

REGULAR SESSION October 16, 2017

The City Council of Gilbertville, Iowa met in Regular Session Monday, October 16, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. with Mayor Thome calling the meeting to order. Council members present: Ramaker, Meinert, Becker, and French. Balvanz absent. Quorum present.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by French/Meinert to approve the October 16, 2017 regular session agenda. Ayes - Four. Motion carried.

Approve Agenda

Motion by Becker/Ramaker to approve the consent agenda: 1) Minutes of the October 2, 2017 regular meeting; 2) Payment of bills, receipts and transfers and 3) Clerk Report for September 2017. Ayes – Four. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

No public comment was given.

Sealed bids for the City equipment was opened and discussed. There were no bids for the refrigerators. One bid for the two honey wagons and two bids for the generator.

Open sealed bids

Motion by French/Ramaker to accept the bid for the two honey wagons in the amount of \$200.00 and \$400.00 by Chris Fischels. Ayes—Four. Motion carried.

Accepting sealed bids

Motion by Becker/Meinert to accept the bid for the generator in the amount of \$5,256.00 from the City of Elk Run Heights. Ayes—Four. Motion carried.

Accepting sealed bids

Public Works Director (PWD) Werner, discussed some of the used electrical supplies in the public works building. Unlikely we could use it for anything since it is used. There is an interested party that would like to purchase the items. Motion by Becker/Meinert to have PWD Werner research the value, set the price and sell the items. , Ayes—Four. Motioned carried.

Selling used electrical items

There was a request by a property owner to take down some trees on City property next to his property. Meinert expressed a concern of erosion based on the location. Mayor Thome did not think that would be an issue. Motion by Ramaker/French to have PWD Werner meet with the homeowner and oversee the project. Ayes – Four. Motion carried.

Take down trees on city property

Assistant Chief Bauwens stated there were four applicants that had applied for the posted position. Chief Smith and Assistant Chief Bauwens both agreed on the same candidate and would like to offer the position to David Even. He currently works for Black Hawk Sheriff's office. Motion by Becker/Meinert to offer David Even the part time Police Office position. Ayes—Four. Motion carried.

Part Time Officer

Motion by Meinert/Becker to approve Resolution 2017-2059 setting compensation for part time Police Officer. Roll Call Vote. Ayes—Four. Motioned carried.

Res17-59 setting compen

Reports:

Clerk: Clerk Etringer reported there will be an IPERS audit tomorrow. We received the Trees Please grant application from Mid-American Energy.

Clerk

Police: Assistant Chief Bauwens reported there is a recall on the vehicle that is being taken care of.

Police

Public Works: PWD Werner reported the new shop is now heated, just need power to the water heater. In the process of cleaning out the old shop. They blew out the lines at the restrooms, and fixed the storm culvert on Parkview Dr. The old clarifier is all cleaned out as of today and now they need to run the piping from the new plant to the clarifier for storage

PWD

Fire: Fire Chief Johnson reported the primary tanker has been having some issues, recently a water leak, oil leak and a computer code problem, they have all been fixed and running good now. Fire calls are down and EMS a little higher. The Fire department has received a few grants, one from Janet Woods from Catholic Order of Foresters for \$500.00 and a \$250.00 grant from Mid-American Energy, which Mike Wagner assisted in getting for the Department. The banquet date is set for February 24, 2018. There will be more grills to help eliminate the long line. The goal is to have all the expensed paid for before February 24, so the first dollar brought in that night will be profit. Mayor questioned to ensure the calls are being billed, Fire Chief Johnson confirmed they are billed. If it is not covered by the homeowners insurance, it is the homeowner's responsibility. Mayor Thome stated some think it is included in the City tax payments, Chief confirmed the taxes pay for the apparatus, not everything else.

Fire

Mayor: Mayor Thome reported someone put a box of glass in the yard waste dumpster, the individual has been identified and will be charged accordingly. Assistant Chief Bauwens said there is nothing in the City Ordinance but he can be charged according to County. Mayor requested City Clerk to get an updated ordinance addressing the issue of illegal dumping. Mayor Thome went to a Gaming Commission meeting tonight and said they are putting a time frame on grants, such as police vehicles, if you get one, you will not get another one for five years and they will probably be doing the same for fire vehicles. Mayor Thome did remind everyone if Linn County gets a Gaming License that will have a definite impact on Black Hawk County. There will be a meeting with Mid-American next Monday night, they did state they would pay for the annexation based on the City's cost. Any discussion will come back to council before a decision is made. Becker stated the north addition is now in the hands of the Attorneys and they are still hoping to move forward and moves some dirt yet this fall. French question the status of reviewing the Mediacom franchise agreement, Clerk Etringer reported, it will be reviewed. Meinert wanted make the suggestion of considering the council going to iPads or tablets, Mayor thought that would be a discussion at budget time.

Mayor

Motion by Becker/Meinert to adjourn at 7:52 P.M. Ayes – Four. Motion carried.

Mark Thome, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jean Etringer, City Clerk