

The City Council of Gilbertville, Iowa met in Regular Session on Monday, October 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Fischels calling the meeting to order. Council members present: Thome, Kavalier, Savage, Meinert and Becker. Absent – None. Quorum present.

Carolyn Schmit gave the invocation and Mayor Fischels led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Meinert, seconded by Thome to approve the October 21, 2013 regular session agenda. Ayes - Five. Motion carried.

Approve Agenda

Motion by Becker, seconded by Savage to approve the following items listed on the consent agenda: 1) Minutes of the October 7, 2013 regular meeting; 2) Resolution 2013-883 authorizing payment of bills and transfers; and 3) Clerk/Treas. Report for month of September 2013. Ayes – Five. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Public Comment: None

Public Comment

Mayor Fischels introduced Resolution 2013-884 approving the Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013. This is the same report published in today's Waterloo Courier. Motion by Becker, seconded by Thome to approve the FY13 Financial Report. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Five. Motion carried.

Res 2013-884 FY13 Fin Report

Council readdressed License Fees for Peddlers. Upon further discussion regarding information from Attorney McCoy, Council consensus to charge a reasonable amount of money (\$25.00 for application, \$50.00 per day for license, and \$10,000 surety bond) to compensate the City for the necessary and probable expense of the issuance, inspection, regulation and supervision of the peddler's license. Motion by Becker, seconded by Meinert to approve proposal of changes to Chapter 122 of City Code. Ayes – Five. Motion carried. (Public Hearing will be held at next meeting.)

Peddlers License

Mayor Fischels asked if the acid treatment for the well would work. PWD Delagardelle stated that the contractor will state that it will work without a written guarantee. The well was scrubbed in April to hoping to extend its operation. However, last Saturday Jeff was running tests and the water was black/grey in that end of town. They shut down the well and flushed hydrants. The well has been down ever since. The acid treatment should extend the usefulness of the well until the new well can be completed. The very rough estimate depends on how much chemical is needed. They will scrub the well again. If everything was expedited, it would be possible to have a new well in a year, but now the City is running on one well only. Motion by Savage, seconded by Meinert to approve the estimate for well treatment. Ayes – Five. Motion carried.

Acid treatment for well

Mayor Fischels opened the Public Hearing -- Ordinance 275 amending current Gilbertville Traffic Code Section 69.08 (No Parking Zones) at 7:10 p.m. Councilman Becker stated he wasn't opposed to changing the Ordinance but thought they should wait until the new well is dug, since access to the current well with large machinery is the main issue. Allowing parking on certain times or dates isn't the answer since the Public Works Department has to have access to the well 24/7. Mrs. Neebel expressed frustration with the lack of parking. Council sympathized but the City still needs access to the well at the end of the cul-de-sac. Sometimes, time is of the essence. After much discussion a compromise was reached where parking would not be allowed from just north of Mr. Neebel's driveway, all the way around the cul-de-sac. This would open up parking on the east side of 9th Street. Motion by Thome to close the public hearing at 7:40 p.m. Ayes – Five. Motion carried.

PH-Ord 275 – No Parking

Motion by Thome to receive, file, consider, and pass Ordinance 275 amending current Gilbertville Traffic Code Section 69.08 (No Parking Zones), to adopt and approve removing No Parking Zones on the east side of 9th Street. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Kavalier, Savage, Meinert, and Thome. Nay – Becker. Motion carried. Councilman Thome suggested that PWD Delagardelle and Mr. Neebel exchange phone numbers to help reduce future parking problems.

Pass ORD 275

The dust control on 21st Street was discussed at the last meeting. It was decided that to protect all parties, a simple agreement needs to be created. Per recommendation from Attorney McCoy, there should be a simple motion for the City to assume the expense of two applications of an appropriate dust-control substance on the gravel roadway generally adjacent to the 800 block of 21st Avenue (Fenton Road) at an annual cost of not more than \$500.00, unless the City provides written notice to the adjacent property owners in the 800 block of 21st Avenue within the City of Gilbertville on or before March 1 of such calendar year of an intent not to make such dust-control applications.

Dust Control

Councilman Thome stated that Councilman Savage did an excellent job with questions for the police applicants. Four very good and capable candidates were interviewed on October 17th. Councilmen Thome and Savage reached an agreement to recommend offering the Police Chief position to one of the candidates. Councilman Savage stated that he had been an opponent of having our own police department again, but three out of four candidate greatly impressed him, one in particular. They had good proposals to keep costs down. Councilman Savage stated that Mr. McGlaughlin had good ideas for the City. The proposal is to hire the part-time Police Chief and two part-time officers. Councilman Thome said that Mr. McGlaughlin had presented ideas that they as Council had not thought of. He talked about Facebook, Twitter, and going out to meet the business owners. He would want to be more involved with Bosco and the Dare program. Mr. McGlaughlin also would want to try bike and foot patrols. Councilman Thome stated that the proposal starts with part-time chief, adding two part-time officers. The chief would be responsible for hiring his part-time officers, although Councilmen Thome and Savage would be part of that process. Two of the other candidates are certified officers and Council would encourage the Chief to interview them. Councilman Becker stated that he was impressed with Mr. McGlaughlin's application and would like to see him hired. Councilwoman Meinert agreed. Motion by Savage, seconded by Thome to hire Dave McGlaughlin as the new Police Chief. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Five. Motion carried. Mr. McGlaughlin stated he was eager to get started. He would like to start getting the police office in order. Mr. McGlaughlin suggested he could prepare a spreadsheet to let the Council know what needs to be done. Councilman Becker reminded the Council that the 28E Agreement with the Sheriff's office will need to be amended to conclude at December 31st. There are some waivers that need to be completed, also. Councilwoman Meinert requested that an AED be secured for the police car. Mr. McGlaughlin has written thousands of dollars' worth of grants. He has already been on the Web Site for the Gaming Association to look for grant opportunities.

Police Action
– Hiring
Police Chief

Fire Chief Bovy requested use of the patrol car on Saturday night for the Glow Run. Authorization was granted.

PD Car for
Glow Run

Reports: PWD Delagardelle stated the Wastewater Treatment Plant was still on hold. Attorney McCoy told him that Fox Engineering and ICAP seem to be at consensus, but he hasn't received the agreement back. We will need a new contract.

Dept. Reports

Mr. Claassen says that in three months the plans for the well and well-house will be ready. A three-phase will need to be installed, to be coordinated with MidAmerican.

Planetary Tree Service has removed or trimmed some dead and/or diseased trees in right-of-way at several locations. Since trimming is completed on City property, the Public Works Department will canvass the town for compliance with letters issued in summer.

The bathrooms will be winterized. The Welcome Signs can be taken down to repair.

Fire Chief Bovy stated the tornado sirens went off Saturday morning. He has contacted Emergency Management to check the system. The siren should only be activated by frequency signal or push button in the station. Something is setting it off.

Chief Bovy had mentioned to Councilman Kavalier that there is a hole in the curb in front of the fire station. Councilman Kavalier stated that he looked at it. It will be difficult to repair because of the fall there. A few feet of curb may need to be removed for proper flow. PWD Delagardelle has already put four bags of cold patch in the hole.

Motion by Thome, seconded by Becker to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Ayes – Five. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Harry Fischels, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Jane Walters, Acting City Clerk