

The City Council of Gilbertville, Iowa met in Regular Session on Monday, July 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Thome calling the meeting to order. Council members present: French, Meinert, Ramaker and Becker, Balvanz absent. Quorum present.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Ramaker/Meinert to approve the July 18, 2016 regular session agenda. Ayes - Four. Motion carried.

Approve Agenda

Motion by Becker/Ramaker to approve the following items listed on the consent agenda: 1) Minutes of the July 6, 2016 meeting; 2) Payment of bills and transfers; 3) Clerk/Treasurer report for June 2016. Ayes – Four. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

REPORTS:

Fire: Fire Chief Johnson report all going well and they have been busy. There is a new appointment to the Fire Department that will be on the next agenda for approval.

Reports

Police: Police Chief Bauwens reported Office Haas is ready to go and working. All went well for the Police department for Gilbertville Days.

Public Works: Public Works Director Delagardelle reported Well # 4 is back on line and working good. Clearance lights on the water tower were out and have now been fixed. The parks fall protection is in and will be spread this week. The Engineer will be sending a delay letter to the DNR for the WWTP. All is going well just a little delay on parts and getting things to all work together. Expected delay is 30 to 45 days, which is not uncommon with a project this size. Due to discolored water, the water mains on 9th street were flushed.

Mayor: Mayor Thome commented that Gilbertville days seemed to go very well, he received a lot of positive comments. He said a huge thanks to everyone involved. Others commented they heard positive comments as well.

Discussion was held on the Housing Rehabilitation grant. There has been a low number of surveys returned, they all need to be returned to move to the next step of the program. The council and Mayor will each take a section and go door to door to complete the surveys.

Housing rehab survey

Becker suggested a 2% compensation increase for the City hourly employees. Ramaker commented he felt the employees are compensated fairly, he believes they are all doing a good job, but he also believes we need to reign things in and maybe this is where we start. He knows everyone was asked to try to cut their budgets by 10% and that did not happen across the board. He said maybe this is where we start with our cuts, so with that he was recommending a 1%. French thought it should be 3% as that is what was budgeted for. Mayor Thome asked PWD Delagardelle if he felt his part time employees should get the raise as well and he believed they should. Motion by Becker/Meinert to approve Resolution 2016 1087 setting pay for City hourly employees with a 2% increase. Roll call vote. Ayes—Four.

Resolution 16-1087 setting pay

Jim Schmitz and Kay Delagardelle were concerned in keeping parking as in in front of their properties on 20th Ave to allow parking for them. Schmitz stated the road is wider in that area. Mayor Thome stated he is fine with parking on the north side of 20th Ave in that area, it is the south side of the street he is concerned with and being dangerous. It was agreed that the signs are confusing as they are posted. Meinert stated this has been discussed and changed many times, whatever is decided needs to stay that way and stop moving back and forth. A motion was made by Meinert/Becker to leave as is. Ayes—two, nays—two. Motion not approved. Mayor Thome instructed Clerk Etringer to but on the next agenda.

Parking on 20th Ave

Motion by Becker/French to approve Resolution 2016-1092 approving the fiscal year end 2015/16 street finance report. Roll call vote. Ayes—four. Motion carried.

Res 16-1092 15/16 street finance report

Motion by Meinert/French to table discussion on the funding for the Waste Water Treatment Plant due to waiting to hear back from Speer Financial with some numbers and pay schedules. Ayes – Four. Motion carried.

Funding for WWTP

Motion by Meinert/French to set date of public hearing for August 1, 2016 for water tower repairs and recoating project. Ayes—Four. Motion carried.

PH 8/1 water tower repair

Motion by Becker/Meinert to set date of August 11, 2016 to receive bids and August 15, 2016 to award the bids of the water tower repair and recoating project. Ayes—Four. Motion carried.

Accepting and awarding bids

Motion by Becker/Meinert to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Ayes – Four. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Mark Thome, Mayor

ATTEST:_____
Jean Etringer, City Clerk

