

The City Council of Gilbertville, Iowa met in Regular Session on Monday, June 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Fischels calling the meeting to order. Council members present: Meinert, Thome and Becker. Savage and Kavalier were absent. Quorum present.

Carolyn Schmit gave the invocation and Mayor Fischels led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Thome, seconded by Meinert to approve the June 3, 2013 regular session agenda. Ayes - Three. Motion carried.

Approve Agenda

Motion by Becker, seconded by Meinert to approve the following items listed on the consent agenda: 1) Minutes of the May 20, 2013 regular meeting; 2) Resolution 2013-857 authorizing payment of bills; and 3) Utility Billing Reconciliation for the month of May, 2013. Ayes – Three. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Fischels opened the public hearing for the purpose of instituting proceedings to enter into a loan agreement in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,100,000. The funds will be used to refund a current issue for a lower rate and for water and sewer projects. The council decided to proceed with the bond to refund the 2006 Go Bond for water replacement to receive a lower interest rate. The public hearing will allow the city to borrow funds for water or sewer projects if needed when the projects are ready to begin.

PH Bond

Motion by Becker, seconded by Meinert to approve Resolution 2013-858 taking additional action to enter into a Loan Agreement. Roll call vote. Ayes – Three. Motion carried.

Resolution 2013-858 bond

Members of the American Legion were present to discuss curb repairs by the Legion. The city will be replacing approximately forty (40) feet from the driveway and the Legion plans to make repairs to the asphalt and add more asphalt in the parking area.

American Legion curb

Motion by Thome, seconded Meinert to approve Clerk Adamson to attend the Iowa Municipal Professionals Academy in Ames, Iowa. Ayes – Three. Motion carried.

Professional Academy

Motion by Thome, seconded by Meinert to approve the low bid from D & N Fence Company Inc. for the 20' tall back stop in the amount of \$5,795.00 for the ball diamonds. Ayes – Three. Motion carried.

Back stop

PWD Delagardelle had a quote for spraying city property for various weeds from Becker's Four Seasons. Motion by Thome, seconded by Becker to approve the quote to spray for weeds; spraying in the fall and deleting the park shelter by the river and the new water tower properties from the quote for \$1,240.00. Ayes – Three. Motion carried.

Spraying weeds

Motion by Becker, seconded by Meinert to approve the quote from Wieland & Sons Lumber Co. for safety fiber for the playground area in the parks for \$1,800.00. Ayes – Three. Motion carried.

Safety Fiber

Motion by Meinert, seconded by Thome to approve Resolution 2013-859 approving an agreement with Evansdale Public Library for library services for \$6,792.48. Roll call vote. Ayes – Three. Motion carried.

Resolution 2013-859 library

Becker commented that Ordinance 272 and 273 is to suspend the automatic ten percent (10%) yearly increase. In the next 60 days the rates will have to be raised. A new well needs to be installed with an estimated cost of \$300,000. Thome stated he has been receiving phone calls and guessed the people present were here about the water rates. That is the biggest complaint he receives. He understands the well is an expense but maybe at some point we take a chance and if something happens we borrow the money. He feels a ten percent (10%) for three (3) to four (4) years was ridiculous. Becker stated the reality is we are going to have a brand new waste treatment plant, a new well, and have a new water tower and customers will have to pay a minimum of \$60 to \$70 per month. Compared to the other cities around that are running into this and are paying a lot more for service. We are ahead of the curb. Thome stated he wished we would get ahead of the curb on the waste treatment plant because the delays are costing a lot of money. The delays are for various reasons. Becker feels the interest rates will make the difference in cost. Motion by Thome, seconded by Meinert to received and place on file Ordinance 272 amending Gilbertville Code 92.02 water rates. Roll call vote. Ayes – Three. Motion carried.

Ordinance 272 water rates

Motion by Becker, seconded by Thome to approve Ordinance 273 amending Gilbertville Code 99.02 sewer rates. Roll call vote. Ayes – Three. Motion carried.

Ordinance 273 sewer rates

The second and third reading could not be done because a majority of the council was not present.

Department Head Updates: Police Chief Northland reported two (2) signs had been pulled out over the weekend. He is getting quotes to install the gutter at the police station and for a new computer for in the car. PWD Delagardelle reported the person from the water chemistry company doesn't feel anything will be gained as far as capacity by adding the chemical to the well. When the well was televised the camera didn't record so no pictures were taken but a detailed report was submitted. So an agreement has been reached to pay for half the cost for televising. He reviewed an email from the Engineer Claassen: the wet spring should have allowed ample flows with the recently calibrated flow measure devices to support flow information for the DNR. Based upon the proposal last May from SEH (company that designed the water tower and the Engineer is working on subletting some to them) he expected the UB portion could go out to bid in approximately eight (8) weeks. Plus IADNR reviews and remaining portions eight (8) weeks and IADNR review after. PWD stated this meant it should be ready to bid in sixteen (16) weeks. He said we have been meeting effluent levels without treating with UB disinfectant but he believes that is because of the heavy rains. The schedule for the well is largely up to the council. The Engineer believes he could have plans completed in three (3) to four (4) months for submittal to the DNR and approximately two (2) months after bidding could be done. Clerk Adamson put approval of the Engineer preparing plans for a well on the next agenda. The old well would be capped and the building taken down. The new well would be the primary well and well #2 would be used as a backup. Meinert suggested getting cameras installed since chemicals will be used. The electrical will have to be three (3) phases which is a large part of the cost. The cameras at the Veteran's Park are not working and he is in the process of having someone repair them. The intersection of 10th Avenue and 9th Street needs repairs. They are replacing the man hole and lowering it. The curb was repaired today and he is hoping Aspro will be in town later in the week for street repairs. Meinert stated that the computer at the fire station does not work and they will have to replace it and someone will try and find the old files on the computer. Thome reviewed a flyer he received from the City of Denver on a development agreement they had when selling land. Becker will be talking to a few developers who may be interested in developing the land. Thome stated he received a few emails regarding the web page. He stated four (4) council members were in attendance at the meeting and the proposal from Govoffice to provide website services was approved by all four (4). He is not opposed to reviewing it but he believes it also needs to be user friendly which will allow more to be done. The company has experience with city government and other cities use the product. Although, it may cost a little more we will probably get our monies worth. Becker and Meinert agreed with him.

Department Head updates

Motion by Thome, seconded by Meinert to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Ayes – Three. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Harry Fischels, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Adamson, MMC, City Clerk