

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
GALESBURG CITY COUNCIL
MAY 04, 2008; 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
GALESBURG CITY HALL
200 E. MICHIGAN AVE.
GALESBURG, MI**

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The Regular meeting of the Galesburg City Council was called to order by Mayor Allen at 7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Councilmembers Garrett, Jackson, Kissinger, Nicolow, Van Ness, Yingling, Allen.

ABSENT: None.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Allen.

III. COMMUNITY COMMENT

Dawn Dunitahan of Burgess Dr. stated a complaint about the condition of several properties on her street. She does not have the address but it is the house at the end of her street that is falling down. Kids hang out in there and do drugs. It has been vacant for 2-3 years and the owner does nothing to take care of it. There are windows missing, doors missing. This is the house at the end of Burgess Dr. just behind the trailer park.

Anne Niewenhuis, Kalamazoo County Commissioner reported attending an economic development forum at the Radisson last week. She was delighted to see the Galesburg City Clerk in attendance. She has since spoken with the clerk and found that the forum may prove helpful to the City. She complimented Councilmembers on their foresight in sending a representative to the session.

Molly (no last name given) stated that she works for the Stone Cottage Residential care facility. They are trying to work with the community to let people know what they are about. They are working on renovations to the residence and it is slowly coming around. She asked for help from anyone in the community who can afford to donate time or financial resources to them.

Councilmember Nicolow asked if Stone Cottage had spoken with the Business Association to see if they could help in any way.

Wrifton Graham reported attending a strategic planning meeting at the High School, along with Linda Carlton, last Friday at Mayor Allen's request. They were given the incorrect time of the meeting and so missed a large part of it, but the High School has big ideas on the horizon. They talked about consolidation and about the bond issue. They will discuss these initiatives at the next DDA meeting. He spoke about the dumpster behind Shenanigans Restaurant that sits on City property. The owners of the restaurant were approached by representatives of the City and threatened with the alternative of moving the dumpster up to the back wall of their restaurant if they do not stop putting used cooking grease in it. He (Graham) is approaching the City, as a DDA Board member, to resolve the issue.

Mayor Allen said that he sent a "Health Officer" over to speak with the Clancy's regarding a large amount of used cooking grease from their fryer that was dumped on the ground of the parking lot. This is not a legal disposal of used cooking grease. He was acting as the Mayor of the City to address the issue.

Mr. Graham said that the Clancy's are very upset over this issue. They cannot put their dumpster up against the back of their building. This is the main entrance to their restaurant. They feel as if the threats that were made against them indicate that the City is back to doing business the "old way," without following proper procedure.

City Clerk Miner interjected that the disposal of cooking grease in an inappropriate manner is a subject for the Health Department, as well as a violation of the City Code. If the Kalamazoo County Health Department was aware of this method of disposal, they would have issued citations. City Hall has a good working relationship with the Clancy's and this problem can be dealt with properly by a phone call from them. They need to install a separate container to dump their grease in. The company that provides the container to them will purchase their old used grease for reconstitution. It is a public health hazard for it to be dumped on the ground, and it is a fire hazard.

Councilmember Yingling offered to have the Clancy's bring their old grease down to her restaurant for disposal in her grease recycling unit if they would like.

IV. READING AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Kissinger and supported by Councilmember Jackson to approve the minutes of April 6, 2009 as corrected to show the cost of repair to well house #2 at \$250.00 rather than at \$25.00.

Motion approved by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmembers Garrett, Jackson, Kissinger, Nicolow, VanNess, Yingling, Allen

NAYS: None

V. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Application for appointment to the Parks Board from Bradley Carpenter of 135 Maple in Galesburg.

REFERRED TO THE MAYOR

2. Letter from Joe Agostinelli, CATeam – Community Assistance Specialist providing notice of receipt of the City of Galesburg's Notice of Intent to apply for a Downtown Infrastructure Grant Project.

REFERRED TO THE CITY CLERK

3. Letter from the State of Michigan Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth Bureau of Fire Services of inspection of the Stone Cottage Residential Care Facility and of violations cited.

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4. Letter from Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services providing their Methamphetamine Contamination Response Program Quarterly Status Report for period ended March 31, 2009.

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5. List of 2009/2010 Holiday Hours from the Galesburg Memorial Library

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6. Letter from Kalamazoo County Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Program regarding Permit #M08-111 for the Townline Drain Project, City of Galesburg providing notification of permit closure and completion of project.

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7. Letter from Comcast Cable providing information about additions and changes to their channel lineup effective May 27, 2009.

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8. Letter from City Attorney Soltis of Ford, Kriekard, Soltis & Wise providing clarification as to the legality of the City of Galesburg's handling of Galesburg Memorial Library funds and expressing his legal opinion, as well as the legal opinion of Lance Warner, State of Michigan Library Law Specialist, that library funds are being handled in conformance with the law.

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9. Notice from the State of Michigan, Public Service Commission of a public hearing for the customers of Consumers Energy Company Case #U-15415-R to be held on May 5, 2009 at 9:00 A.M.

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10. City Clerk Miner reported receipt of a telephone call from Diane Doorlag stating that Ike Payne Park is one of the top 100 parks selected by Kellogg Foundation for consideration of a \$15,000 grant for renovations to the ball field. She urges everyone to go online to www.frostedflakes.com every day, search for Ike Payne Park and vote so the park can win the grant money.

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VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no scheduled public hearings.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolutions for Adoption

Appointment of Brad Carpenter to the Parks Board

RESOLUTION #050409-01
RESOLUTION OF APPOINTMENT
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF GALESBURG, COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO,
MICHIGAN

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the Galesburg City Council held on Monday, May 4, 2009, at 7:00 P.M. with Councilmembers Garrett, Jackson, Kissinger, Nicolow, VanNess, Yingling and Allen present, and none absent, the following resolution was offered by Councilmember Kissinger and supported by Councilmember Jackson.

Whereas, the City currently has received an application for appointment to the Parks Board from Brad Carpenter of 135 Maple in the City of Galesburg; and

Whereas, the Parks Board currently has a vacancy for a resident; and

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Galesburg City Council hereby approves the appointment of Brad Carpenter to the Galesburg Parks Board.

Motion by Councilmember Kissinger and supported by Councilmember Jackson to approve the appointment of Brad Carpenter to the Parks Board.

YEAS: Councilmembers Garrett, Jackson, Kissinger, Nicolow, VanNess, Yingling, Allen

NAYS: None

VIII. REPORTS OF OFFICERS & BOARDS

a. Accounts payable

Motion by Councilmember VanNess and supported by Councilmember Kissinger to approve the list of accounts payable submitted by the Clerk and to issue warrants for payment of same in the amount of \$7,949.03.

Motion approved by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmembers Garrett, Jackson, Kissinger, Nicolow, VanNess, Yingling, Allen

NAYS: None

b. Department of Public Works

Supervisor Wilson said that he does not have anything to report.

Councilmember Garrett asked about the light at the corner of Washington and Hamilton. It is acting up again.

c. Police Department

Officer Anson presented the Police Report and said that he is here to answer any questions by Councilmembers.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

a. Presentation of the 2009/10 Proposed Budget

Clerk Miner distributed copies of the 2009/10 Proposed Budget and asked Councilmembers to consider scheduling a special working session of the Council meeting as the Committee of the Whole for the purpose of making revisions to the budget as requested by Department Heads.

Motion by Councilmember Kissinger and supported by Councilmember Jackson to schedule a special session of City Council at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, May 18, 2009 for the purpose of making budget revisions.

Motion approved by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmembers Garrett, Jackson, Kissinger, Nicolow, VanNess, Yingling, Allen.

NAYS: None

X. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

XI. COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilmember Yingling thanked Mayor Allen for taking care of the issue with the dumpster at the Shennanigan Restaurant.

Councilmember Jackson stated that former officer Thompson needs to be removed from the City of Galesburg Police Roster so that we no longer have to pay for his training. He asked how many vacancies currently exist on the Parks Board.

City Clerk Miner explained the criteria for membership on the Parks Board.

Councilmember Garrett asked Councilmember Jackson to work with the Police Chief to look at the schedule for Police Officers. There is really no reason why the City does not have 24 hour coverage around the clock police protection. She spoke regarding a house on Washington that is an eyesore. She urged the Police Department to utilize the City's blight ordinance to get it cleaned up. She reported asking the Building Inspector to come out and do an inspection. She reported receiving a flier from her grand daughter advertising a fund raiser held by the Augusta Business Association at Ike Payne Park.

DPW Supervisor Wilson said that this was opening day for the Little League. They always do a fund raiser on that day.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Kissinger and supported by Councilmember Garrett to adjourn.

Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Miner, CMC
City Clerk, CFO.