

REGULAR SESSION June 15, 2020

The City Council of Gilbertville, Iowa met in Regular Session Monday, June 15, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Thome calling the meeting to order. Council members present: Even, Frost, Corbin, Meinert and Becker. Quorum present.

Janice Rosauer gave the invocation and Mayor Thome led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Even, seconded by Frost to approve the June 15, 2020 regular session agenda. Ayes - Five. Motion carried.

Approve Agenda

Motion by Becker, seconded by Corbin to approve following items listed on the consent agenda: 1) Minutes of the June 1, 2020 regular meeting; 2) Payment of bills, receipts and transfers and 3) Clerk/Treasurer Report May 2020. Ayes – Five. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

No public comment.

Public Comment

Athletic Director of Don Bosco High School, Tom Hogan requested the city allow parking on the south side of the street for ball games this year. This would help with social distancing (COVID) by allowing people to watch the game from their car. Motion by Frost, seconded by Corbin to approve parking on the south side of the street in front of the ball diamonds for the 10 baseball/softball games (2020 season).

No parking by school diamonds

Mayor Thome explained June 9th a sewer main became clogged causing some residences to have back up in their basement. Public Works Director (PWD) Werner explained the main was cleaned and jetted last year. He had the line televised today and the discovered roots growing in the line so with the heavy rain (4 inches) and items that shouldn't be flushed the main became clogged. The line was cleaned using a root cutter and televised again showing it was clean. There are a few options that can be done. Have it cleaned out each year with a root cutter or line the main. He received a quote to line the main for \$17,000. In the past the city had a contract with Municipal Pipe Tool to clean a ¼ of the sewer mains each year but last year a contract was entered into with a different company on a trial basis. He would like to return to Municipal Pipe and possibly clean half the lines each year. Mayor Thome stated that per the city attorney the city is not liable for the backup because there is a yearly cleaning plan.

Sewer backup

Kathy Frost, 1607 5th St., stated she has lived in her home for 44 years and has never had water. She would like to be reimbursed for her insurance deductible.

Heather Williams, 1605 5th St., stated she has lived there for 8 years and never had water in her basement. She sold her house and was scheduled to close but that was put off due to the backup. She is having a backflow preventer installed.

Brandi Even, 516 16th St., stated she is a renter and her renters insurance wouldn't cover anything. She sleeps in the basement of the house damaging many of her belongings.

A claim will be filed with the cities insurance company. A letter will be sent to each Gilbertville resident reminding them to not flush anything but toilet paper and that it is illegal to have a sump pump discharge into the sewer system. Lining the main/cleaning it yearly and a contract with Municipal Pipe will be on the next agenda.

Mayor Thome opened the public hearing regarding the sale of land: That part of the Public Square in the Original Plat of Gilbertville, Black Hawk County, Iowa described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot 10, Block 16 in the Original Plat of Gilbertville; thence N89°39'41"W 75.00 feet along the South line of said Block 16 to the Southwest corner of the East Half of Lot 7 of said Block 16; thence S00°18'43"W 7.50 feet along the Southerly extension of the West line of the East Half of Lot 7 of said Block 16; thence N89°39'41"W 25.00 feet parallel with the South line of said Block 16 to the Southerly extension of the West line of Lot 7 of said Block 16; thence S00°18'28"W 17.50 feet along the Southerly extension of the West line of Lot 7 of said Block 16; thence N89°39'41"W 50.01 feet parallel with the South line of said Block 16 to the Southerly extension of the West line of Lot 10 of said Block 16; thence N00°19'51"E 25.00 feet along the Southerly extension of the West line of Lot 10 of said Block 16 to the Point of Beginning, containing 1,437 square feet. No written or oral comments were on file. Motion by Becker, seconded by Meinert to close the public hearing at 7:50 p.m. Ayes - Five. Motion carried.

PH Ortner property

Motion by Becker, seconded by Meinert to approve Resolution 2020-2177 regarding disposal of city owned property. Ayes – Five. Motion carried.

Res 2020-2177 Ortner land

Motion by Becker, second by Frost to approve the use of the diamonds on children's league for no charge as long as they are reserved and to charge men's league \$100 per team next year. Ayes –Five. Motion carried.

Shelter/Diamond rentals

Motion by Even seconded by Becker to raise the ball diamond rental rate for the 2021 season to 1 day/2 diamonds to \$150, \$225 for 2 day/2 diamonds and remove one day rentals. Ayes- Five. Motion carried.

Motion by Even, seconded by Frost to resume utility delinquent fees and shut offs and people in arrears due to COVID19 will be offered a payment plan. Ayes- Five. Motion carried.

COVID19 UB

Motion by Becker, seconded by Even to approve Ordinance 335 for the final reading and adopt the ordinance. Roll call vote. Ayes- Three. Meinert and Corbin voted nay. Motion carried. Ordinance 335 adds a new Section (147) Parking in Residential Districts.

Ordinance 335

Motion by Meinert, seconded by Even to approve Resolution 2020-2178 approving EOY transfers. Ayes- Five. Motion carried.

2020-2178 Transfers

Mayor Thome reported that Veteran's Park Phase III is almost complete and they are planning a dedication.

Motion by Becker, seconded by Meinert to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. Ayes Five. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Mark, Thome, Mayor

Attest: _____
Teresa Adamson, MMC

