



City Council Regular Meeting

Minutes

Monday, July 15, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Meeting Location

1029 Center Street, Gibbon, Nebraska

1. Opening Procedures

a. Call to Order

Minutes:

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 south wall of the Council Chambers. The City of Gibbon abides by the Open Meetings Act in conducting business.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

c. Announcement of Open Meetings Act

d. Roll Call

Minutes:

Roll Call: Leon Stall: Present, Derrick Clevenger: Present, Bob Krier: Present, Kevin Kraenow: Present

2. Submittal of Requests for Future Items

Minutes:

None

3. Reserve Time to Speak on Agenda Items

Minutes:

None

4. Presentations and Proclamations

a. Buffalo County Sheriff's Department--Contract Law Enforcement

Minutes:

Buffalo County Sheriff's Department—Sergeant Joe Andersen: Sergeant Andersen reviewed the monthly reports. Nothing significant other than the train derailment. Council member Kraenow asked about U-turns in the downtown area and requested extra patrol around 4th Street as juveniles were riding a minibike and expressed his concern for their safety

b. Mayor Report--Deb VanMatre

Minutes:

Mayor Report—Deb VanMatre: Mayor VanMatre reported the city had been in contact with Union Pacific regarding the derailment and we are watching for any further damage to streets with the heavy equipment they are using for the cleanup. The Environmental Protection Agency Administrative Order for Compliance on Consent has been signed. The former city hall building purchase was complete with Faith United Church purchasing it for their food pantry. We may come to the council in the near future regarding the potential sale of the Scoular “Fox” building. Mayor VanMatre informed the council the League of Nebraska Municipalities Executive Board will be touring Gibbon and holding a meeting at City Hall on July 26th. She indicated the city budget work session will be held on August 26th at 5:00 p.m. The September budget hearings and meeting dates are yet to be determined. A change of date for the November meeting will be an action item.

c. City Administrator Report--Matt Smallcomb

Minutes:

City Administrator Report—Matthew Smallcomb: Mr. Smallcomb provided the monthly operations report. He informed the council the Kearney Harmon Park pool had been vandalized and many Kearney patrons were coming to Gibbon. He has spoken to Kearney, and we will possibly be open longer hours and utilize some of their lifeguards while their pool gets repaired. Mr. Smallcomb gave an update on Nebraska Public Power District’s annual report. There will be an increase of 2% in power costs. He informed the council that Gibbon Pack is moving forward on their construction and will be paving Beatty Street. The Pack will be relocating the truck entrance to the west side of their property, which should alleviate stopped turning traffic on Highway 30. There will be information on the street closure during the construction in the next newsletter. With the increase in food and vendor sales from trucks, Councilman Kraenow had asked about regulations regarding this type of business. Mr. Smallcomb provided examples of ordinances to the council. The State of Nebraska has a sight for food vendors with information on requirements for communities that have ordinances. Councilman Stall asked the status of the gas burner building and receiving the parts from David City. The engineers are currently working on the project and as soon as that is in place we are ready to proceed.

d. City Attorney Report--Barry Hemmerling

Minutes:

No report.

e. City Treasurer Report--Susan Tonniges

Minutes:

City Treasurer Report—Susan Tonniges: Ms. Tonniges reported on the financials. We are 75% through the year and fund balances are on track except for property tax receipts. However, the second half receipts usually come in September. Ms. Tonniges reviewed the audit performed by Dana F. Cole & Company.

f. Economic Development Council of Buffalo County--Trevor Lee

Minutes:

Economic Development Council of Buffalo County—Trevor Lee: Mr. Lee updated the council on the Nebraska Department of Economic Development Industrial Site Evaluation and the DED and Gibbon's 141-acre site and the pilot program. He reviewed the Economic Development Council of Buffalo County's annual investor report. The Development Council is building a new facility and welcome center near Kearney's new sports complex, along with the Kearney Chamber and Kearney Visitors Bureau. The EDCBC has helped in several projects within Gibbon and is currently working on others. Mr. Lee requested the council consider an increase in the city's funding for the year 2024-2025 for operations.

5. Consent Agenda

Minutes:

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; Kevin Kraenow: Yea Yea: 4; Nay: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

- a. **Minutes of the June 17, 2024 Council Meeting**
- b. **Claims for the Month of July 2024**
- c. **Buffalo County Sherriff's Department Report**
- d. **Treasurers Report**
- e. **Planning Commission Report**
- f. **Building Permits**
- g. **Cemetery Board Report**
- h. **Gibbon Volunteer Fire Department Report**
- i. **Library Report**
- j. **Recreation Advisory Board**
- k. **Board Reappointments**
- l. **Board Appointments**

6. Resolution and Motions

- a. **Consider a Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2024-08 Confirming Renewal with the League Association of Risk Management (LARM) through September 30, 2027**

Minutes:

A motion was made by Leon Stall to approve Resolution No. 2024-08 Confirming the Renewal with the League Association of Risk Management (LARM) through September 30, 2027, seconded by Derrick Clevenger Resolution No. 2024-08 Renewal Resolution 2024-2025 WHEREAS, The City of Gibbon is a member of the League Association of Risk Management (LARM); WHEREAS, section 8.10 of the Interlocal Agreement for the Establishment and Operation of the League Association of Risk Management provides that a member may voluntarily terminate its participation in LARM by written notice of termination given to LARM and the Nebraska Director of Insurance at least 90 days prior to the desired termination given to and that members may agree to extend the required termination notice beyond 90 days in order to realize reduced excess coverage costs, stability of contribution rates and efficiency in operation of LARM; and WHEREAS, the

Board of Directors of LARM has adopted a plan to provide contribution credits in consideration of certain agreements by members of LARM as provided in the attached letter. BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of The City of Gibbon, Nebraska, in consideration of the contribution credits provided under the LARM Board's plan, agrees to: Provide written notice of termination at least 180 days prior to the desired termination date, which date shall be no sooner than September 30, 2027. 180 day (about 6 months) and 3-year commitment; 5% discount) Leon Stall: Yea; Derrick Clevenger: Yea; Bob Krier: Yea; Kevin Kraenow: Yea Yea: 4; Nay: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

b. Consider a Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2024-09 Temporarily Closing Public Street for the Annual BBQ Competition and Street Dance Sponsored by the Gibbon Volunteer Fire Department

Minutes:

A motion was made by Derrick Clevenger to approve Resolution No. 2024-09 Temporarily Closing Public Street for the Annual BBQ Competition and Street Dance Sponsored by the Gibbon Volunteer Fire Department, seconded by Leon Stall. RESOLUTION NO. 2024-09 RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY CLOSING PUBLIC STREET BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIBBON, NEBRASKA that Gilmore Street between the alley North of 1st Street and the alley South of 1st Street, and 1st Street from Gilmore Street to Niles Street be closed to vehicular traffic from Friday, August 9, 2024 at 12:00 noon until Sunday, August 11, 2024 at 12:00 noon for a BBQ competition and street dance sponsored by the Gibbon Fire Department. Derrick Clevenger: Yea; Leon Stall: Yea; Bob Krier: Yea; Kevin Kraenow: Yea Yea: 4; Nay: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

c. Consider a Motion to Approve the Issuance of a Special Designated License as Requested by the Gibbon Volunteer Fire Department for their 10th Annual BBQ Competition and Dance

Minutes:

A motion was made by Leon Stall to approve the issuance of a Special Designated License as requested by the Gibbon Volunteer Fire Department for their 10th Annual BBQ Competition and Dance, seconded by Derrick Clevenger. Leon Stall: Yea; Derrick Clevenger: Yea; Kevin Kraenow: Yea; Bob Krier: Yea Yea: 4; Nay: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

d. Consider a Motion to Approve the Letter of Agreement for Professional Services with Olsson for Planning Services for Gibbon's Downtown Revitalization Study

Minutes:

A motion was made by Bob Krier to approve the Letter of Agreement for Professional Services with Olsson for Planning Services for Gibbon's Downtown Revitalization Study,

seconded by Leon Stall. Bob Krier: Yea; Leon Stall: Yea; Derrick Clevenger: Yea; Kevin Kraenow: Yea Yea: 4; Nay: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

e. Consider a Motion to Approve the Letter of Agreement Amendment #1 with Olsson for Planning Services for Gibbon's Downtown Revitalization Study

Minutes:

A motion was made by Leon Stall to approve the Letter of Agreement Amendment #1 with Olsson for Planning Services for Gibbon's Downtown Revitalization Study, seconded by Derrick Clevenger. Leon Stall: Yea; Derrick Clevenger: Yea; Kevin Kraenow: Yea; Bob Krier: Yea Yea: 4; Nay: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

f. Consider a Motion to Approve the Change of Date for the Monday, November 18, 2024 Council Meeting to Monday, November 25, 2024

Minutes:

A motion was made by Bob Krier to approve the change of date for the Monday, November 18, 2024 Council Meeting to Monday, November 25, 2024, seconded by Derrick Clevenger Bob Krier: Yea; Derrick Clevenger: Yea; Kevin Kraenow: Yea; Leon Stall: Yea Yea: 4; Nay: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

7. Other Items

- a. Next Regular City Council Meeting will be held on August 19, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- b. Budget Work Session will be held on Monday, August 26, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

8. Adjourn

Minutes:

A motion was made by Derrick Clevenger to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Leon Stall. Derrick Clevenger: Yea; Leon Stall: Yea; Kevin Kraenow: Yea; Bob Krier: Yea Yea: 4; Nay: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried.

Mayor VanMatre adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0