

City of Gilman
Regular Meeting
November 7, 2011

7:00PM

Before roll call Mayor Theesfeld read the following statement:

As you know, Sharon Strohschein received a letter from the City attorney in which he expressed the opinion that she is no longer a member of the Gilman City Council because she had accepted the position as President of the Gilman Cemetary District after her election to office as an alderwoman. The City attorney has received a letter from an attorney on behalf of Mrs Strohschein. Because this matter is in dispute, I have instructed the city attorney to ask the Iroquois County States Attorney to seek a formal opinion from the Illinois Attorney General. Pending receipt of that opinion, Mrs Strohschein will continue to serve as a member of the City Council, with the express caution that in the event of a close vote on a particular issue, her vote could well call into question the validity of of any action taken that results from a close vote.

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

Moved by McGehee

Seconded by Tammen

To approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 3, 2011. All aye.

The Treasurer's Report on funds were as follows:

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| General | 307,993.10 | IMRF | 26,916.66 |
| R&B | -12,179.72 | MFT | 45,041.73 |
| W&S | 7219.26 | TIF #1 | 282,234.82 |
| Sanitary Sewer | 38,811.43 | TIF #2 | 942.73 |
| Tourism | 26,392.11 | "2002" Bond fund | 90,396.95 |

Moved by McGehee

Seconded by Hartke

To transfer \$12,500.00 from General Checking to R&B Checking. All aye.

Bid for 424 S Crescent , council need to either accept or deny the bid in the amount of \$40,000.00 Alderman Hari questioned if the city advertised long enough for the property. Mayor Theesfeld thought that the bid was fair market value. Business owner Bill Kraft addressed the council , he stated that he offered fair market value, he stated that the property was improved and cleaned up with possible sales tax potential, real estate taxes that the city was not receiving before. They cannot move forward until the council approves the bid. Kraft asked how many buisnesses are waiting in line to put businesses in Gilman. Strohschein wants the property advertised longer with a possible sign advertising along with the newspaper. Short discussion held on Krafts plans for the property.

Moved by McGehee

Seconded by Tammen

To accept the bid from Kraft Bros. Inc in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the property at 424 S Crescent Hari present, Strohschein present, Hilgert aye, Tammen aye, Hartke nae, McGehee aye,

Moved by McGehee

Seconded by Hari

Approve Ordinance #11-12-08 for the updated Zoning Map. All aye.

Moved by Hari

Seconded by Hilgert

Approve the contract with ICOM in the amount of \$3,000.00 yearly for services. All aye.

Alderman Tammen reported on the Bldg & Grounds committee meeting held October 10,2011 Meeting was held to discuss hiring Jan Bond as the cities code enforcer, her job duties will be to check structures, pools and compare current ordinances. She will have contact with the individual homeowner with any ordinance violation and give reports to the council.

Moved by Tammen

Seconded by Hari

To hire Jan Bond at \$25.00 hourly for administration fees and \$15.00 for inspections, approximately 8-10 weekly. All aye.

Moved by McGehee

Seconded by Tammen

To approve Tax Levy ordinance #11-12-07 in the amount of \$146,445.00. All aye.

Moved by McGehee

Seconded by Hartke

To transfer \$12,500.00 from General checking to R&B checking. All aye.

Moved by Hari

Seconded by Hilgert

To donate \$200.00 to the Santa Train to be paid from Tourism. All aye.

Mayor Theesfeld reported to the council that the grant for the Sanitary Sewer project in the amount of \$350,000.00 was denied. This project needs to be done in the near future. Schedule a Street and Alley committee meeting to discuss project and the bridge replacement on Maple. Tentatively set for Thursday December 1st.

Gibson City is inquiring on purchasing the cities old Psion unit for their water bill system. The city no longer uses this unit. Council would like to receive \$500.00 for this used Psion.

Alderman McGehee reported that Larson Tree service will be here next week to remove the tree at E Third Street.

Alderman Hari asked if something could be done with the wall on the west side of the Right Stop. Mayor Theesfeld has spoken with someone to repair it.

Mayor Theesfeld reported that Pilot will be opening the beginning of December. Also reported that the Subway/Station is planning on building a new facility and tearing the old building down. The owners are not looking for any incentives. Theesfeld noted that this would be the best time to extend the sanitary sewer before this project started in the spring of 2012.

Moved by Hair

Seconded by Hilgert

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

Resident Paul Johnson asked if the city could install a catch basin behind the Legion Hall. Mayor will look into it.

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Representative from the Boy Scout troop 155 asked the city of Gilman for a donation towards his troop for a pinewood derby. The total cost for the event is 1,200.00, troop has received a total of \$300.00 thus far.

Moved by Hari Seconded by McGehee

To donate \$500.00 to the Boy Scout Troop #155 to be used for the pinwood derby. Donation is to be paid from the Tourism fund. All aye.

Resident Tom Strohschein addressed the council to ask if Front street would be repaired where Iroq. paving did work this fall. Mayor Theesfeld reported that the patch would be repaired in two places.

Moved by McGehee Seconded by Hartke

To adjourn the regular meeting at 7:30PM All aye.