

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
GALESBURG CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 8, 2009; 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
GALESBURG CITY HALL
200 E. MICHIGAN AVE.
GALESBURG, MI**



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I. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Allen.

III. COMMUNITY COMMENT

Public Works Superintendent Wilson requested that purchase of new truck be added to agenda. Motion by Nicolow, support by Garrett to add item III.A. Purchase of New Truck to agenda.

Motion approved by following vote:

YEAS: Councilmembers Garrett, Jackson, Kissinger, Nicolow, Van Ness, Yingling, and Mayor Allen.

NAYS: None.

Linda Carlton stated there were ladders and other items chained to telephone pole by old Pipers.

New Truck: Public Works Superintendent Wilson advised Council of bids received to replace 1997 one ton dump truck.

Hemel Chevy	\$32,000.00
Fox Ford	\$30,690.00
Galesburg Ford	\$32,501.70

Wilson explained that financing would be a lease with an annual payment of \$5,900 for 6 years.

Motion by Nicolow, support by Yingling to approve lowest bid to purchase truck.

Motion failed by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmembers Garrett, Nicolow, and Yingling.

NAYS: Councilmembers Jackson, Kissinger, Van Ness, and Mayor Allen.

Wilson then said he would need four new tires for back of current truck, as well as clutch repair kit.

IV. READING AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

There were no minutes presented for approval.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolutions for Action;

Authorization of the purchase of materials for the repair of the roof of the Restroom Building at Ike Payne Park.

Motion by Van Ness, support by Kissinger to approve purchase.

Motion approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

Authorization of the Transfer of Funds from General Fund and Local Street Fund to Major Street Fund for Repayment of 10% Administrative Fees for FY 07/08.

Motion by Jackson, support by Kissinger to approve transfer.

Motion approved by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmembers Garrett, Jackson, Kissinger, Nicolow, Van Ness, Yingling, and Mayor Allen.

NAYS: None

VIII. REPORTS OF OFFICERS & BOARDS

A. Treasurer's Report

Motion by Councilmember Nicolow, support by Councilmember Garrett to approve the Treasurer's Report reflecting a total balance in all funds in the amount of \$1,542,147.89.

Motion approved by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmembers Garrett, Jackson, Kissinger, Nicolow, Van Ness, Yingling, and Mayor Allen.

NAYS: None

At this point in meeting Councilmember Garrett requested that reports be available to Councilmembers prior to meetings. Mayor Allen said they would have to consult with Clerk.

B. Police Department

Motion to approve Police Report by Nicolow, support by Garrett.

Motion approved by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmembers Garrett, Jackson, Kissinger, Nicolow, Van Ness, Yingling, and Mayor Allen.

NAYS: None

Mayor Allen thanked Sgt. Heppler for his presence at the Bridge Walk.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

X. OLD BUSINESS

Councilmember Garrett requested Councilmember Kissinger to get signed copy of fireman's letter from Joe.

She also asked for clarification on loan for Infrastructure Grant. Mayor Allen explained that Major Street Fund had budgeted that amount for Battle Creek Street and that only amount to be borrowed from Water Fund was for purchase of Roelof Parking Lot.

She also withdrew letter to Comstock Township because Mayor Allen and Deputy Mayor Jackson had refused to sign it. Mayor Allen replied that he did not think it appropriate to criticize another municipality when there

were many areas within our own city that need improvement.

XI. COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilmember Van Ness asked about sign coming into Galesburg listing businesses that are no longer in existence. Linda Carlton said they are in the process of revising the sign. It will consist of planks sold as advertising for a period of one year. She said DDA is also selling advertisement for a phone book cover that will be distributed at Fall Festival.

Councilmember Kissinger reported the Haunted Run/Walk is taking shape. Fee will be \$10.00.

Disposition of Military Sign was brought up by audience. Mayor Allen said he wanted to talk to Mr. Upson before proceeding.

Mayor Allen thanked everyone for their contributions to the successful Bridge Walk.

Librarian Donna Kowalewski requested the city appoint Julie Howes to the library board. Motion by Councilmember, support by Van Ness to appoint Julie Howes to the Library Board.

Motion approved by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmembers Garrett, Jackson, Kissinger, Nicolow, Van Ness, Yingling, and Mayor Allen

NAYS: None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Kissinger and supported by Councilmember Van Ness.

Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Weston, Deputy Clerk