

The City Council of Gilbertville, Iowa met in Regular Session on Monday, June 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Thome calling the meeting to order. Council members present: Balvanz, French, Meinert, and Becker. Ramaker absent. Quorum present.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by French/Meinert to approve the June 6, 2016 regular session agenda. Ayes - Four. Motion carried.

Approve Agenda

Motion by Becker/French to approve the following items listed on the consent agenda: 1) Minutes of the May 16, 2016 meeting; 2) Payment of bills and transfers; 3) Utility bill reconciliation for May, 2016; 4) City of Gilbertville On-Premise Application for Class B Beer (BB)(Includes Win Coolers)Liquor License including Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales effective July 15-17, 2016; 5) Liquor Liability and endorsement and Fireworks endorsement; 6) Fireworks permit for Flashing Thunder, Saturday, July 16, 2016; 7) Renewal Application for Retail Cigarette/Tobacco for Casey's General Store #2900 Permit effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017; 8) Clerks report for May 2016. Balvanz questioned the cell phone reimbursement on the bills and transfer and it will be placed on the next agenda to discuss who is/should receive a cell phone stipend. Balvanz was also concerned where the fireworks were being shot for Gilbertville Days as one year he has sparks hit his shop. They are being shot off in a field on Gilbertville Road.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Thome opened the hearing on water/sewer disconnection at 7:10 p.m. for nonpayment of the bill. Motion by Becker/Meinert to close the hearing at 7:11 p.m. Ayes - Four. Motion carried.

Water Disconnect
PH
Water disconnect

Motion by Becker/Meinert to authorize PWD Delagardelle to disconnect service, resident will be required to pay arrears and a \$50 reconnect fee prior to service restoration. Ayes – Four. Motion carried.

Mayor Thome opened the public hearing to enter into a General Obligation Sewer Improvement Loan and Disbursement Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$600,000. Bills from the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) are currently being paid with a revenue loan, which only allows using funds from water and sewer revenue. Borrowing GO funds will allow us to use other means to pay the funds back, such as local option sales taxes, thus not having to raise rates as much. Motion by Becker/French to close the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. Roll call vote. Ayes – Four. Motion carried.

PH to approve GO Sewer Loan \$600,000

Motion by Becker/French to approve Resolution 2016-1085 approving a General Obligation Sewer Improvement Loan and Disbursement Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$600,000. Roll call vote. Ayes – Four. Motion carried.

Res 16-1085 GO Sewer Loan \$600,000

Engineer Tom Madden from SEH come to present two change orders for the WWTP, both of which were deducts. In working on the project and reviewing things they found a couple thing that could be change and did not need to be so expensive such as moving electrical rather than installing new, changing the fencing around the WWTP was a big cost savings and they were able to line a sewer line rather than installing a new one. Motion by Balvanz/Meinert to approve Resolution 2016-1083 approving change order #2 (-37,825.91) and #3(-32,399.00) for the WWTP. Roll call vote. Ayes – Four. Motion carried.

Res 16-1083 change order 2 & 3 for WWTP

Jim Rodemeyer from Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments (INRCOG) was present to answer any questions regarding the Housing Rehabilitation Grant program. The city needs to identify an area, the same area as last time may be used, it should be 100 or more houses, an 80% response and show 51% of that meets the LMI standards. It was suggested to use the water account number rather than a name or address to keep it confidential. Cindy Knox from INRCOG will attend the next meeting and council is to be prepared to pick a committee, decide the area, the number of houses and the city match amount. Jim said Cindy or the Housing committee could do the windshield survey when the time comes.

Housing Rehab grant program

Motion by Balvanz/Meinert approving offering employment for part time officer Aaron Haas to fill second shift hours as a result of Office Brokaw's reduced hours. Ayes—Four. Motion carried.

Res 16-1084 Rehab grant

Motion by Meinert/French to approve Resolution 2016-1086 setting compensation for part time Police Officer Aaron Haas. Ayes – Four. Motion carried.

Res 16-1086 compensation Aaron Haas

Motion by Balvanz/Meinert to table Resolution 2016-1087 setting compensation for city employees. Council wants to know what is recommended by the League of Cities and questioned if a raise has to be across the board. Mayor Thome urged the council to be thinking about a percent they would recommend for next meeting. Ayes—Four. Motion carried.

Res 16-1087 city employees' compensation on hold

Motion by Becker/Meinert approving a request to close 5th St. from 12th to 14th Ave beginning Friday, July 15 at 4:00 p.m. until 9:30 Sunday, July 17th. Ayes—Four. Motion carried

Closing 5th street for Gville days

Motion by French/Meinert to approve Resolution 2016-1082 authorizing the transfer of certain monies from the water vehicle fund and the user fee fund to the water fund and from the sewer vehicle fund to the sewer fund to bring to a positive balance and cover upcoming bills. Roll call vote. Ayes—Four. Motion carried

Res 16-1082
transfer monies

The water tower is in need of painting, PWD Delagardelle met with two different engineers to oversee the project. Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. was more detailed and informative with their information and about the project. The estimate is \$200,000. They will oversee the project, the tower needs to be sand blasted and the interior and exterior painted if it is not done soon there will be structural damage. It will take about two months to complete, they are planning on starting early fall or spring. Motion by Meinert/Balvanz to approve Resolution 2016-1088 to approve entering into an agreement with Veenstra & Kimm, INC for overseeing construction of certain repairs and recoating of the water tower. Roll call vote. Ayes—Four. Motion carried.

Overseeing
painting of water
tower

Motion by Balvanz/French to table approving Clerk Etringer and Deputy Clerk Adamson to attend the Iowa Municipal Professionals Institute/Academy in Ames July 2016. Balvanz questioned if City Hall would be closed, Clerk Etringer replied it would not as they are separate sessions. Clerk Etringer needs to go to get certified and Deputy Clerk Adamson needs to go to keep her certifications, therefore different classes. Ayes—Four. Motion carried.

Clerk School

Motion by Becker/Meinert to approve the 2nd reading for Ordinance 297 amending Chapter 92.02 pertaining to water rates. Ayes—four. Motion carried.

2nd reading ord
92.02 water rate
increase

Reports:

Public Works: Public Works Director Delagardelle reported there have been a couple issues with the new well that are being tested, the windstorm left a lot of damage in the parks, which has all been cleaned up. No one from the school has contacted him regarding the water/sewer at the football field yet so nothing has been done. Discussion was held on what to do with the crop that was planted on the land, PWD will get the information out and take bids. They are still working with Engineer Claassen on the best route to proceed with the development of the land. There are 13 or 14 lots but Claassen recommends having a plan for the entire area before proceeding with selling any.

PWD Report

Motion by Becker, seconded by Meinert to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. Ayes – Four. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Mark Thome, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jean Etringer, City Clerk