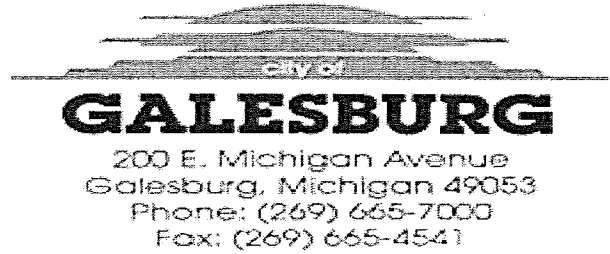


**MINUTES OF SPECIAL SESSION  
GALESBURG CITY COUNCIL  
JUNE 16, 2008; 7:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
GALESBURG CITY HALL  
200 E. MICHIGAN AVE.  
GALESBURG, MI**



**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

PRESENT: 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**

Keith Diller thanked the DPW for trimming the trees near his home. You can see approaching traffic now. He is currently working on getting the washouts repaired from the recent storms. When can he expect that work to be done?

Sondra Nowak, candidate for 8<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge, said that this State Primary Election in August of 2008 is an historic election in Kalamazoo County because voter's county wide will elect the new judge, whereas in the past it has been just the electors of the City of Kalamazoo. She stated her support of a mental health court module that would proscribe treatment for non-violent offenders as an alternative to prison time. She has lived in Kalamazoo County for 28 years and worked in the Human Services Department and the Health Department with low income families.

Linda Carlton, President of the Downtown Development Association reported that the DDA has had tee shirts made up for Greater Galesburg Day 2008 that lists all of the businesses in the district. They are on sale at Harding's. She brought up the question of Shafter Point in the middle of town. She would like the Council to approve moving the sign board commemorating military service that was erected by Jack McDaniels in 2002 from Shafter Point to a special spot at the Library/Museum location where it can be erected in a spot surrounded by flowers, lit by a spot light and accompanied by the U.S. Flag. It is their objective to get Shafter Point cleaned up and plant flowers over there. You cannot read the names on the Military sign in its

present location. This is a 5 way intersection and traffic is way too busy to

allow people to stop to examine the sign and the names of military service men and women. Moving the sign to the Museum/Library location would afford visitors abundant parking, good lighting, and there is enough room to erect a Flag Pole and flood lights and to plant a flower garden.

Mayor Allen said that the City Council did not have any involvement with the sign being put up. It was put up by Jack McDaniel's and David Upson.

Police Sgt. Heppler suggested that the DDA get the permission of the Museum Board to move the sign onto their property.

Patricia Peterson of 46 Grove St. said that she is a newcomer to town and a student at Western Michigan University next year. She is here to introduce herself to the community and would like to take part in its activities.

**IV. READING AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

Motion by Councilmember Nicolow, supported by Councilmember Doxey to approve the minutes of June 2, 2008 as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

**V. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Letter from Prein & Newhof Engineering firm signing off on the Rambling Trails #2 drawings for water main.

REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

- b. Letter from Prein & Newhof Engineering firm submitting a fee schedule for water system reliability study update.

REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

- c. Letter from the Kalamazoo County Drain Commissioner confirming the understanding that the County will pay \$15,500 towards the City of Galesburg Townline Drain Assessment as

reimbursement of monies owed to the City by the Drain Commission

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- d. Letter from Officer William B. Thompson submitting his resignation effective June 21, 2008.

RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

**VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

In consideration of a proposed increase of 0.1436 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied on property in 2008. If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenue from ad valorem property taxes 1.49% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved, the operating revenue will increase by 0.21% over the preceding year's operating revenue.

There were no speakers for this public hearing.

**VII. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Resolutions for Action**

Adoption of the City of Galesburg 2008/2009 Fiscal Year Budget, including the 2008/2009 Millage Rate

**RESOLUTION #061608-01  
CITY OF GALESBURG  
FY 2008/2009 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Galesburg City Council has received a budget for the 2008/2009 Fiscal Year that will adequately fund the General Operating Fund and Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is required by law to adopt a balanced budget not later than it's last meeting in June; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Galesburg City Council hereby adopts its FY 2008/2009 budget as follows:

Estimated Revenues	General Fund - All Sources	\$571,837.00
Appropriations Dept 101	Governing Body	\$10,450.00
Dept 191	Elections	\$3,320.00
Dept 200	Other Activities	\$35,612.00
Dept 209	Assessor	\$9,349.00
Dept 215	Clerk	\$10,343.00
Dept 253	Treasurer	\$22,507.00
Dept 265	City Hall	\$27,901.00
Dept 276	Cemetery	\$11,829.00
Dept 301	Police	\$227,438.00
Dept 336	Fire Department	\$58,164.00
Dept 371	Inspection	\$4,686.00
Dept 400	Planning	\$2,189.00
Dept 410	Zoning	\$0
Dept 441	Dept of Public Works	\$56,620.00
Dept 721	Admin Zoning Standards	\$500.00
Dept 790	Library	\$83,906.00
Dept 804	Museum	\$3,339.00
Total GF Appropriations		\$568,153.00

Estimated Revenues	Major Street All Sources	\$169,977.00
Appropriations Dept 000	Civic Betterment	\$384.00
Dept 200	Other Activities	\$10,948.00
Dept 203	Local Street	\$20,487.00
Dept 452	Construction	\$83,500
Dept 463	Routine Maintenance	\$11,911.00
Dept 474		\$4,260.00
Dept 478	Snow Removal	\$13,833.00
Dept 482	Admin Expenses	\$21,459.00
Total Appropriation Maj Sts		\$166,782.00

Estimated Revenues	Local Streets All Sources	\$79,863.00
Appropriations Dept 463	Routine Maint	\$68,750.00
Dept 474		\$821.00
Dept 478	Snow Removal	\$10,292.00
Total Appropriations	Local Streets	\$79,863.00

Estimated Revenues	Public Safety All Sources	\$27,755.00
Appropriations Dept. 000	Capital Outlay	\$20,461.00

Estimated Revenues	Library Memorial Fund	\$3,155.00
Appropriations Dept 272	Supplies	\$3,000.00

Estimated Revenues	Prepetual Care Fund	\$115.00
Appropriations Dept 000	Transfer	\$151.00

Estimated Revenues	Sewer Fund All Sources	\$162,551.00
Appropriations Dept 203		\$1,343.00
Dept 540	Principal	\$133,142.00
Dept 540		\$143,419.00
Total Appropriations		\$143,419.00

Estimated Revenues	Water Fund All Sources	\$433,076.00
Appropriations Dept 540	Principal	\$341,256.00
Dept 560		\$28,500.00
Total Appropriations		\$369,756.00

Estimated Revenues	Fire Barn All Sources	\$1,800.00
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Estimated Revenues	Motor Pool All Sources	\$50,000.00
Appropriations Dept 000		\$50,783.00
Total Appropriations		\$50,783.00

Estimated Revenues	Burgess Drive Improvement	\$40,379.00
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Estimated Revenues	WaterSpecial Assessments	\$3,217.00
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For a total in all funds of \$1,543,725.00 in estimated revenues and a total of \$1,437,160 in appropriations with a net for all funds of \$106,565.00

Motion by Councilmember Kissinger, supported by Councilmember Jackson to amend the budget by eliminating the appropriation in Department 101 entitled Community and Promotions in the amount of \$1,400.00 and place that amount into supplies.

Motion approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

Motion by Councilmember Nicolow, supported by Councilmember Kissinger to adopt the FY 2008/2009 Budget as amended above.

Motion approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ii. Appropriation of Funds, Department of Public Works Street Sweeping

**RESOLUTION #061608-02  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS  
FOR STREET SWEEPING**

At a specially scheduled meeting of the Galesburg City Council held on Monday, June 16, 2008, at 7:00 P.M. with Councilmembers Doxey, Jackson, Kissinger, Nicolow, VanNess, Yingling, Allen present, and none absent, the following resolution was offered by Councilmember Kissinger and supported by Councilmember Jackson.

Whereas, the Galesburg Department of Public Works has scheduled street sweeping to help get the City ready for Greater Galesburg Days; and

Whereas, the DPW has budget for this expense in the amount of \$1,000.00; and

Now therefore be it resolved, that the City Council authorizes the funds for street sweeping as recommended by the Supervisor of the Department of Public Works.

Motion by Councilmember Kissinger, supported by Councilmember Jackson to place an affirmative roll call vote on the resolution authorizing the street sweeping.

Motion approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

iii. Appropriation of Funds, Police Department Laptop for Cruiser

Chief Mau reported that the arrangements for purchase of the laptop computer for the second police cruiser for the e-ticket technology fell through due to lack of supply.

As of today's date, the only model available is \$30.00 more than was approved. He asked for authorization to spend the additional \$30.00.

Motion by Councilmember Nicolow, supported by Councilmember VanNess to approve the request for additional appropriation of funds in the amount of \$30.00 for the purchase of a laptop computer for the second police cruiser.

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

Motion by Councilmember Kissinger, supported by Councilmember Jackson to approve accounts payable.

Motion approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

c. Treasurer's Report

Motion by Councilmember Kissinger, supported by Councilmember Nicolow to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Motion approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

b. Department of Public Works

Supervisor Wilson reported that he and his assistant Bill Bresson are putting in extra hours this week as their support staff member, Art Green is in Florida on vacation.

Councilmember Nicolow asked Mr. Wilson to see that the Greater Galesburg Day sign at the east city limits is repaired by reconnecting the bottom support rope.

c. Police Department

Chief Mau spoke regarding the resignation of Officer Thompson. He indicated that he would be willing to stay on the schedule for a period of time if there was a need.

Chief Mau said that there is not a need for his services right now, but perhaps when vacation times begin coming around.

Sgt. Heppler reported that the E-ticket technology is up and running in the first police car now. Western Michigan University is taking the lead to ensure access to e-ticket services for the next four years. This should be coming before the Kalamazoo County Commissioners for reimbursement to the City for the expense of air cards.

e. Minutes of City Boards & Commissions;

- Galesburg Charleston Joint Fire Authority
- Galesburg Memorial Library
- Galesburg Historical Museum
- Galesburg DDA
- Galesburg Business Assn.
- Galesburg Planning Commission

Mayor Allen directed interested parties to the City Clerk if they would like to review or receive copies of minutes.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**XI. COUNCIL COMMENT**

Councilmember Yingling thanked the fire department for the great job they did of putting out the fire in the old hay wagon in front of her house.

Councilmember Jackson reported a tree down in Shafter Park.

Mayor Allen reported that last Saturday, the Galesburg Augusta Girls Softball Team played for the State Championship and won. He recommended a resolution of tribute be written for them for each Councilmember to sign.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Miner, CMC  
City Clerk, CFO