

The City Council of Gilbertville, Iowa met in Regular Session Monday, October 7, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. with Mayor Thome calling the meeting to order. Council members present: Meinert, Balvanz, Ramaker, Frost and Becker. Quorum present.

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

Motion by Frost, seconded by Ramaker to approve the agenda. Ayes - Five. Motion carried.

Motion by Becker, seconded by Meinert to approve the following items listed on the consent agenda: 1) Minutes of the September 16, 2019 regular meeting 2) Payment of bills and receipts and 3) Utility Billing Report for September 2019 and 4) Approve applications from Kylie and McMahon and Suzette Walker for membership application to Gilbertville Fire & Rescue. Ayes – Five. Motion carried.

Tim Stiemel was present and explained it is hard to get a wheel chair or stroller to Schmit Park because there is no curb cut or sidewalk to the shelter and play area. Public Works will take a look at it and something could be done possibly in the spring.

Brian Schoon, from Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments (INRCOG) was present to explain and answer questions on the proposal for the Urban Revitalization plan. He explained the plan is prepared in conformance with Chapter 404 of the Code of Iowa for the purpose of providing incentives and procedures to enhance development. The plan encourages improvement to existing and new construction of Residential and, Multi-Residential and commercial properties. All real estate classified as Residential, Multi-Residential and Qualified Commercial properties are eligible to receive exemption from taxation on the actual value added by the improvements. Improvements must increase the actual value of the property by a minimum of fifteen percent (15%) and be in an amount not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25,000). Motion by Becker, seconded by Meinert to approve Resolution 2019-2151 finding conditions necessary for Urban Revitalization and setting a Public Hearing for the proposed Urban Revitalization Plan and Ordinance. Roll call vote. Ayes- Five. Motion carried.

Curt Weber explained that his property located at 519 16th Ave. has a lot of water run-off from the street and it runs into his main floor. Public Works will check with his neighbor and see if some patch can be put in to raise the drop by his driveway and he can install a tile behind his house and hook it into the storm sewer.

Inspector Wirtz was present to review the building permit process and fees. He will get some information to the City Clerk to prepare for approval at the next meeting.

Public Works Director Werner (PWD) explained a resident has a tile that runs through three (3) neighbors' yards and it broke and the resident wanted to know if the City could do anything. It was determined there is nothing the City can do.

Mayor Thome opened the public hearing on the 2019/2020 budget amendment at 7:55 p.m. No written or oral comments were on file. (*Amendment: Public Safety – increase in anticipation of more permits for the new development, Public Works – Street repairs (debt incurred), Health and Social Services – Mosquito spraying, General Government – Legal fees for the debt, Community and Economic Development – Grant received for Phase III Veteran's Park. Resolution 2019/2020 budget amendment #1 approval.*) Motion by Meinert, seconded by Ramaker to close the public hearing at 7:56 p.m. Ayes- Five. Motion carried.

Motion by Becker, seconded by Balvanz to approve Resolution 2019-2148 approving the 2019/2020 amendment. Roll call vote. Ayes – Five. Motion carried.

No water/sewer disconnections.

Motion by Ramaker, seconded by Balvanz to approve Resolution 2019-2147 assessing debt to property taxes. Roll Call vote. Ayes – Five. Motion carried. Discussion was held on the best way to proceed with assessing debt to this property and the debt will be assessed quarterly.

The Income/Offset program allows unpaid debt to be sent to the state and it will be deducted from any state payments that are owed. Motion by Frost, seconded by Balvanz to approve Resolution 2019-2149 approving a Memorandum of Understanding for participation in the Income/Offset program. Roll call vote. Ayes – Five. Motion carried.

PWD Werner reported he did a survey on water lines and all were that the property owner was responsible for repairs to the main. The water tower was struck by lightning and he is waiting to see how much the repairs are to decide if it should be turned into insurance.

Motion by Becker, seconded by Meinert to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Ayes – Five. Motion carried.

Mark Thome, Mayor

Attest: Teresa Adamson, MMC