

The City Council of Gilbertville, Iowa met in Regular Session on Monday, July 1, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Fischels calling the meeting to order. Council members present: Meinert, Thome, Kavalier and Becker. Savage was present by speaker phone. Quorum present.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Meinert, seconded by Thome to approve the July 1, 2013 regular session agenda. Ayes - Five. Motion carried.

Approve Agenda

Motion by Becker, seconded by Kavalier to approve the following items listed on the consent agenda: 1) Minutes of the June 17, 2013 regular meeting; 2) Resolution 2013-862 authorizing payment of bills; and 3) Utility Billing Reconciliation for the month of June, 2013. Ayes – Five. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

There was no public comment.

After discussion with Maggie Burger of Speer Financial the Council decided they want to move forward with just the current refunding at this time with an estimate amount of \$385,000. The Council deemed this the most prudent action. No other decisions or numbers have come in for anything for the water and sewer projects. There are several other options for funding the water and sewer projects, including raising the water and sewer rates. The Public Hearing and action to enter in the Loan agreement has already taken place. Ms. Burger will get the process moving so the official statement can be on the July 15th Agenda. Bill Bohneman, 2323 2nd St., asked what property the Council had discussed purchasing. Becker replied that Brustkern owns all the property under discussion but no decisions have been made. When questioned about price, Becker and Thome stated that issue cannot be publicly discussed. If and when a decision is reached, the notice of public hearing for public input will be on the agenda which is posted at City Hall, the Post Office, Farmer’s Bank, and on the website.

Speer Fin Bond Disc.

Motion by Becker, seconded by Meinert to approve the third reading and adopt Ordinance 272 amending Gilbertville Code 92.02 water rates. Roll call vote. Ayes – Five. Motion carried.

Ordinance 272 water rates

Motion by Meinert, seconded by Becker to approve the third reading and adopt Ordinance 273 amending Gilbertville Code 99.02 sewer rates. Roll call vote. Ayes – Five. Motion carried.

Ordinance 273 sewer rates

Police Coverage was deliberated. Becker stated that of the 30 to 40 people he talked to nearly all wanted to maintain a City police department. Meinert said that her discussions around town yielded the same response. Bill Bohneman asked how much it costs to have the County cover the city. Becker replied that it is not economic to have County coverage. Kavalier questioned how Becker arrived at double the cost? Savage replied that there would be a \$7,000 savings because we don’t need 40 hours coverage. Becker responded that the \$95,000 budgeted included \$15,000 for a part-time officer which meant 52 hours of coverage. Savage stated that until Council decided exactly how they would proceed, we should ask for 10 hours extra coverage by the County. Meinert questioned the makeup of the personnel committee if the City goes with its own force. She would like a police presence to help insure the process is lawful. Mayor Fischels replied that we have a policeman on the Council. Thome said that he thought there had already been interest expressed by a retired sheriff. Savage replied that Dusty Dunn retired from Fayette recently and had expressed interest in this position. An ad will generate even more interest. Becker suggested that the City request an extra 10 hours of TLC from the Sheriff’s Department for the next couple of months. That should run around \$1,700 per month. Savage said that if the City is going to keep their own police department, the Council needs to decide exactly what they want, full-time, part-time or a combination thereof. Motion by Becker, seconded by Kavalier to request 10 hours extra coverage from the Sheriff’s office and at the next meeting determine the exact parameters of the police position. Ayes – Five. Motion carried.

Police Coverage

Motion by Kavalier, seconded by Meinert to approve Resolution 2013-863 Official Signatories, removing Northland and adding Thome. Ayes – Four. Becker abstained due to his affiliation with one of the financial institutions. Motion carried.

Res 863 Official Signatories

Department Head Updates: Thome said that Jeannie Weber, who cleans city hall and now the police office, asked if she could power wash the police office and then have it painted to remove the smoke residue. Meinert expressed concerns over the confidential files. She suggested that the files should be sorted by a policeman to ensure that confidentiality. Savage said he had discussed the files and evidence stored there with the sheriff. Once everything is secured, the cleaning can commence.

Department Head updates

Police Chief Northland was unavailable. He supplied information regarding a truck that is parked facing the wrong direction on 4th St. It has been ticketed for the third time. If it is still in the same position on July 2nd, he will have it towed. Becker stated that the pickup has been turned around. The boat and trailer at the dead end on 19th St will be moved. Chief Northland also reported he would be turning in all his equipment, credit cards, keys, etc. to Mayor Fischels on July 6th, his final day.

PWD Delagardelle reported that Mike has been working on the cameras (at Veterans Park). It turned out the computer was the problem. The cameras are now working. As far as the Waste Water Project,

the engineer took the plans on Friday and said he would get back with an estimate that should be within the financial parameters outlined by the City. PWD Delagardelle also reported that he had recently completed a sump pump inspection involving a noncompliant hook-up. PWD Delagardelle said the owner will be getting a letter requesting corrective action by July 15th. After that date, a \$50 per month surcharge will be activated. There has been no further action on the curb & gutter on 21st St. The City Engineer has been consulted to find out what options are regarding that portion not in the City. That opinion has not yet been returned.

Motion by Thome, seconded by Meinert to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Ayes – Five. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Harry Fischels, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Jane Walter, Deputy City Clerk