

**MINUTE RECORD**  
**GIBBON CITY COUNCIL**  
**Monday, May 17, 2021**

The Gibbon City Council, Buffalo County, Nebraska met in open public session at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall on Monday, May 17, 2021. Notice of the meeting was given in The Shelton Clipper on May 13, 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: Absent  
Bob Krier: Present  
Leon Stall: Present  
Derrick Clevenger: Present  
Present: 3: Absent: 1

Submittal of Requests for Future Items: None

Reserve Time to Speak on Agenda Items: None

**Presentations and Proclamations:**

Buffalo County Sheriff Department— Captain Bob Anderson—Captain Anderson reported they have received copies of the new Municipal Code Book and are working with the CSO on the duties and protocol when someone violates the codes. The County applied for a highway safety grant and will be beginning the “Click It or Ticket” campaign through the Memorial Day weekend. This will be done throughout Buffalo County. The school year went well, and he hopes the summer goes smooth post Covid as people get more social. The Department still has two openings for road patrol.

Mayor Report—Deb VanMatre: Mayor VanMatre gave an update on the Fire Hall/City Hall/Community Room. There were six letters of interest and five proposals received. The selection committee met and scored the proposals, then recommended inviting three of the five to interview with the Council. This will be scheduled between now and the June Council meeting. The Council will determine the company to begin negotiations with following the presentations. The Mayor thanked the committee for their work, especially Greg Brodine and Kyle Bond. Tim and Mary Jane Jarmin have found a property in Kearney and are ready to close on the property. The closing date is still June 1, 2021, however, the City will try to move the closing nearer to June 1, 2021. City Administrator Homan will handle the details for the closing.

The Mayor gave an update on the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Payment will be made to the State for distribution. The Treasury is to provide further guidance. The City should expect to receive 50% in May or June with the balance being distributed in 12 months. The funds can be used for support of public health expenditures, address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, replace lost public sector revenue, provide premium for essential workers, invest in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure. The city anticipates using a portion of the funds for our current sewer and water infrastructure projects.

Mayor VanMatre, Homan and Matt Smallcomb met with Union Pacific Railroad representatives for a walk through to view damage from the derailment and the cleanup process. The damage viewed included debris, vegetation, streets, curbs, brick streets, signs, markers, and storm water drain. They also discussed continued plans for drainage and moving water east out of town.

The approved City Code of Ordinances has a few discrepancies from the prior code. The Mayor instructed Homan and City Attorney Barry Hemmerling to make a complete and thorough review and present the updates needed at the June meeting.

The Mayor reported nuisance properties are in the process of being addressed. Homan has been working with the CSO officer to establish internal procedures for addressing grass and weed control and unlicensed vehicles on private property.

City Attorney –Barry Hemmerling: None

City Administrator—Larry Homan: Homan reported on the keno receipts for April which were \$6,767.97, up from March by \$1,357.10. The sales tax numbers for May 2021 were \$25,011.35, which were up from April 2021 by \$3,251.53. Both continue on an upward trend. There were five building permits being submitted for May. Homan reported on the Fire/City/Community Room project and went over the proposal evaluation matrix in more detail. The Front Street lift station parts have been ordered and we are waiting for site preparation and the delivery of necessary equipment. Site preparation is underway for the BC Estates housing development and infrastructure installation has begun. Shiers Subdivision has lots available. The Sommerfeld property at 210 Murnen has been sold and the new owner is expected to have the cleanup done by July 1, 2021. Homan went over various departments in the city. The golf course has been well utilized by patrons and currently has 88 members. The swimming pool is scheduled to open May 22, 2021. The cemetery is preparing for Memorial Day. Gibbon had a successful city-wide spring cleanup day on May 1, 2021.

City Treasurer—Susan Tonniges: Susan reported on the financials and went over the fund report. She also let the council know that with the expenses associated with the lift station and incoming federal funds we will need to amend the budget.

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  
Yea: 3; Nay: 0; Absent: 1. Motion carried.

The items approved in the Consent Agenda are as follows:

Minutes of the April 19, 2021 Council Meeting

Claims for the month of May

Buffalo County Sheriff Department Report

Waste Water Treatment Plant Report

Treasurers Report

Gibbon Volunteer Fire Department Report

Planning Commission Report

Building Permit 2021-20—Mike & Carol Meyer—8 Centennial Drive--Fence

Building Permit 2021-21—Leon & Deanna Stall—512 West Ave.—Residential Addition & Accessory Building

Building Permit 2021-22—Tom & Angie Gillming—6100 Gibbon Road—Single Family Home

Building Permit 2021-23—John & Lisa Hartman—45675 69t Road—Accessory Building

Building Permit 2021-24—Robert McShan—202 1<sup>st</sup> Street—Residential Addition & Fence

Library Report

Heritage Center Report

Resolutions and Motions:

A motion was made by Derrick Clevenger to accept the recommendation of the selection committee to issue invitations to interview to Hampton Enterprises, BD Construction and Chief Construction for proposals for the Fire Hall/City Hall/ Community Room project, seconded by Leon Stall.

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

Yea: 3; Nay: 0; Absent: 1. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Derrick Clevenger to approve a special designated liquor license for the Gibbon Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department for a Cornhole Tournament/Nut Fry to be held on June 12, 2021, seconded by Bob Krier.

Derrick Clevenger: Yea; Bob Krier: Yea; Leon Stall: Yea.  
Yea: 3; Nay: 0; Absent: 1. Motion carried.

Other Items:

The next regular Council Meeting will be on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Leon Stall to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Derrick Clevenger.

Leon Stall: Yea; Derrick Clevenger: Yea; Bob Krier: Yea;  
Yea: 3; Nay: 0; Absent: 1. Motion carried.

Mayor VanMatre adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Pamela Rasmussen

Larry L. Homan

Deborah VanMatre



City Clerk

City Administrator

Mayor

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