

REGULAR SESSION June 05, 2017

The City Council of Gilbertville, Iowa met in Regular Session Monday, June 05, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. with Mayor Thome calling the meeting to order. Council members present: Balvanz, Ramaker, Meinert, Becker and French. Quorum present.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Meinert/French to approve the June 5, 2017 regular session agenda. Ayes - Five. Motion carried.

Approve Agenda

Motion by Becker/Ramaker to approve the consent agenda; 1) Minutes of the May 15, 2017 regular meeting and May 30, 2017 special meeting; 2) Utility bill reconciliation report for May 2017; 3) Payment of bills and transfers; 4) Casey's Cigarette permit. Ayes – Five. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Public Comment: None

Mayor Thome opened the public hearing at 7:05 to approve water/sewer disconnection for non-payment. Clerk Etringer reported there is one delinquent property. Motion by Becker/Balvanz to close the public hearing at 7:06. Ayes—Five. Motion carried

P H Water disconnect

Motion by Meinert/Balvanz 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—Five. Motion carried.

Water disconnect

Lisa Purdy is requesting permission from council to have The Classic Car Company bring their cars to the Cornerstone one Tuesday a month, they would park the cars diagonally on 14<sup>th</sup> Ave by the Cornerstone. Mayor Thome questioned if it would be better to close off that block for a few hours on that Tuesday. Lisa will provide the schedule to the City Clerk when she obtains it. The schedule will be posted and Public Works will put road closed signs up on those Tuesdays. Motion by French/Meinert to approve closing part of 14<sup>th</sup> Ave one Tuesday a month for the summer. Ayes—Five. Motion carried.

Closing part of 14th Ave one Tuesday a month

The Police Department is requesting to purchase an updated camera system for the patrol vehicle. The current one is very old. There is money in the budget for it. Motion by Balvanz/Meinert to approve the purchase of an updated camera system for the patrol vehicle. Ayes - Five. Motion carried.

PD camera system

Motion by Becker/French to approve Resolution 2017-2043 authorizing and adopting an investment policy. Roll Call Vote. Ayes—Five. Motion carried.

Res 17-2043 invest policy

Motion by Meinert/French to approve Resolution 2017-2044 setting a discretionary spending limit. Roll Call Vote. Ayes—Five Motion carried.

Res 17-2044 spending limit

Motion by French/Ramaker to approve Resolution 2017-2045 approving membership to Iowa Northland Regional Council of Government, (INRCOG), safety program. Roll Call Vote. Ayes—Five. Motion carried.

Res 17-2045 INRCOG safety

Motion by Meinert/Ramaker to approve Resolution 2017-2046 approving raising the depository limit. Roll Call Vote. Ayes—Four. Becker abstained. Motion carried.

Res 17-2046 bank limit

Motion by French/Ramaker to approve a \$1,000.00 donation to Community Daze. Ayes—Five. Motion carried.

Comm Daze donation

Mayor Thome asked Clerk Etringer what the average increase for City workers is, she stated she believed 3%. She stated it was a 2% increase last year and reminded council they increased the employee portion of the insurance premium by 5% effective January 1, 2017. Ramaker/Balvanz made a motion to table the Resolution 2017-2049 to give council more time to think about what they would like to do. Roll Call Vote. Ayes—Five. Motion carried.

Res 17-2049 annual salary increased tabled

Motion by Becker/French to approve Clerk Etringer and Deputy Clerk Adamson to attend the Iowa Municipal Professionals Institute/Academy in Ames July 2017 to obtain and maintain certifications. Ayes—Five. Motion carried.

Clerk Academy

PWD Werner presented a proposal to purchase handheld meter readers. Meinert questioned if all the meters would need to be replaced, PWD Werner said no, most of them are compatible. Becker questioned what the annual support was for and what it consisted of, PWD Werner said the Representative is coming to town next week and will provide more information on everything. Clerk Etringer said we would have to make sure it is compatible with the software. Mayor Thome asked for more clarification for next meeting. Motion by Becker/Balvanz to table until next meeting. Ayes—Five. Motion carried.

Hand held meter readers

PWD Werner presented a proposal to purchase a second truck for the Public Works Department. He and Al are working on different things and both need a vehicle at times, also the sprayer will need to stay in the back of a vehicle all summer long once the spraying begins. Mayor advised PWD Werner to obtain more information and to find out if the Government discount is available on used vehicles and to get some prices on used vehicles. Becker said to keep in mind the vehicle fund is for all vehicles and what might be needed for snow removal this winter. Motion by French/Balvanz to table the approval until more information is obtained. Ayes—Five. Motion carried.

Purchas a second truck for PW

PWD Werner and Even requested a full year contribution to their Health Savings Account, (HAS), accounts since their deductible is not prorated. Mayor Thome said he is going to recommend going back and giving the full amount as this was previously discussed at council but Mayor said he did not communicate that to the Public Works employees. Motion by Ramaker/French to approve funding the full annual amount to the HSA accounts for Werner and Even. Ayes—Five. Motioned carried.

Full funding of HSA for PW

Mayor Thome recommend the council set regulations and timeframes to allow fireworks in the City limits otherwise we run the risk of them going off anytime of the day or night all year long. Meinert also expressed it from a safety concern. Balvanz suggested just July 4<sup>th</sup>, Ramaker questioned what the State law said, Mayor Thome said there are windows to buy in Iowa but they can be set off anytime unless the City has restrictions. Mayor Thome suggested July 1 through July 4 and December 31 through January 1, until 10:30 P.M. each night. Outside of those dates and time frames citizens may come to City Hall to obtain a permit to sell or set off

Fireworks limitations

fireworks. Motion by Balvanz/Becker instructing the Clerk to prepare the ordinance to limit fireworks and the sale of fireworks in city limits. Ayes—Five. Motion carried.

Motion by Balvanz/French to approve the donation of the hay on to the city land to the Fire Association. Ayes—Four. Meinert abstained. Motion carried.

Hay for FD fundraiser

PWD Werner requested to purchase fuel tanks for public works equipment, one for gasoline and one for diesel. Currently they have to fill up 5 gallon tanks to fill equipment. The tanks are 300 gal tanks at \$495.00 each. The cost to pour a slab of concrete with a curb on it for the two fuel tanks and the yard waste dumpsters would be \$1500.00. It would save on fuel taxes and save time on filling 5 gal tanks. The Mayor thought it would be a good investment. Motion by Meinert/Becker to approve the purchase of two 300gallon fuel barrels for public works. Ayes—Five. Motion carried.

Fuel tanks

Reports

Clerk Etringer said someone stopped in with a concern on the condition of the bridge at Veterans Park and wondered when it would be replaced, I advised the parts are here, it is a matter of getting the time. The Gilbertville Boy Scout Troop dropped off thank you kits for the Police and Fire/EMS teams.

Clerk

Mayor Thome informed City council the previous City employee was denied round two for a request to collect unemployment benefits, there is one more opportunity to appeal the decision. Meinert reported the Fire Department has passed the EMS inspection valid for the next three years. They are in the process of transitioning the first responders to straight EMS.

Mayor

PWD Werner said they took scrap metal in. He is working on the water problems at the end of 9<sup>th</sup> street. Mayor Thome asked that he look at the irrigation at Veterans Park and turn that on.

Motion by Becker/Meinert to adjourn at 8:35 P.M. Ayes – Five. Motion carried.

Adjourn

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Mark Thome, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jean Etringer, City Clerk