

MINUTE RECORD
GIBBON CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, February 16, 2021

The Gibbon City Council, Buffalo County, Nebraska met in open public session at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall on Tuesday, February 16, 2021. Notice of the meeting was given in The Shelton Clipper on February 11, 2021 and by posting at Gibbon City Hall, Gibbon Post Office and Gibbon Exchange Bank.

Mayor Deb VanMatre called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Open Meetings Notice is posted on the north wall of the Council Chambers. The City of Gibbon abides by the Open Meetings Act in conducting business.

Roll Call: Jeff Burmood: Present
Bob Krier: Present
Leon Stall: Present
Derrick Clevenger: Present

Present: 4: Absent: 0

Submittal of Requests for Future Items: None

Reserve Time to Speak on Agenda Items: None

Presentations and Proclamations:

Buffalo County Sheriff Department— Captain Anderson: Captain Anderson reported on the monthly activities. The most prominent issue last month was the weather with cold and snow. There were very few accidents in the Gibbon area. The department is keeping personnel closer to each district to have quicker response times with the inclement road conditions. The department is fully staffed on CSO officers however is still down two officers.

Mayor Report—Deb VanMatre: Mayor Deb VanMatre announced that Larry Homan was on speaker phone so he can listen in on the council meeting. The Mayor went over the city operations report. Keno total for 2020 was just under \$20,000. This was just a partial year's worth as the outlets were closed for a period of time due to Covid-19. Sales tax continues to run ahead of 2020 at \$22,000 compared to \$18,000 for the month of January. The departments have been servicing equipment and moving snow. The cemetery directory purchase is moving forward with half the cost funded by generous donations. The cemetery building by the riverbank will need to be moved or rebuilt. The Cemetery Board is looking at different options. Golf Course membership letters have been mailed. The library has several programs underway.

Mayor VanMatre went over the next steps on the Fire Hall/City Hall/Community Center project. The public notice soliciting letters of interest from experienced design-build companies was published in the February 4th issue of The Shelton Clipper. In addition, emails were sent by Dana Peterson on February 9th to prospective companies. The letters of interest are due no later than March 8th. Design-builders who submit a letter of interest may become pre-qualified to receive a request for proposal. The RFP will also require notice for 30 days. We anticipate we will determine which firms to interview by the April meeting.

Mayor VanMatre announced the City of Gibbon Code of Ordinances are now on the City's website, www.cityofgibbon.org. It can be found under the resident information and is linked to American Legal Publishing.

Mayor VanMatre recommended the council approve the appointment of Larry Homan as City Administrator. Following interviews of potential candidates by the personnel committee, Larry Homan was recommended for consideration. A public meeting/interview was held on January 22 with Mr. Homan. The council will take action on the appointment later in the meeting.

Mayor VanMatre informed the council about a piece of property which has been listed for sale which would be of benefit to the city to acquire. Mayor VanMatre made the recommendation to the council to consider making an offer on this property. Action will be taken later in the meeting.

Mayor VanMatre discussed the water rate increase due to the costs associated with planning, testing and design for future well field. The sewer rate increase is needed to cover current costs associated with the plant operations. The recommendation is to spread the increase of both

water and sewer rates over a three-year period. The first reading of ordinances reflecting these increases will be acted upon later in this meeting.

City Attorney –Barry Hemmerling: Mr. Hemmerling gave an update on the Tom Sommerfeld’s unsafe building. A letter was sent to Mr. Sommerfeld and filed and the property has been posted. Mr. Sommerfeld’s attorney requested 60 more days. It was recommended to proceed on the abatement and demolition of unsafe property owned by Tom Sommerfeld at 210 Murnen Avenue and to set a date to for an asbestos inspection and to allow him time to remove items from the property.

City Treasurer—Susan Tonniges: Susan reported on the financials and went over the fund report and how those totals transfer over to the overall reports. We are 1/3 of the way though the physical year and the reports reflect profit/loss accordingly.

KSO CPA’s—Brooke Miller: Brooke reported that the 2019-2020 audit indicated that over all the city is in good shape. The assets of the City of Gibbon exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$9,754,297. Of this amount, \$2,035,162 unrestricted net position may be used to meeting the City’s ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors in accordance with the City’s fund designations and fiscal policies. The City of Gibbon’s total debt decreased by \$815,000 during the current fiscal year. The decrease is a result of principal payments on existing debt of \$1,530,000 less new debt issued of \$715,000. The City of Gibbon maintains fifteen individual governmental funds. Eight of the funds individually comprise the general governmental funds; six of the funds are special revenue funds; and one fund is a debt service fund. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement for revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general fund, street fund, park fund and bond and interest fund, all of which are considered major funds. The result of the 2019-2020 audit was a clean unmodified opinion.

Ordinance:

Ordinance No. 622 Increase Water Rates

Council member Leon Stall introduced Ordinance No. 622 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIBBON, BUFFALO COUNTY, NEBRASKA INCREASING MUNICIPAL WATER RATES

Ordinance No. 622 was read by title only. Motion was made by Derrick Clevenger and seconded by Bob Krier to approve Ordinance No. 622 on its first reading.

Derrick Clevenger: Yea; Bob Krier: Yea; Leon Stall: Yea; Jeff Burmood: Yea

Yea: 4; Nay: 0 Motion carried.

Mayor declared said Ordinance No. 622 approved on its first reading.

Ordinance No. 623 Increase Sewer Rates

Council member Derrick Clevenger introduced Ordinance No. 623 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIBBON, BUFFALO COUNTY, NEBRASKA INCREASING MUNICIPAL SEWER RATES

Ordinance No. 623 was read by title only. Motion was made by Bob Krier and seconded by Leon Stall to approve Ordinance No. 623 on its first reading.

Bob Krier: Yea; Leon Stall: Yea; Jeff Burmood: Yea; Derrick Clevenger: Yea

Yea: 4; Nay: 0 Motion carried.

Mayor declared said Ordinance No. 623 approved on its first reading.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Jeff Burmood to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Derrick Clevenger.

Jeff Burmood: Yea; Derrick Clevenger: Yea; Bob Krier: Yea; Leon Stall: Yea

Yea: 4; Nay: 0; Motion carried.

The items approved in the Consent Agenda are as follows:

Minutes of the January 19, 2021 Council Meeting

Minutes of the January 22, 2021 Council Special Meeting

Claims for the month of February

Buffalo County Sheriff Department Report

Waste Water Treatment Plant Report

Treasures Report

Library Report

GVFD Membership Application—Lane Brown

Motions:

The Mayor requested to go into closed session to discuss negotiations regarding the employment of Larry Homan as City Administrator, in order to protect the public interest and the reputation of an individual.

A motion was made by Leon Stall to go into closed session in order to protect the public interest and the reputation of an individual, seconded by Jeff Burmood.

Leon Stall: Yea; Jeff Burmood: Yea; Bob Krier: Yea; Derrick Clevenger: Yea
Yea: 4; Nay 0 Motion carried.

The council moved into closed session at 7:35 p.m.

A motion was made by Leon Stall to move out of closed session, seconded by Jeff Burmood.

Leon Stall: Yea; Jeff Burmood: Yea; Derrick Clevenger: Yea; Bob Krier: Yea
Yea: 4; Nay: 0 Motion carried.

The council moved out of closed session at 7:51 p.m.

A motion was made by Leon Stall to approve the mayor's recommendation to hire Larry Homan as City Administrator, seconded by Derrick Clevenger.

Leon Stall: Yea; Derrick Clevenger: Yea; Bob Krier: Yea; Jeff Burmood: Yea
Yea: 4; Nay: 0 Motion carried.

The Mayor requested to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to a real estate purchase in order to protect the public interest.

A motion was made by Leon Stall to go into closed session in order to protect the public interest with respect to a real estate purchase, seconded by Derrick Clevenger.

Leon Stall: Yea; Derrick Clevenger: Yea; Bob Krier: Yea; Jeff Burmood: Yea
Yea: 4; Nay: 0 Motion carried.

The council moved into closed session at 7:53 p.m.

A motion was made by Jeff Burmood to move out of closed session, seconded by Leon Stall.

Jeff Burmood: Yea; Leon Stall: Yea; Bob Krier: Yea; Derrick Clevenger: Yea
Yea: 4; Nay: 0 Motion carried.

The council moved out of closed session at 8:03 p.m.

A motion was made by Jeff Burmood to have the Mayor proceed with negotiations for the acquisition of real property, seconded by Leon Stall.

Jeff Burmood: Yea; Leon Stall: Yea; Bob Krier: Yea; Derrick Clevenger: Yea
Yea: 4; Nay: 0 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Leon Stall to approve the continuation of the abatement of unsafe property owned by Tom Sommerfeld located at 210 Murnen Avenue and proceed with the demolition of the building following an asbestos inspection, seconded by Derrick Clevenger.

Leon Stall: Yea; Derrick Clevenger: Yea; Jeff Burmood: Yea; Bob Krier: Yea
Yea: 4; Nay: 0 Motion carried.

Other Items:

The next regular Council Meeting will be on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Jeff Burmood to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Derrick Clevenger.

Jeff Burmood: Yea; Derrick Clevenger: Yea; Leon Stall: Yea; Bob Krier: Yea
Yea: 4; Nay: 0 Motion carried.

Mayor VanMatre adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Pamela Rasmussen

Deborah VanMatre

City Clerk

City Administrator

Mayor

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