

The City Council of Gilbertville, Iowa met in Regular Session on Monday, August 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Thome calling the meeting to order. Council members present: French, Ramaker and Balvanz. Meinert and Becker absent. Quorum present.

Rita Becker gave the invocation and Mayor Thome led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Balvanz/Raymaker to approve the August 15, 2016 regular session agenda. Ayes - Three. Motion carried.

Approve Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

REPORTS:

City Hall: Deputy Clerk Adamson reported Black Hawk County Engineer’s office called requesting approval of a detour down 5<sup>th</sup> Street while they put in Culvert’s in preparation for the Poyner Road project next year. They plan to have them installed by Labor Day weather permitting. Council instructed Mayor Thome to sign the application.

City Hall

Police: Mayor Thome reported the grant from Black Hawk County Gaming Commission for a squad car was approved.

Police

Public Works: Public Works Director (PWD) Delagardelle reported they are working on a problem with the generator at the water tower. All the street striping and curb painting is completed. Electricians are working on the WWTP and the sidewalk will be poured this week.

Public Works

Three bids were received August 11, 2016 to paint and repair the water tower. Maguire Iron Inc. was the low bid of \$248,500 but offered a deduction of \$40,000 to paint without using containment. The Contractor explained they would cover the well house and part of the shop and the painting is completed based on the wind direction. He doesn’t believe there would a problem with paint over spray. Engineer Dave Schechinger recommend approving the low bid from Maguire Iron, Inc. for both the Project Scope 2 and Alternate Bid 1 resulting in a contract amount of \$208,850.00. Motion by Balvanz/Raymaker to approve the low bid from Magurie Iron, Inc. to include the deduction for not using containment when painting for a total contract price of \$208,850.00. Ayes – Three. Motion carried.

Water tower bid

Mayor Thome opened the public hearing to approve Resolution 2016-1093 for the sale of the property located at 523 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. at 7:23 p.m. No written or oral comments were on file.

Public Hearing 523 19<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Motion by Becker/Meinert to close the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. Ayes – Three. Motion carried.

Motion by Becker/Balvanz to approve Resolution 2016-1093 indicating intent of the City to sell property owned by the City located at 523 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. Roll call vote. Ayes – Three. Motion carried.

523 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. Resolution 2016-1093

Motion by Balvanz/Raymaker to receive and place on file Ordinance 298 amending chapter 69.08 pertaining to no parking zones. Roll call vote. Ayes – Three. Motion carried. No parking except Sunday and Holidays on the west side of 5<sup>th</sup> Street from the centerline on 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue to the south intersection of 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue then continuing west on the north side of 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the No Parking Zone beginning 405 feet west of the centerline of 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

Ordinance 298 amending parking zones.

No action taken on waiving the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading.

Motion by Balvanz/French to receive and place on file Ordinance 299 amending chapter 105.02 pertaining to litter. Roll call vote. Ayes – Three. Motion carried. Legislative change defining litter.

Ordinance 299 Litter

No action was taken on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading.

Attorney McCoy’s legal opinion on trees in the right-of-way was that it was the Cities responsibility to remove trees in the right-of-way. PWD Delagardelle had 2 quotes on removal of trees in the right-of-way in the 300 block of 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. Motion by Balvanz/French to approve the low bid from Planetary Tree for the removal of 2 trees for a cost to not exceed \$3,900.00. Ayes – Three. Motion carried.

Trees in the right-of-way

The scanning equipment is installed and training has been completed. A temporary person needs to be hired to do the scanning of old documents. The position will be posted for 10 days and Clerk Etringer will interview and hire someone. Motion by Balvanz/Raymaker to approve Resolution 2016-1094 setting pay for a temporary person to scan documents at minimum wage to not exceed 40 hours. After the 40 hours Council will review and determine if more hours are needed to complete the scanning. Roll call vote. Ayes – Three. Motion carried.

Resolution 2016-1094 pay for scanning

Discussion was held on the storm drainage project for the land on the north end of the City. The estimated cost came in more than anticipated. The City doesn’t have the debt capacity to bond for this project. A revenue bond could be done but it would have to be paid for with revenue proceeds from storm drainage and with a project this large the amount would be very high. A few options were received from Maggie from Speer Financial were to 1) sell the 10-12 lots that can be built on and pay down on the land note; 2) sell the land and pay off the land note with the proceeds or 3)

Storm drainage project land N end of the city

hang on to the land and refinance the bond anticipation note for the land into long term financing and do something with the land in the future when the City is in a better position or offers for the land become available. Mayor Thome is going to look into advertising the land to potential developers.

Discussion was held on the sale of the land at 523 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. it was decided to take bids for a month with the minimum bid being \$4,000. PWD Delagardelle will contact Attorney McCoy to get the process started.

523 19<sup>th</sup>  
Avenue  
land  
sale

PWD Delagardelle asked if it was ok to cover hydrants when the tower is down to ensure they won't be used because it could cause the lines to collapse from the pressure. In case of a fire the department can pull directly off a well. Mayor Thome instructed PWD Delagardelle to prepare a letter to be sent to all residents.

Fire  
hydrants

Motion by Balvanz/French to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Ayes – Three. Motion carried.

Adjourn

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Mark Thome, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Adamson, MMC/CFO  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer