

CITY OF GILLETT
FINANCE & PERSONNEL
Council Chambers – Municipal Building
150 N McKenzie Ave – Gillett, WI 54124
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021 AT 5:30 PM
MINUTES

Chairperson Hubbard called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Roll Call

Present: Alderpersons Sandra Hubbard, Marie Blaser and Debbie Rudie, Alderperson Nanette Mohr, Clerk Treasurer Chelsea Anderson, Mayor Josh McCarthy, Library Board Members Linda Hougas, Tami McQuillan , Carmen Brown, Rachel Weckler, Peggy Winkler, Irene Drake, Librarian Shannon Stoner, Public Wendy Vorpahl, Kay Rankel, Ann Ammerman, Faye Wagner, and Chris and Dawn Byars.

Clerk informs Committee that Open Meeting Law has been complied with and Roll has been taken.

Public Input: None

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Discussion and possible action on minutes from September 13, 2021

MOTION: Blaser/Rudie

Motion to approve minutes from September 13, 2021.

Voice Vote: All Ayes MOTION CARRIED

2. Discussion and possible action on Community Center ownership and funds- The library board questioned why they are here. The City's question to the library board is why is the city funding the community center, we do not own the building, and who should be funding the center. The deed is in the Gillett Public Library's name, not City of Gillett. Center is used for programs, library events and renting out to the public. In 2014, the library was planning to expand the library because they were running out of room then found the BMO Bank for sale and purchased it through donations. It is a completely separate external building, referred to as an "extension of the library", now we maintain two buildings, two roofs, two water and sewer bills, two heat and electric bills and so on. Mayor questioned again: Why is city budget paying for the external building? In a State Statute printed for us it says: State law says a library can own another building. But the City feels we shouldn't pay for the extra building. It was questioned whether our library was a municipal standalone library or a joint library. More communication is needed between the Library Board and City Council. There was animosity between the Library Board and the Council implying not having the best interest for the library. Rumors were brought up about it being an idea for city hall to move in the community center or the library could be shut down because we cannot fund the buildings any longer, neither are true. It was stated that the library budget has increased very little since 2010 and the library board managed to maintain both buildings. Revenues and expenses match in the budget and council approves it every year. The Mayor brought up examples of the Lions Club, 4H, Civic Stand, and Gillett fair board buildings are all in our park, but we do not pay for those buildings expenses. City will check if we are within our legal bounds or if spending money on that building is a misappropriation of funds. Will get questions from attorney that we need answered and Library Board will forward to their attorney or advisor.

CITY OF GILLETT
FINANCE & PERSONNEL
Council Chambers – Municipal Building
150 N McKenzie Ave – Gillett, WI 54124
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021 AT 5:30 PM
MINUTES

3. Committee may go 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

MOTION: Blaser/Rudie

Motion to approve going into Closed Session at 7:10 pm to include members, clerk, and mayor.

Voice Vote: All Ayes MOTION CARRIED

Discussed wages for police union contract.

4. Committee will return to open session and may take action on matters discussed in closed session.

MOTION: Blaser/Rudie

Motion to return to Open Session at 7:30 pm.

Voice Vote: All Ayes MOTION CARRIED

5. Discussion and possible action on Bargaining Agreement for Police Department with General Teamsters

MOTION: Rudie/Blaser

Motion to offer wage increase for 2022 of 1.5% January through June, 1.5% July through December, total of 3%. Year 2023, 1.25% January through June, 1.25% July through December, total of 2.5%. Year 2024, 1.25% January through June, 1.25% July through December, total of 2.5%.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes MOTION CARRIED

6. Discussion and possible action on redistricting

MOTION: Blaser/Rudie

Motion to approve Ordinance 3.12 Wards to regain the same, to send to council.

Voice Vote: All Ayes MOTION CARRIED

7. Discussion and possible action on General Code questions for new code book-revised questions

MOTION: Blaser/Rudie

Motion to give clerk authority to revise unanswered questions and return to General Code.

Voice Vote: All Ayes MOTION CARRIED

8. Discussion and possible action on 2022 Budget- 2022 Transportation Aids will be approximately \$125,000.

9. Set Next Meeting Date – To Be Determined.

10. Adjournment at 8:10 PM

MOTION: Blaser/Rudie

Motion to adjourn.

Voice Vote: All Voting Aye MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted by Clerk Treasurer Chelsea Anderson