using public works and police recommendations. Perry sees his point but feels it is a safety issue and is going with the Police Chief's advice and does not want to make any changes. Motion by Becker, seconded by Perry to keep parking the same. Ayes – Becker and Perry. Nays – Meinert and Frost. Even abstained nay. Motion did not carry.

Parking on SE Side 5th
St.

Motion by Perry, seconded by Meinert to approve Resolution 2021-2199 Black Hawk waste Disposal contract for three years beginning July 1, 2021. Roll call vote. Ayes – Five. Motion carried. The contract has no rate increase, no pull charges and one free city wide clean up a year.

Res 2021-2199 BH
Waste Contract

Gabriele Edwards, Urban Forestry Program Specialist from The Department of Natural Resources Forestry Department conducted a tree inventory in the summer of 2020. She submitted a proposed Urban Forest Management plan to be used as a resource and included recommendations on tree care and management in the city. Council will review the plan and it will be placed on the next agenda.

DNR Tree Inventory
and plan

Bertch Cabinet is picking up the splash pad May 5th. Bergen is going to start the plumbing next week and Public Works will dig out the dirt and put gravel in to prepare the site.

Reports:

Police – Clerk Adamson reported Evans, French and Brokaw attended the funeral for the fallen Trooper representing Gilbertville, Jesup and Anamosa. They will be working on property cleanup.

Reports

Public Works Director Werner reported the limb behind the tree will be taken down this week. Big thanks to Max Ortner, Landon Frost and Ty Purdy for helping install the ball diamond fence topper.

Motion by Becker, seconded by Meinert to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Ayes –Five. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Mark Thome, Mayor

Teresa Adamson, MMC