

REGULAR SESSION October 5, 2020

The City Council of Gilbertville, Iowa met in Regular Session Monday October 5, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Thome calling the meeting to order. Council members present: Even, Frost, Corbin, Meinert and Becker. Quorum present.

Sharon Mayer gave the invocation and Mayor Thome led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Meinert seconded by Corbin to approve the October 5, 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 September 21, 2020 regular meeting; 2) Payment of bills, receipts and transfers, 3) Utility Bill reconciliation report for September 2020, Ayes – Five. Motion carried. Consent Agenda

No water/sewer disconnection. WT/SW disconnection

Motion by Becker, seconded by Corbin to set date of public hearing for the status of funding for the Housing Rehabilitation Program for October 19, 2020. Ayes- Five. Motion carried. P.H. for status of Rehab funds

Reports:

Clerk: Mary McGee purchased a bench in memory of her son to be placed in the welcome sign garden. The Annual Examination has been completed and will be on the next agenda for approval. The CENSUS has been completed and Gilbertville had the third highest completion rate in Iowa of 90.1%. Clerk

Police: The department is working on nuisances and they assisted with a shooting in Waterloo. Police

PWD: The hydrants have been flushed and they will be paint street lines tomorrow and winterizing the park restrooms. Public Works

Fire: Mayor Thome handed out a paper he prepared with questions he had regarding the new Community Protection Building. Chief Johnson stated he appreciates Corbin and the Mayor meeting with him last Wednesday night to discuss plans for the Community Protection Building. The Fire Association has approximately \$270,000 raised in the last 3.5 years and this doesn't count in kind or material donations. This amount does not include a possible \$50,000 for being the beneficiary in a will. He believes the obligation is to get the Public Safety Building completed and then move on to the next project. The AEDS are out of compliance as of October 1<sup>st</sup>. They are functional but not certifiable. He believes it will be approximately \$5,000 for 4 new AEDs. He would like to have enough for each truck because each call is different and different trucks respond to different types of calls and everyone would be trained on the same unit and the patches are compatible. Corbin works for Mercy and they donate their AEDs to local agencies and he suggested talking to Mercy One and United Health and see if they have this program. Fire

EMS Director, Chasity Halbfass completed the state inspection and were one of the 5% of state EMS inspections that have no infractions.

Mayor Thome stated the Mayor and Council are 100% in support of public safety. Also, the letter of intent has been submitted for the splash pad. Becker stated the gaming commission has reached out to every community to see what their priorities are and Gilbertville had a Splash Pad and a Community Protection Building. Based on the conversations the Gaming Board had regarding the grants it didn't seem to be a problem to get a grant for both. The estimated cost for the building is around \$500,000 and they plan to ask based on \$600,000 to ensure everything is covered. They plan to ask for 50% and Mayor Thome stated that when he talked to the Gaming Association he was told that the asking needs to be less than 50%. Chief Johnson stated he is approximately \$20,000 short of having \$300,000 and that does not include in kind and material donations. Mayor Thome stated the budget needs to be broken down for each item with cash and in kind donations. Discussion was held on the funding of the Community Protection Building while it is being built. Mayor Thome stated we need to check with the City Attorney to determine the legal process of the Association building and needing the financial backing of the city. Becker stated putting in for both grants at this time and having the financial match is a good thing because many cities don't have the local match dollars right now. Mayor Thome asked to Chief Johnson to get the plans so each council person could take them home and study them and write down their questions. A work session will be held before the October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Becker seconded by Corbin to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Ayes – Five. Motion carried. Adjourn

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Mark Thome, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jean Etringer, Deputy Clerk