

REGULAR SESSION August 21, 2017

The City Council of Gilbertville, Iowa met in Regular Session Monday, August 21, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. with Mayor Thome calling the meeting to order. Council members present: Balvanz, Meinert and Becker. French and Ramaker absent. Quorum present.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by French, seconded by Meinert to approve the August 21, 2017 regular session agenda. Ayes - Four. Motion carried.

Approve Agenda

Motion by Becker, seconded by Balvanz to approve the consent agenda: 1) Minutes of the August 7, 2017 regular meeting and 2) Payment of bills, receipts and transfers. Ayes – Four. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

No public comment was given.

Public Comment

Two representatives from MidAmerican Energy were present to review the plans for a substation and explain the need for a new one and ask the city to annex the new substation in the city limits. The current substation is located in the flood plain and has flooded a couple times in the last few years and it also has other problems and it isn't feasible to replace it with a larger unit since it is in the floodway. The best site they found is south of the city limits by Gilbertville Road and the seller is willing to sell the land needed for the substation. The property is located outside the city limits and they are asking the city to annex the land into the city limits. The substation will be built a foot above the five (5) foot flood level. Becker stated that in 2008 and last year it flooded across the road. Mayor Thome stated it has gotten close to Veteran's Park but added that Public Works was able to get to the sewer plant by truck. MidAmerican feels comfortable that the substation won't flood and would like to move ahead. Mayor Thome stated some homeowners are opposed to this and asked what benefit it would be to the city. One feeder from the substation would run directly to the city and another would run to rural, it should not ever flood, should have the potential to automatically restore, an improvement in service and estimated property taxes are \$25,000 per year. MidAmerican Energy will pay all legal fees associated with the annexing. Council asked that they pursue annexing the Natural Gas Company. Mayor Thome will set up a meeting with the Attorneys and the parties involved. Motion by Becker, seconded by Balvanz to proceed with working with MidAmerican Energy on annexing a site to build a substation. Ayes – Four. Motion carried.

MidAmerican Energy Annex

Motion by Becker, seconded by Balvanz to approve the low quote from Nutri-Ject for demolition, removal and land application of biosolids in the clarifier located at the waste water treatment plant (WWTP) not to exceed the quote of \$24,946.75 and to approve the quote from Landia for equipment not to exceed \$37,000 and have Public Works Director Werner (PWD) order the equipment. Ayes – Four. Motion carried. PWD Werner will get quotes on the installation and the electrical and they will install the pipe.

Sludge Storage

Motion by Becker, seconded by Meinert to receive and place on file Ordinance 309 pertaining to permit fees to connect to the public water service. Roll Call vote. Ayes – Four. Motion carried. The permit fee to connect to the water system in the city limits will be \$150 and outside the city limits it will be \$250.

Ord 309 water permit

Motion by Meinert, seconded by French to receive and place on file Ordinance 310 pertaining to fees to connect to the public sewer system. Roll call vote. Ayes – Four. Motion carried. The permit fee to connect to the sewer system in the city limits is \$150 and outside the city limits is \$250.

Ord 310 sewer permit

Reports:

Police: Chief Smith reported they are checking into the CO2 car issues. They will be getting new radios as part of a county wide swap out. He has received a few good applications for the open position.

Police

Clerk: Deputy Clerk Adamson reported she had an inquiry from a resident to remove their sidewalk because it is the only one on the block. She will have them submit a request.

Clerk

Public Works: PWD Werner reported the electrical work is being done at the shop. Municipal Pipe will be cleaning the sewer lines. Hawkeye Rental had a representative come and get the cameras by Veteran's park operational. The initial plan is done for the water hook to the new residence outside the city limits.

PWD

Council: Becker reported the Development at the North end of the city is moving along and we will be ready to move forward after the Engineers review the plans.

Motion by Meinert, seconded by French to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Ayes – Four. Motion carried.

Mark Thome, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Adamson, MMC