

REGULAR SESSION December 18, 2017

The City Council of Gilbertville, Iowa met in Regular Session Monday, December 18, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. with Mayor Thome calling the meeting to order. Council members present: Balvanz, Ramaker, Becker and Meinert French absent. Quorum present.

Mayor Thome led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Ramaker/Meinert to approve the December 18, 2017 regular session agenda. Ayes - Four. Motion carried.

Approve Agenda

Motion by Becker/Balvanz to approve the consent agenda: 1) Minutes of the December 4, 2017 regular meeting; 2) Payment of bills, and transfers. Ayes - Four. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

No public comment was given.

Meinert reported the 1st Responders is down to two individuals and in order to continue having 1st Responders more people need to join and be trained. Discussion was held on recruiting members. Motion by Becker/Balvanz instructing the City Clerk to send a letter to the fire district to recruit fire/EMS members. Ayes—Four. Motion carried.

1st responders EMS

Motion by Meinert/Becker to approve Resolution 2017-2068 appointing and setting pay for the City Attorney, John McCoy and the law firm of Swisher and Cohrt. Ayes—Four. Roll call vote. Motion carried.

17-2068 City Attorney

Motion by Becker/Ramaker to approve Resolution 2017-2069 approving an amendment to the handbook allowing for compensatory time to accumulate at 1 ½ times, with a maximum of 60 hours. Ayes—Four. Roll call vote. Motion carried.

17-2069 comp time

Becker state he contacted Heartland Technology (Jesup Mutual Telephone Company) regarding offering internet and cable in the city limits. This would offer citizens another option for cable and internet services. Becker suggested doing a survey to determine interest. Heartland Technology will discuss this at their next Board meeting and Becker will have more information after the meeting.

Jesup Internet

Fire: Fire Chief John Johnson reported he had an ISO and Safety audit on December 14th. It was very extensive, the last one was about 13 years ago. He learned a lot and there have been several changes over the years. Several test that need to be done annually to keep ratings up to help keep the cost of homeowner insurance in our fire district down. He completed a fire inspection on all the commercial buildings in town. The auditor had a concern with the lack of storage room. He said they are getting closer to purchasing the land for the new building sight. He believes purchasing the land and getting a sign up will increase donations.

Fire

Clerk: Clerk Etringer reported there is an ICAP Audit on Wednesday and working on quarter and yearend.

Clerk

Public Works: PWD Werner reported an Electrician from K&W ensured power was working to the pumps and said the pump should have been replaced from the beginning because the sensors were not hooked up and should have been. He is working with Engineer Madden to correct the problems. Mayor Thome instructed him to call Engineer Claassen regarding the problems. The pump for the clarifier will be here in January.

PWD

Mayor: Mayor Thome wished everyone a Merry Christmas and stated it is good to have employees, police, fire and council that work well together.

Mayor

Motion by Becker/Meinert to adjourn at 7:35 P.M. Ayes - Four. Motion carried.

Mark Thome, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jean Etringer, City Clerk