

MINUTE RECORD
GIBBON CITY COUNCIL
Monday March 15, 2021

The Gibbon City Council, Buffalo County, Nebraska met in open public session at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall on Monday, March 15 2021. Notice of the meeting was given in The Shelton Clipper on March 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: Ron Robinson

Presentations and Proclamations:

Buffalo County Sheriff Department— Sargent Valenzuela: Sargent Valenzuela reported nothing out of the ordinary for calls. The sandhill cranes are back and there is more traffic in the area for viewing. The department is trying to be proactive with viewers parking in no parking zones.

Mayor Report—Deb VanMatre: Mayor VanMatre officially introduced and welcomed Larry Homan as the new city administrator. Larry began his duties on March 1. She indicated his leadership skills have been apparent since day one, especially in the areas of personnel development, communication and relationship building, and that he will be a real asset to our community. She indicated that day-to-day duties and responsibilities as well as most of the ongoing tasks have been turned over to Larry to handle.

VanMatre reported that negotiations for the acquisition of the lot next to the library was successful, and with council approval it will provide additional city parking, as well as room for library events. The library board and foundation will be involved with improvements and potential cost sharing.

The mayor provided an update on the fire hall/city hall/community room project. The deadline to receive letters of interest from design-build contractors was March 8, and five were submitted. The notice of request for proposals (RFP) will be published in The Shelton Clipper in the March 18 issue, which is the next step, and RFPs will be issued to the design-builders who submitted letters of interest. A site meeting will be held on March 25 for any contractors wishing to continue with the process. Proposals will be due on April 26. At the April meeting, a committee will be appointed for the evaluation of the proposals along with Dana Peterson, which will be done the last week of April. Following the evaluation and ranking, invitations will be issued to interview with the council to present their proposals. VanMatre anticipates this to be done by the May meeting, at which time the council would approve a design-build team and begin negotiations. The voter approved sales tax increase of one-half percent goes into effect on April 1. A meeting was held with Brad Slaughter on the building bond, and with current conditions, it may be prudent to lock in rates sooner than later. An ordinance will be prepared for council approval at the April meeting, and Brad will attend to explain the options.

Gibbon turns 150 on April 7. The Heritage Center board has taken lead on the celebration, with the help of committee members from other organizations and interested individuals. The first event will be on April 7, which will include an open house at the center from 1:00-8:00 p.m., and a program at 7:00 p.m. The next event will be a spiritual roots event on April 10.

City Attorney —Barry Hemmerling: Mr. Hemmerling reported on the omissions to the new Code of Ordinances on parking violations. It was previously in the draft code book but was not in the final version and now needs to be added by ordinance.

City Administrator—Larry Homan: Mr. Homan reported on the keno receipts for January of \$5,909.38 and for February of \$4,586.55. The sales tax numbers for February 2021 were

\$30,035.13, up from February 2020 by \$10,519.19 and for March 2021 at \$22,337.15, up from March 2020 by \$2,671.31, which is still showing an upward trend.

The abated property located at 210 Murnen will be moving forward. The owner has until April 1, 2021 to remove any personal possessions. The city will make arrangements for asbestos testing and removal, with costs assessed to the property owner.

Mr. Homan also talked about issuing a bond to secure the current favorable rates for the Fire Hall/City Hall/Community Room project.

The city-wide cleanup date has been set for May 1 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Crews have been working on water leaks and he complimented the city employees.

Mr. Homan indicated the upcoming meeting agenda will include a hearing for Shiers Subdivision and for the council to consider a fee for a flood plain zone building permit.

City Treasurer—Susan Tonniges: Susan reported on the financials and went over the fund report. The city is five months into the fiscal year and the balances are showing 40% of budget and staying on track.

Professional Services Agreement and Nebraska Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Grant—Olsson--Jess Hurlbert: Mr. Hurlbert went over the professional services and benefits Olsson's would be providing by doing a Water System Evaluation. The process will help with grant applications, as well as being helpful with economic development opportunities. Grants typically need a current study, so it is best to have this in place, as there may be grant opportunities available yet this year. Gibbon's last study was done in 1999. This evaluation will also include the new well field.

Public Hearing:

One- and Six-Year Street Improvement Hearing:

A motion was made by Leon Stall to open the hearing at 7:38 p.m., seconded by Derrick Clevenger.

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

The purpose of the hearing is to hear support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations from the public on the One- and Six-Year Street Improvements. Jess Hurlbert from Olsson was present to go over the proposed improvements. He explained that in 2020 there was no new street paving done, however maintenance was done on some streets. The Mayor asked if there were any comments. Jeff Burmood asked if the BC Estates street would be added as it will be new subdivision. It will be added for the state report, however, it is the developer's responsibility for the paving costs.

Leon Stall moved to close the hearing at 7:47 p.m., seconded by Bob Krier.

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Class C Liquor License Application Hearing for 2KRD2 dba Axes, Gibbon, 707 Front Street:

A motion was made by Jeff Burmood to open the hearing at 7:47 p.m., seconded by Leon Stall.

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

The hearing was held to hear any support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of the public to the passage of the liquor license. The Mayor asked if there were any comments. Kyle Vohland provided considerable information and explained the guidelines they will be using in their business.

A motion by Derrick Clevenger to close the hearing at 8:08 p.m., seconded by Bob Krier.

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Acquisition of Real Property Hearing located at 108 LaBarre Street:

A motion was made by Leon Stall to open the hearing at 8:09 p.m., seconded by Derrick Clevenger.

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

The hearing was held to hear any support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of the public on the acquisition of Real Property located at 108 LaBarre. The Mayor asked if there were any comments. Sharon Schukei, Library Board Chair, explained the benefits of the purchase for the library. The Library does several outdoor activities and this would give them more room for parking too. Missy Onate, Library Director, noted the same benefits with outdoor activities and parking. Ron Robinson voiced his support for the purchase. Ivan Klein, Library Board member, agreed with the purchase as it would provide a benefit with parking for library activities and Pioneer Park, as well as for other outdoor activities uptown.

A motion was made by Derrick Clevenger to close the hearing at 8:12 p.m., seconded by Bob Krier.

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

Ordinance:

Ordinance No. 622 Increase Water Rates

Ordinance No. 622 now came up for second reading. Ordinance No. 622 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIBBON, BUFFALO COUNTY, NEBRASKA INCREASING MUNICIPAL WATER RATES

Motion was made by Leon Stall and seconded by Derrick Clevenger to approve Ordinance No. 622 on its second reading.

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0 Motion carried.

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

Ordinance No. 623 Increase Sewer Rates

Ordinance No. 623 now came up for second reading. Ordinance No. 623 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIBBON, BUFFALO COUNTY, NEBRASKA INCREASING MUNICIPAL SEWER RATES

Motion was made by Bob Krier and seconded by Leon Stall to approve Ordinance No. 623 on its second 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 second reading.

Ordinance No. 624 Parking in Yards, Establish a Time Limit for Parking Recreational and Farm Machinery and Trucks in Residential Districts.

Council Member Bob Krier introduced Ordinance No. 624 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIBBON, BUFFALO COUNTY, NEBRASKA TO PROHIBIT PARKING IN YARDS, ESTABLISH A TIME LIMIT FOR PARKING RECREATIONAL AND FARM MACHINERY, AND ESTABLISH A TIME LIMIT FOR PARKING TRUCKS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Council Member Leon Stall seconded the motion to suspend the rule.

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0 Motion carried.

Said Ordinance No. 624 was then read by title: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIBBON, BUFFALO COUNTY, NEBRASKA TO PROHIBIT PARKING IN YARDS, ESTABLISH A TIME LIMIT FOR PARKING RECREATIONAL AND FARM MACHINERY, AND ESTABLISH A TIME LIMIT FOR PARKING TRUCKS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS and thereafter Council Member Jeff Burmood moved for final passage of the Ordinance, which motion was seconded by Council Member Leon Stall. The Mayor then stated the question "Shall Ordinance No 624 be passed and adopted?"

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0 Motion carried.

The passage and adoption of said Ordinance having been concurred by a majority of all members of the Council, the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted and the Mayor in the presence of the Council signed and approved the Ordinance and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto and ordered the Ordinance to be published in pamphlet form as provided therein.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Leon Stall to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Derrick Clevenger.

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0; Motion carried.

The items approved in the Consent Agenda are as follows:

Minutes of the February 16, 2021 Council Meeting

Claims for the month of March

Buffalo County Sheriff Department Report

Waste Water Treatment Plant Report

Treasurers Report

Planning Commission Report

Building Permit 2021-01—Dustin Lang—1007 2nd Street—Deck
Building Permit 2021-02—Derrick & Angie Clevenger—1318 7th Street-Addition
Building Permit 2021-03—Raul Escandon, Jr.—1219 7th Street—Addition
Building Permit 2021-04—Joe & Caleesha Almazan—Shiers Estate—Single Family Home
Library Report
Heritage Center Report
Reappointment of Nicole Schuster—Cemetery Board
Reappointment of Heather Smallcomb—Cemetery Board
GVFD Membership Application—Taylor Gellerman

Resolutions and Motions:

Resolution No. 2021-03--One- and Six-Year Street Improvement Plans

Whereas, In accordance with the statutes of the State of Nebraska and as prescribed by the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards, Notice of Hearing has been given publication in the legal newspaper of Gibbon, Nebraska, and by posting in three public places within the City, of a Hearing on the One and Six Year Plans of Street Improvements of Gibbon, to be held at the City Office on the 15th day of March, 2021, at 7:15 p.m. for the purpose of hearing comments and objections to said plans.

Whereas, upon said Hearing, the City Council finds that the plans submitted are adequate for the purpose prescribed by law and that the same should be approved.

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Gibbon, Nebraska that the One-and-Six Year Plan for specific improvements during the current year are hereby approved and adopted.

A motion was made by Jeff Burmood to approve Resolution #2021-03, seconded by Derrick Clevenger.

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-04 Authorizing the Application for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Planning Grant from the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-04

WHEREAS, the City of Gibbon, Nebraska recognizes that a properly functioning public water supply system is necessary to the health and welfare of the citizens of Gibbon; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have determined that portions of the City of Gibbon public water supply system are in need of significant repair and improvements: and

WHEREAS, funding for the cost of the Preliminary Engineering Report and/or other eligible planning grant activities of the City of Gibbon public water supply system may be obtained by grant from the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy, subject to certain requirements and obligations;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Gibbon, Nebraska that they should make application for a grant from the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Deborah VanMatre, Mayor, is hereby directed to execute the application and all other documents necessary to facilitate the grant between the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy to the City of Gibbon, Nebraska for the purpose of planning for the repairing and improving the City's public water supply system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Larry L. Homan, City Administrator, be authorized and directed to sign the payment or outlay request forms, sign all necessary document to furnish such assurances to the State of Nebraska as may be required by law or regulations, and to receive payment on behalf of the applicant.

A motion was made by Leon Stall to approve Resolution No. 2021-04, seconded by Bob Krier.

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Derrick Clevenger to approve the Letter of Agreement for Professional Services with Olsson for the Evaluation of the Existing Water System and Analysis of the Existing and Proposed Water Supply, Storage and Distribution Systems, seconded by Leon Stall.

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Derrick Clevenger to approve the Class C Liquor License Application of 2KRD2, Inc. dba Axes Gibbon located at 707 Front Street, seconded by Jeff Burmood.

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bob Krier to approve the Acquisition of Real Property Located at 108 LaBarre Street for the Purchase Price of \$16, 000, seconded by Leon Stall.

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Other Items:

The next regular Council Meeting will be on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Leon Stall to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bob Krier.

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0 Motion carried.

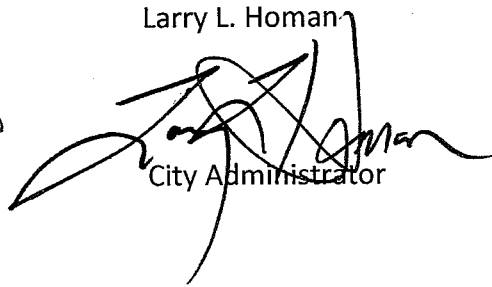
Mayor VanMatre adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Pamela Rasmussen



City Clerk

Larry L. Homan



City Administrator

Deborah VanMatre



Mayor

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