

BUDGET WORKSHOP AND REGULAR SESSION MAY 01, 2017

The City Council of Gilbertville, Iowa met in Regular Session Monday, April 03, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. with Mayor Thome calling the meeting to order. Council members present: Balvanz, Ramaker, Meinert, and Becker. French absent. Quorum present.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Meinert/Ramaker to approve the May 1, 2017 regular session agenda. Ayes - Four. Motion carried.

Approve Agenda

Motion by Balvanz/Becker to approve the consent agenda; 1) Minutes of the April 17, 2017 regular meeting; 2) Utility bill reconciliation report for April 2017; 3) Payment of bills and transfers; Ayes – Four. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Public Comment: None

Mayor Thome opened the public hearing at 7:03 to approve water/sewer disconnection for non-payment. Clerk Etringer reported there are two delinquent properties. Motion by Becker/Balvanz to close the public hearing. Ayes—Four. Motion carried

P H Water disconnect

Motion by Becker/Meinert to authorize the service to be disconnected and prior to reconnect the residents will be required to pay the arrears and a \$50.00 reconnect fee. Ayes—Four. Motion carried.

Water disconnect

Blane Benham from Black Hawk Waste presented some cost factors for the council to look at. He averaged the cost for the last three years the City is incurring for city wide clean up and yard waste. City wide cleanup has averaged about \$1,350.00, yard waste averages about \$4,850.00 a year. Couple things to think about; most cities do a general site for City wide cleanup, which would reduce the cost, and/or adding a small cost to the monthly bill to help offset the rising cost. City clean up would be about .33 a month and yard waste would be about \$1.18 a month. Council decided it would be put on next agenda for discussion. Mayor Thome thanked Benham for the good job Black Hawk Waste does for the City. Motion by Becker/Balvanz to approve Resolution 2017-2040 to approve a one year extension to the contract with Black Hawk Waste. Ayes—Four. Motion carried

Res 17-2040 1 year extension to BH Waste contract

Motion by Balvanz/Becker to approve the employment offer for the Public Works Director. Ayes - Four. Motion carried.

PWD emp contract

Motion Ramaker/Balvanz to approve the employment offer for the Public Works Employee. Ayes—Four. Motion carried.

PWE employ contract

Motion by Balvanz/Ramaker to approve a cell phone reimbursement for Public Works Director and Public Works. Ayes—Three. Nay—Meinert.

Cell phone reimb

Mayor Thome stated funding for an HSA account was not discussed at the time of hire. Motion by Balvanz/Ramaker to approve funding the HSA at a prorated amount effective June 1, 2017. Ayes—Four. Motion carried.

HSA funding new employ

Motion by Becker/Meinert to set a public hearing date of May 15, 2017 for budget amendment. Ayes—Four. Motion carried.

PH budget amend

Reports

Clerk Etringer reported Alma Huck checked the Police AED's, they have two, one is in the vehicle and one needs a new battery and child pads. Mayor Thome approved getting the battery and child pads and at next meeting we can decide where it is needed. Huck has offered to do a training for anyone interested.

Clerk

Mayor Thome advised council the unemployment claim for a prior employee was has been denied, the former employee can file an appeal. Mayor Thome showed the new public works employees around the facilities and discussed some of the duties and things that need to be done. He said a locator will need to be purchased and Even is putting a proposal together for use of his skid loader. Mayor Thome stated the fence by the ball diamonds meets state law requirements but he would like to see it replaced with a better fence to ensure no one gets in and gets hurt. The Engineer for the Developers are putting the final touches on a plan for the land development and our Engineer will put his seal of approval on it. Mayor Thome is waiting to hear back from the potential Developers on a proposal to move forward. A meeting was held with Speer Financial to discuss the legal proceedings to proceed and options in working with the developers. A special meeting may be needed to get things moving once he hears from the Developers.

Mayor

Motion by Becker/Meinert to adjourn at 7:55p.m. Ayes – Four. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Mark Thome, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jean Etringer, City Clerk