

The City Council of Gilbertville, Iowa met in Regular Session on Monday November 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Thome calling the meeting to order. Council members present: Balvanz, Ramaker, Becker. Meinert and French, absent Quorum present.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Ramaker/Balvanz to approve the November 7, 2016 regular session agenda. Ayes - Three. Motion carried.

Approve Agenda

Motion by Becker/Ramaker to approve the following items listed on the consent agenda: 1) Minutes of the October 17, 2016 meeting; 2) Utility bill reconciliation for October, 2016; 3) Payment of bills and transfers; 4) Approve membership of Logan Purdy to the Gilbertville Fire Department; 5) Clerk/Treasure report for October 2016. Ayes – Three. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

REPORTS:

Fire: Fire Chief Johnson reported nominations for officers will be held on Thursday, November 10th. The department purchased some used air packs our current ones are either out dated or will be in the next few months. New they are about \$7,000.00 each. Eight air packs were purchased from another department for \$2,000.00. That fire department received a FEMA grant to purchase new ones. The fire truck had to be towed due to the air breaks locking up.

Fire

Public Works: Public Works director Delagardelle reported the trees on 13th Ave have been removed. Still working out a few bugs on the WWTP before the final inspection. The water tower is completely painted, it needs to set for 14 days to cure, it will take about two days to fill, and then samples will be done. It should be operational around the 18th.

Public Works

Police: Chief Bauwens reported things have been quiet. The new vehicle should be in around the 12th. It will take about a week to change things over. He has a couple options for a vehicle to use during the week of down time.

Police

Clerk: Clerk Etringer reported the Christmas open house will be Monday December 5th from 10:00 to 2:00. We have gotten through the old items to be scanned, working on project items. Fire township bills have been mailed out.

Clerk

Mayor: Mayor Thome said there will be an awards banquet at the Isle to present the grant on the Police vehicle, Monday, December 5, 2016. Mayor Thome also thank our Police Officers for their service.

Mayor

A request was made to forgive the rehabilitation grant/loan for the property at 1206 7th Street because the owner had to move to assisted living and the house needs to be sold. The rehabilitation grant program was a 5 year forgivable loan for low to moderate income home owners to have repairs done. The funding for the program was a federal grant and a city match of \$2,000.00 for each house. Motion by Ramaker/Balvanz to not forgive the remaining portion of the loan. Ayes—Two. Nay—Becker. Motion carried.

Request to forgive rehab grant loan

Deputy/Finance Clerk Adamson discussed options for how much of the city revenues to use towards the wastewater treatment plant and water tower painting debt and how much to borrow. There are funds in the sewer surcharge to borrow towards the water tower painting as well as using water surcharge funds. Adamson recommended using \$300,000 from sewer reserve to pay on the WWTP which would leave approximately \$91,000 to borrow from SRF. The sewer user fee is being increased to meet the 1.1 ratio for a revenue note and to make the payment. The user fee funds will be placed into an account that is used for paying debt and once the debt is paid off the fee can hopefully be taken off, or at least reduced. Becker stated more funds would be needed for additional work like demolition and fencing for the WWTP but there should be enough in the sewer balance to do the work. Motion by Becker/Ramaker to borrower \$200,000.00 from the sewer user fee to pay for the water tower painting and use \$300,000.00 of existing sewer funds to pay on the WWTP. Ayes—Three. Motion carried.

Financing for the WWTP

Mayor Thome opened the public hearing on water/sewer disconnection at 7:55 p.m. for nonpayment of the bill. Clerk Etringer stated there were two delinquent accounts. Motion by Becker/Ramaker to close the hearing at 7:56 p.m. Ayes—Three. Motion carried.

PH for water disconnect

Motion by Becker/Ramaker to authorize PWD Delagardelle to disconnect services, residents will be required to pay arrears and \$50.00 reconnect fee prior to restoration. Ayes—Three. Motion carried.

Approval to disconnect water

Motion by Becker/Ramaker to approve Ordinance 300 amending chapter 99.02 pertaining to sewer rates for the final read and adopt the ordinance. The Ordinance approves the increase of the sewer maintenance fee from \$10.00 to \$15.00 to be used towards the WWTP payments. Roll call vote. Ayes—Three. Motion carried.

1st reading ord 300 sewer surcharge \$15

Motion by Balvanz/Becker not to adopt Ordinance 301 eliminating the public hearing notices the first meeting of each month for water disconnects. Council felt the hearing for water disconnects didn't take much time and chose to keep them on the agenda to keep them informed of delinquent bills. Ayes—Three. Motion carried.

Ord 301 not adopted

A first month garbage deposit will no longer be required. Motion by Becker/Ramaker to receive and place on file the 1st reading of Ordinance 302 pertaining to solid waste deposits. Roll call vote. Ayes—Three. Motion carried.

Ord 302 eliminate 1st month garbage deposit

Motion by Becker/Ramaker to waive the 2nd and 3rd reading and place on file final adoption of Ordinance 302. Roll call vote. Ayes—Three. Motion carried.

Waive 2nd & 3rd reading for ord 302

Motion by Becker/Balvanz to approve Ordinance 302 for the final reading and adopt the ordinance. Roll call vote. Ayes—Three. Motion carried.

Ord 302 final adopt

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Engineer Madden explained pay request 9 & 10. Motion by Balvanz/Ramaker to approve Resolution 2016-2008 approving pay request 9 & 10 to WRH for the WWTP payments. Roll call vote. Ayes—Three. Motion carried.

Res 16-2008
WRH pay 9&10

Motion by Ramaker/Balvanz to set a public hearing for November 21, 2016 for the housing grant application. Roll call vote. Ayes—Three. Motion carried.

PH for rehab grant
application

Health, dental and vision insurance packages were approved with an increase of 5% for the employee premium. Motion by Balvanz/Becker to approve Resolution 2016-2009 approving employee benefits. Roll call vote. Ayes—Three. Motion carried.

Employee
Benefits

Motion by Balvanz/Ramaker to approve Resolution 2016-2010 approving a Federal Aid Funding Agreement for the Poyner Road project. Roll call vote. Ayes—Three. Motion carried.

Poyner Rd
funding agree
BHC and DOT

Motion by Becker/ Ramaker to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. Ayes--Three. Motion carried.

Adjourn

ATTEST: _____

Mark Thome, Mayor

Jean Etringer, City Clerk