

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
GALESBURG CITY COUNCIL
MAY 5, 2008; 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
GALESBURG CITY HALL
200 E. MICHIGAN AVE.
GALESBURG, MI**



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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Allen at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Galesburg Councilmembers Doxey,
Jackson, Kissinger, Nicolow, VanNess,
Yingling, Allen

ABSENT: None

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Allen.

III. COMMUNITY COMMENT

Linda Carlton, President of the Downtown Development Authority, and the Galesburg Business Association congratulated Councilmember Marian Doxey on her selection by the Galesburg Augusta Community Forum as an Honored Citizen, recognizing her volunteer efforts and for helping to build a caring community. Councilmember Doxey will be honored tomorrow evening, along with a number of other nominees, at a Special Ceremony at the Congregational Church at 7:00 P.M.

Cledith Dowty of 45 Beckwith said their yard is a mess and has been since the new sidewalks were put in. The contractor who did this job was supposed to come back and plant grass seed, but it looks like all he planted was weeds.

Mayor Allen asked DPW Supervisor Wilson to go over to the Dowty's and check out their yard. The City received more than one complaint regarding this process.

Mr. Wilson said that this project was done a couple of years ago. The time frame for these types of requests is closed, but he will go over and take a look to see what can be done for them.

IV. READING AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

The approval of the April 21, 2008 City Council minutes was pulled from the agenda at the request of City Clerk Miner.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no scheduled public hearings.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Resolution Setting a Public Hearing for May 21, 2008 In consideration of the City of Galesburg Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2008/2009, Including Operating and Capital Improvements, Proposed Property Tax Millage Rates and Truth In Taxation

**RESOLUTION #050508-01
RESOLVED BY THE GALESBURG
CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION SETTING
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

Whereas, the City of Galesburg has received a proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2008/2009; and

Whereas, the City wishes to offer an opportunity for public input on the proposed budget;

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Galesburg City Council hereby schedules a public hearing for ~~May 21~~ MAY 19, 2008 In consideration of the City of Galesburg Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2008/2009, Including Operating and Capital Improvements, Proposed Property Tax Millage Rates and Truth In Taxation

Motion by Councilmember Nicolow, supported by Councilmember Kissinger to correct the resolution by correcting the date of the public hearing to May 19, 2008, and the title to correctly state that it is a budget public hearing resolution and to place an affirmative roll call vote on the resolution as corrected.

Motion approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

VIII. REPORTS OF OFFICERS & BOARDS

a. Accounts payable

The accounts payable report was pulled from the agenda at the request of the City Clerk and held over to the May 19, 2008 meeting.

c. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report will be submitted at the May 19, 2008 meeting.

b. Department of Public Works

Rob Wilson reported that they are moving the control panels of the old water tower tomorrow. Residents may experience pressure changes or rust in their water while this work is going on. There are manual controls that will be used in case of emergencies. He has been working on the collapsed landscape wall at the museum.

Mayor Allen said that the fix they decided on was to bury the wall and create a sloping grade where the wall was collapsing. The grade slopes gradually down to the path leading back to Community Park. Balkema Excavating donated fill materials and they topped it off with soil. Tomorrow they will seed it and when the grass is grown in it will look fine. The Museum Board is happy with the solution and relieved that the wall will no longer present a hazard to visitors.

Councilmember Nicolow said that the same problem exists with the wall on the back side of the building.

Mayor Allen said there will need to be a different fix for the wall at the back of the Museum because they hope to add on to the building. He said that where the ground slopes to the west, DPW inserted flexible drain piping so that the ground water will drain down the slope.

Councilmember Yingling asked what happened to draining into the river.

c. Police Department

Chief Mau reported that the new computer for the second police cruiser has been ordered and came in cheaper than expected. It should be here any day.

Mayor Allen asked how the new Police Officer is doing. Chief Mau said Mike Crawford is doing very well; they

are getting compliments from members of the community, so he is doing something right.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation of the City of Galesburg Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2008/2009, Including Operating and Capital Improvements and the Proposed Property Tax Millage Rates

City Clerk Miner explained that due to mechanical problems with the printer, complete copies of the budget are not available for use in the working session that was to occur at this point of the meeting. She asked that the working session be delayed to the May 19, 2008 meeting.

Motion by Councilmember Nicolow, supported by Councilmember Kissinger to table consideration of the City's budget request for Fiscal Year 2008/09 to the May 19, 2008 Meeting.

Motion approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

X. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

XI. COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilmember Jackson reported that Mayor Allen, DPW Supervisor Wilson, Eagle Scout Joe Martuse and a legion of volunteers installed new fencing at Shafter Park. The new fencing looks very nice and the group did a great job. He commended the young Eagle Scout who engineered the entire job.

Mayor Allen said that he would like to see a solar light and a Flag pole installed out there too.

Councilmember Kissinger told Chief Mau that the weeds at 3 Beckwith are getting out of control, and at the brown house at the intersection of Division and Washington the dog is defecating all over the side walk. He stated that he has been made aware of interest among community members for creation of a Parks Board, and indicated his interest in being seated on such a board should one be created. He envisions a Park Board Membership made up of 1 elected official, 3 community members and 3 business members.

Motion by Councilmember Nicolow, supported by Councilmember Kissinger to **place the question of the**

creation of a Parks Board on the May 19, 2008 agenda.

Motion approved unanimously.

Councilmember Nicolow asked that the property at 149 W. Michigan needs noxious weed enforcement too. Also, in his neighborhood they are in need of enforcement of the noise ordinance with respect to certain cars that run their stereos really loud.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Jackson, supported by Councilmember Nicolow to adjourn.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Debbie Miner, CMC
City Clerk, CFO