

MINUTE RECORD
GIBBON CITY COUNCIL
Monday, September 19, 2022

The Gibbon City Council, Buffalo County, Nebraska met in open public session at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall on Monday, September 19, 2022. Notice of the meeting was given in The Shelton Clipper on September 8, 2022, 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:

Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Audit Report—Kay Stahly, Dana F. Cole & Company: Kay Stahly went over the audit report in detail. Ms. Stahly also went over the current accounting practices and recommended changes to be in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting. The city currently uses the full accrual accounting method. Susan Tonniges, City Treasurer, also recommended this change.

City Treasurer Report—Susan Tonniges: Susan reported on the financials. There is nothing notable to report. She will file the budget with the state upon final approval.

Buffalo County Sheriff Department— Captain Anderson and Sergeant Bradley Hall: Sergeant Hall reported the department along with Shelton and Ravenna police departments participated in an active shooter training at Gibbon Public School. There was nothing significant to report. Officers have been present at the school. Code violations have been enforced. Captain Anderson added they can do more direct patrol in problem areas where speeding and jake brake violations have become a problem. Matt Smallcomb informed the council of the new procedure for code enforcement by the CSO officer, which will include weekly reports turned in on Fridays with code violations. This will help with the communication between city hall and the CSO officer.

Mayor Report—Deb VanMatre: Mayor VanMatre indicated to the council the need to raise garbage rates due to the increase in Grand Island's landfill rates paid by Mid-Nebraska Disposal.

Mayor VanMatre advised the council on the action needed relating to the League Association of Risk Management Annual members' meeting.

City Administrator Report—Matthew Smallcomb: Mr. Smallcomb informed the council of changes in staffing: Dustin Eustler was transferred to the cemetery; James Mills was hired to fill the opening within the streets department and Shawn Tallon was hired to work in the utilities department. New playground equipment has been ordered to be placed at Davis Park in addition to shading for the pool playground. This equipment was purchased using keno money. Keno for August 2022 was \$3,310.2. The year-to-date total is \$18,281.37. Total for keno to date is \$85,657.48. Sales tax for August 2022 was \$42,713.25 compared to \$41,894.16 in August 2021. The community center portion of the building on Court Street has been cleaned. A first draft for the proposed layout for the city hall portion was received. Changes were recommended and updates to the drawing will be made. City employees will continue to work on cleaning up outside the building as time allows.

Mr. Smallcomb reported that Pam Rasmussen applied for a tree grant and was awarded ten trees for the parks department. The walking trail at Davis Park that is funded by the Union Pacific grant is dug out and will be completed in the next couple weeks. This will include an additional sidewalk on east side of the park. The street department is in the process of spraying weeds, cold patching, repair work and replacing concrete at the main maintenance shop. The cemetery's directory is working however not all information has been loaded to date. The golf course club house will be closing on October 3rd and the course will close on November 1st. The Gibbon girls golf tournament will be held on Tuesday, September 20th. Weber Lawn Service will be aerating this month and continue to work throughout the winter. The library school reading program is doing great. There will be a pie bake-off and chili dinner fundraiser on September 29, 2022. The sludge is getting hauled out and should be complete by the end of the month. We are working with Olsson on plant upgrades. City crews worked on a water main break on River Street. They are currently working on replacing a few curb stops. There were two building permits submitted this month.

Mr. Smallcomb gave an update on the fire hall project. He met with the electrical engineer and will be meeting with BD and the architects on Wednesday. They will have more information for the October meeting.

Councilman Burmood asked about the Union Pacific claim from the train derailment. All information requested has been sent to them and we are waiting on them to complete their review of the claim.

Mr. Smallcomb will review the current contract with Mid-Nebraska Disposal and how commercial accounts are handled. He will also relay to staff the complement on the mowing of the lagoon area.

Ordinance:

Ordinance No. 654—Increasing Municipal Garbage Rates

Councilmember Leon Stall introduced Ordinance No. 654 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIBBON, BUFFALO COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AMENDING SECTION 51.04 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CHANGE THE RESIDENTIAL RATE FOR COLLECTION OF GARBAGE.

Ordinance No. 654 was read by title only. A motion was made by Derrick Clevenger to approve Ordinance No. 654 on its first reading, seconded by Bob Krier.

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Mayor declared said Ordinance No. 654 approved on its first reading.

Consent Agenda:

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

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

The items approved in the Consent Agenda were as follows:

Minutes of the August 15, 2022, Council Meeting

Minutes of the August 29, 2022, Budget Work Session

Claims for the Month of September

Buffalo County Sheriff Department Report

Treasurers Report

Planning Commission Report

Building Permit 2022-29—Larry Pittz—921 Court Street—Fence

Building Permit 2022-30—Bradley Hall-611 Southwind Drive—Residential garage addition

Sign Permit 2022-03—Mi Nana's Tacos—704 Highway 30

Library Report

Resolutions and Motions:

A motion was made by Leon Stall to approve Resolution No. 2022-13—Temporarily Closing Public Street for Halloween Events, seconded by Derrick Clevenger.

RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY CLOSING PUBLIC STREET BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIBBON, NEBRASKA that the following streets will be closed to vehicular traffic for Halloween events from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on October 31, 2022, as follows: LaBarre Street from Front Street to 2nd Street and 1st Street from LaBarre to Niles.

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

A motion was made by Derrick Clevenger to approve an additional 1% increase in the allowable growth rate, seconded by Leon Stall.

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

A motion was made by Leon Stall to adopt the 2022-2023 Budget, seconded by Derrick Clevenger.

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

A motion was made by Leon Stall to approve Resolution No. 2022-14—To Set the Property Tax Request for 2022-2023, seconded by Derrick Clevenger.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GIBBON, BUFFALO COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO SET THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST FOR 2022-2023.

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that if the property tax request exceeds the property tax request for the prior year that the Governing Body of the City of Gibbon may do so after holding a public meeting and passing a resolution by a majority vote; and,

WHEREAS, a special public meeting was held as required by law to hear and consider comments regarding the property tax request; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Gibbon that the property tax request for the current year exceed the amount of the property tax request for the prior year; and,

WHEREAS, the amount of the property tax request is \$640,305.21; and,

WHEREAS, the total assessed value of the property differs from last year's total assessed value by 19.06%; and,

WHEREAS, the tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be 0.415749 per \$100 of assessed value; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Gibbon proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.495 per \$100 of assessed value; and,

WHEREAS, based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue the total operating budget for the City of Gibbon will be less than last year's by 3.93%.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and City Council of Gibbon, by a majority vote, resolves that:

1. The 2022-2023 property tax request be set at: General: \$452,741.06, Bond: \$187,564.15
2. A copy of this Resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk prior to October 20, 2022.

Leon Stall: Yea; Derrick Clevenger: Yea; Jeff Burmood: Nay; Bob Krier: Yea.
Yea: 3; Nay: 1. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Leon Stall to approve Resolution No. 2022-15 To Present the Annual Audited Financial Statement in Accordance with the Modified Cash Basis of Accounting Beginning with the Report for the Year Ending September 30, 2022, and for Years Thereafter, seconded by Derrick Clevenger.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GIBBON, BUFFALO COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO PRESENT THE ANNUAL AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MODIFIED CASH BASIS OF ACCOUNTING BEGINNING WITH THE REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, AND FOR YEARS THEREAFTER.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Gibbon, Nebraska, that the accounting process of the City shall be modified as follows: The annual audited financial statements shall be presented in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting beginning with the report for the year ending September 30, 2022, and for years thereafter. The modified cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements for the City of Gibbon.

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

A motion was made by Leon Stall to ratify all actions of Deb VanMatre, our LARM representative, identified in the minutes of the Annual Members' Meeting of the League Association of Risk Management on September 14, 2022, including the election of nominees to the LARM Board of Directors, 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, October 17, 2022, 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; Jeff Burmood: Yea; Bob Krier: Yea.
Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Mayor VanMatre adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Pamela Rasmussen:

Matthew Smallcomb

Deborah VanMatre

Pamela Rasmussen

Matthew Smallcomb

Deborah VanMatre

City Clerk

City Administrator

Mayor

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