

CITY OF GILLETT COMMON COUNCIL
NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
150 N McKenzie Ave., Gillett, WI
Minutes
April 7, 2016 6:00 PM

Mayor Irene Drake called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Present were Alderpersons Marilyn Mueller, William Pecha, Marie Blaser, Nanette Mohr, and Terry Nelson, Mayor Irene Drake, Attorney Katie Sloma, Clerk Beth Rank, Police Chief Jess Keplinger, Public Works Foreman Shane Rank, Utility employee Robert Schroeder, Fire Chief Greg Rudie, and Sarah Nunn from Lynch and Associates. Public present were Gary Hougas and Kevin Smith. Excused: Deborah Erickson.

Council was informed that the open meeting law had been complied with and roll call was taken.

Motion by Pecha, second by Mohr to approve the minutes from March 3, 2016, motion carried.

Public Input: Gary Hougas is disgusted with being charged Public Fire Protection on a vacant lot. Hougas felt the charge should have been on properties with improvements. Nunn stated that the PSC sets the rates and allows lots that are unbuildable to not be charged. Hougas stated there are other avenues the City can take to receive the money and stated that the City needs to be fair to all. He stated there is a lot of discontent in the City.

CDA: Mohr stated that the DNR approved the funding for the Campground. The next meeting is April 20, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Library Report: Report was handed out.

Tourism & Marketing Commission: No report.

Financial Report: Motion by Nelson, second by Mohr to approve the Financial Report as presented, motion carried on a roll call vote.

Police Department Report: Keplinger reported that the Police Department had received a donation from Wolds. Keplinger praised Officers Lefevre and Woodke.

Fire Department Report: Rudie stated that the Fire Department is testing equipment and the burn dated for the house on N McKenzie is set for April 30, 2016.

Health, Protection, and License: Motion by Mohr, second by Mueller to approve operator licenses for Brooke A Darby and Jennifer A Gellin, motion carried. The rest of the agenda items under this committee were left to lay.

Public Works: Motion by Pecha, second by Nelson to forgive the man and machine charges to the Library and to charge for the cost of the salt in the amount of \$183.43, motion carried on a roll call vote.

Utility Committee: Motion by Pecha, second by Mueller to increase the credit limit for Robert Schroeder to \$2,500.00, motion carried on a roll call vote. Motion by Pecha, second by Nelson to terminate the contract with GAI, motion carried. Motion by Mueller, second by Blaser to approve the contract with Lynch and Associates, motion carried.

Finance and Personnel: Motion by Mueller, second by Blaser to approve the Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer job description with corrections, motion carried. Motion by Mueller, second by Nelson to approve changing the Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer status from part-time to full-time, motion carried. No action on hiring a Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Assistant.

Parks Committee: Motion by Nelson, second by Blaser to accept the agreement for the UTV to move onto the School, motion carried with Mohr abstaining. Motion by Mohr, second by Pecha to rent a dumpster for OBJ Complex for August and September for \$45/month, motion carried on a roll call vote.

Planning Committee: Motion by Blaser, second by Nelson to approve the CSM for Clayton Smith, motion carried. Motion by Mohr, second by Nelson to approve the CSM for Nancy Smith, motion carried.

Attorney Report: No report.

Mayor Report: Drake thanked the City for the last four years as Mayor.

Clerk/Treasurer Report: Rank reported that there were 507 voters at the Spring Election and read the election results.

Other Business: No other business.

Motion by Nelson, second by Mohr to adjourn into closed session to deliberate or negotiate the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session pursuant to 19.85 (1e) Wis. Stats. (Concerning unionization of Police Department). Motion to include alderpersons present, Mayor Drake, Clerk Rank, and Attorney Sloma, motion carried.

Motion by Mohr, second by Mueller to return to open session, motion carried.

Motion by Pecha, second by Mueller to accept the Voluntary Recognition Agreement between the City of Gillett and the General Teamsters Union Local 662 who will be representing the Gillett Police Association personnel who are designated in the agreement, motion carried on a roll call vote.

Council took action to take care of an employment situation in closed session.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Beth Rank, Clerk