

CITY OF GILMAN
REGULAR MEETING
October 3,11

7:00PM

The regular meeting of the City of Gilman was called to order by Mayor Theesfeld, council respnding to roll call were: Hilgert aye, Tammen aye, Hartke aye, McGehee aye, Hari aye.

Moved by McGehee

Seconded by Hartke

To approve the minutes of the regular meeting September 6, 2011. All aye.

The Treasurer's Report was as follows:

General	413,626.65	IMRF	29,298.49
R&B	-3,216.63	MFT	37,803.29
W&S	-904.17	TIF #1	398,741.43
Sanitary Sewer	-115,837.63	TIF #2	942.73
Tourism	14,891.05	"2002" Bond Fund	97,808.57
Total Assests	873,153.78		

Moved by McGehee

Seconded by Hari

To close the MFT money market at Prospect Bank in the amount of 126,487.24.

Moved by Hari

Seconded by McGehee

To transfer \$3,500.00 from General Checking to R&B Checking.

To transfer \$1,000.00 from General checking to W&S checking

To transfer \$116,000.00 from General Checking to Sanitary Sewer Checking.

Hilgert aye, Tammen aye, Hartke aye, McGehee aye, Hari aye.

Moved by McGehee

Seconded by Hilgert

To approve Resolution #11-12-R3 for improvement by Municipality under the Illinois highway Code. for road construction on West Second Street in the amount of \$127,811.40. All aye.

Moved by McGehee

Seconded by Tammen

To approve Resolution #11-12-R4 authorizing payment in the amount of \$2195.34 from TIF fund to William D Kraft d/b/a Gilman Auto Parts. All aye.

Moved by Hari

Seconded by McGehee

To approve Resolution #11-12-R5 authorizing payment in the amount of \$76,002.44 from TIF fund to Cargill Inc. All aye.

Moved by McGehee

Seconded by Hartke

To approve a Class D liquor license for Pilot Travel Centers LLC. All aye.

Moved by Hari

Seconded by Hilgert

To set Halloween Trick-or-Treat hours for Sunday October 30th from 4:00pm-7:00pm. All aye.

Mayor Theesfeld addressed the council in regards to the updated zoning map, would like the council to review for a final approval at the next meeting.

Theesfeld also reported that Comcast had been in touch with him informing the city that they would be updating with fiber optics in the fall, then wanting the city to sign a new contract with Comcast.

The last contract had automatic renewal which included an upgrade to the system, there was no upgrade therefore the city did not sign a contract with Comcast.

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Theesfeld reported that the City of Gilman only received one bid for the property located at 424 S. Crescent which was received from Gilman Auto Parts in the amount of \$40,000.00. Gilman Auto Parts intention for the property is to sell utility/cargo trailers along with power equipment rentals. A discussion was held in regards to what the city has invested in the property.

Moved by Hari

Seconded by Hilgert

To table the bid from Gilman Auto Parts until the next council meeting on November 7,2011. All aye.

Gilman Chamber of Commerce members Bob Kraft and Celeste Kelley addressed the council in regards to Christmas decorations. The decorations are in need of new light bulbs which cost \$210.00 The Chamber is looking to possibly purchase one or two Skylights which would extend over the street . The cost of the skylights are approximately \$1885.00 each with discounts for purchasing more than 1. Chamber is looking for a contribution from the City for the purchase of the skylights. A discussion was held with Alderman Hari questioning how much the city has donated to the chamber this year. Bob Kraft explained that the chambers goal was to get more people attracted to Gilman.

Moved by Hari

Seconded by Hartke

Approved the purchase of the light bulbs for the Christmas decorations in the amount of \$210.00 plus shipping and handling. All aye.

Moved by Hilgert

Seconded by Hari

Approve the purchase of one skylight Christmas banner in the amount of \$1,885.00. All aye.

Alderman Hilgert asked to have the alley mowed and weeds to be taken care of in the alley between Peoria/Secor in the 100 block. Theesfeld will make sure the city employees get it cleaned up. Hilgert asked about the culvert on Front street, Theesfeld said that the trees have been taken down and the elevation levels will be taken soon so the project can be completed.

Alderman Hartke asked about a resident at 419 S Main who wanted to replace the steps on the front of their house, problem with the steps being too close to the sidewalk, Theesfeld noted that they could replace with concrete but if they wanted to replace with a deck the resident would have to apply for a variance and check with the building inspector.

Alderman Tammen would like to schedule a building and grounds committee to consider the hiring of a candidate for Ordinance code officer. Meeting set for Monday October 10th,11 at 7:00PM at the City Hall.

Alderman Hari questioned the letter that was sent to Sharon Strohschein from Attorney Simutis representing the City of Gilman. Letter stating that because Strohschein accepted the appointment as Cemetary District President after she was elected to her position of Alderperson in the City of Gilman, that such appointment as Cemetery District President results in the forfeiture of her office as Alderperson, as the offices of Alderperson for the City of Gilman and President of the Cemetary District are incompatible. Letter stated that a formal resignation is not required as Strohschein's acceptance of the incompatible office of President of the cemetary dist. Constitutes an ipso facto

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resignation of her office as Alderperson . Accordingly, she is no longer a member of the City Council of the City of Gilman.

Simutis explained the letter in which was sent to Strohschein, explaining that being on both boards is incompatible.

Resident Paul Johnson addressed the board in regards to the letter in which Sharon Strohschein received from the City of Gilman. He advised the council that he spoke with the Attorney Generals office and Johnson said that if Strohschein has to give up her position on the council then so does Mayor Theesfeld. Johnson stated that since Mayor Theesfeld signed building permits that would also be an incompatibility of offices as Mayor and building inspector. Attorney Simutis will look into this matter.

Sharon Strohschein advised the council that she has attained a lawyer and is going to fight this incompatible issue. Her attorney has advised her to attend the meetings and take her seat as usual. She plans on taking it to the Attorney Generals office. She informed the council that she had resigned from the cemetery board for personal reasons before she received the letter from the City of Gilman.

John Elliott invited the council to attend an open house for Irish's Gym on October 9th at 2:00PM
Asked if the Mayor would be there for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Resident Jr Barnes asked if the city would gravel the alley behind his house on S Central St.

Moved by Hari

Seconded by Hartke

To pay the bills as they were presented. All aye.

Moved by McGehee

Seconded by Hilgert

To adjourn the regular meeting at 7:55PM. All aye.