

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
GALESBURG CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 4, 2010; 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
GALESBURG CITY HALL
200 E. MICHIGAN AVE.
GALESBURG, MI**

GALESBURG

200 E. Michigan Avenue
Galesburg, Michigan 49053
Phone: (269) 665-7000
Fax: (269) 665-4541

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 Jackson, Kissinger, Nicolow, VanNess, Yingling, Allen.

ABSENT: Councilmember Garrett

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Allen.

III. COMMUNITY COMMENT

Craig Newton of 428 N. 35th St. said that he has been talking to the City Clerk for some time and has been encouraged by her to address Council relative to an idea he has. He does a lot of walking and took part in the City's Bridge to Bridge Walk last Labor Day. He arrived an hour early for the walk and had to go back home to get trash bags to clean up the trash and debris littering the streets and roadways. It was then that he hit on the idea of doing a City wide street cleanup project. He talked with Ms. Miner about his idea. She agreed that springtime was the ideal time to put together such a plan and suggested that it be done prior to the 50th Anniversary celebration of Greater Galesburg Day in 2010, which is also the ribbon cutting for the Downtown Improvement Project. He is willing to spearhead a community wide effort to clean up the City streets and will accept responsibility for organizing and working with the City to accomplish the task. He suggests a target date of the first week of April.

Chief Mau said that we would need to coordinate this effort with Charleston and Comstock Township.

Councilmember Nicolow suggested that the people who have volunteered for Community Service Work should be put to use in a community wide clean-up.

IV. READING AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Kissinger and supported by Councilmember VanNess to approve the minutes of December 7, 2009 as submitted.

Motion approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Garrett.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Craig Newton re:

-Proposing a City Wide Litter and Trash Pickup to be spearheaded by him with help from the City Clerk

-Requesting information about the status of the Rosenberger building project at the site of the former High School.

MAYOR ALLEN RESPONDED TO MR. NEWTON'S QUESTIONS REGARDING THE ROSENBERGER PROPERTY AND SAID, BOTTOM LINE, THE CITY CANNOT FORCE ROSENBERGER TO DEVELOP THE PROPERTY.

2. Letter from Michigan Municipal League submitting information about the National League of Cities Congressional City Conference in Washington, D.C. March 13-17, 2010.

RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

3. Notice from the State of Michigan Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth Bureau of Construction Codes of a public hearing regarding the Elevator Rule Set and the Plumbing Rule Set.

RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

4. Letter from Jeannie Scott resigning her appointment to the Downtown Development Authority.

RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

- 5. Accident report filed by Donna Kowalewski regarding an injury at the Library suffered by Peggy Aube who cut her forearm on the bottom of the paper tower dispenser in the rest room on December 23, 2009.

RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

- 6. Audit Report filed by Auditors Siefgried & Crandall PC.

DISCUSSION WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR THE JANUARY 19, 2010 MEETING.

- 7. Letter from Comcast Cable reporting changes to their cable service and channel lineup.

RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

THERE WERE NO SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolutions for Action

1. Appointments to City Boards

RESOLUTION #010410-01
 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, January 4, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. with Councilmembers Jackson, Kissinger, Nicolow, VanNess, Yingling and Allen present, and Councilmember Garrett absent, the following resolution was offered by Councilmember VanNess, and supported by Councilmember Kissinger.

Whereas, the City has the following vacancies: Library Board, Police Commissioner, Personnel Policies Committee, DPW Commissioner, and Zoning Board of Appeals and has applicants interested in filling those positions;

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Galesburg City Council hereby approves appointments to the vacancies as follows:

- Library board; Councilmember Garrett (annual)
- Museum Board – Councilmember Yingling (annual)
- Police Commissioner – Councilmember Jackson (annual)

- Personnel Policies Committee – Councilmembers Allen, Kissinger, VanNess (annual)
- DPW Commissioner – Allen (annual)
- Zoning Board of Appeals; Walter Girardi, Mike Carpenter, Rick VanCleave, Mayor Allen

Motion by Councilmember VanNess, and supported by Councilmember Kissinger to place an affirmative roll call vote on the resolution.

Motion approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Garrett

- 2. Calling a Special Meeting for January 18, 2010 and Scheduling a Public Hearing at that meeting to accept public input on the City of Galesburg 2010/2015 Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

**RESOLUTION #01042010-02
 RESOLVED BY THE GALESBURG
 CITY COUNCIL
 RESOLUTION SETTING
 PUBLIC HEARING IN CONSIDERATION OF THE
 CITY OF GALESBURG
 2010/2015 PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN**

Whereas, the City of Galesburg has received a proposed 2010/2015 Parks & Recreation Master Plan, which has been submitted with a recommendation for approval by the Parks Board; and

Whereas, the City wishes to offer an opportunity for public input on the proposed 2010/2015 Parks & Recreation Master Plan;

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Galesburg City Council hereby reinstates the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, 2010 and schedules a public hearing at the meeting on January 19, 2010, for the purpose of accepting input both positive and negative with regard to the City of Galesburg Proposed 2010/2015 Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

Motion by Councilmember Kissinger and supported by Councilmember VanNess to place an affirmative roll call vote on the resolution setting the public hearing.

Motion approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Garrett

3. Adoption of a City Slogan

Motion by Councilmember Kissinger and supported by Councilmember VanNess to pull this item from the agenda at the request of the City Clerk.

Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. REPORTS OF OFFICERS & BOARDS

a. Treasurer's Report

Motion by Councilmember Kissinger and supported by Councilmember Nicolow to accept the Treasurer's Report showing a total balance in all funds in the amount of \$1,694,020.57.

Motion approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Garrett

b. Accounts payable

Motion by Councilmember Kissinger and supported by Councilmember VanNess to approve the report of accounts paid and payable submitted by the City Clerk in the total amount of \$27,620.69.

Motion approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Garrett.

c. Department of Public Works

There was no report from the Department of Public Works. Supervisor Wilson is sick and not in attendance at tonight's meeting to make a report.

d. Police Department

Chief Mau said that Councilmembers received two packets for this meeting. One is current December 1, through December 31, 2009. The second is for the entire 2009 calendar year. He pointed out that New Years Eve was a quite night in Galesburg.

Motion by Councilmember Kissinger and supported by Councilmember VanNess to accept the Police Report as presented.

Motion approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Garrett

e. Minutes of City Boards & Commissions;

- Galesburg Memorial Library; November 2009 Meeting
- Galesburg Historical Museum; November 18, 2009 Meeting
- Galesburg DDA: November 25, 2009 Meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

X. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

XI. COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilmember Jackson said that he was asked at the last fire board meeting to approve a grant application that has already been submitted to the State of Michigan for a new set of "Jaws of Life." Discussion ensued regarding the following resolution adopted by the Galesburg City Council on February 19, 2008;

**"RESOLUTION #021908-02
CITY OF GALESBURG
COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF GALESBURG**

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the Galesburg City Council held on Tuesday, February 19, 2008, at 7:00 P.M. with Councilmembers Allen, Doxey, Jackson, Kissinger, Nicolow, VanNess and Yingling present, and None Absent the following resolution was offered by Councilmember Nicolow and supported by Councilmember Kissinger;

WHEREAS, the City of Galesburg is desirous of fulfilling the needs all of its sub agencies, like Galesburg Memorial Library, Galesburg Charleston Joint Fire Authority, Galesburg Historical Museum and Galesburg Downtown Development Authority, and of helping them achieve their growth objectives; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that acceptance of all grant awards encumber the City's budget for matching funds and maintenance of the grant object and feels that adoption of a policy statement setting forth formal procedures for grant application and acceptance will allow it to act proactively to budget for grant appropriations so that the City's financial resources are used equitably and to maximum benefit for all citizens.

Debbie Miner, CMC
Galesburg City Clerk, CFO

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that as a matter of policy the Galesburg City Council will not consider honoring future requests for matching grant funds until, or unless the following actions have occurred:

- A resolution authorizing and supporting the grant application has been adopted by the Galesburg City Council
- A resolution authorizing and supporting acceptance of the grant award and appropriating matching funds, if required, has been adopted by the Galesburg City Council
- The budget of the requesting authority has included the grant award in their current budget
- Any other participating Municipality has approved a resolution authorizing application and acceptance of the grant funding

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Galesburg City Council will carefully consider all requests for matching grant funds to ensure that all available funding is distributed evenly across the community."

Councilmember Jackson said that he would get more detailed information to bring back to the meeting on January 19, 2010 so the Council can make a determination as to whether or not it will support the grant application.

Councilmember VanNess reported that Eaton Corp. would like to have a truck in the Greater Galesburg Day Parade. He asked about the procedures for signing up and was informed by Mayor Allen that all they have to do is show up at the elementary school and get in line.

Councilmember Kissinger reported on an accident at Fort Custer involving a man falling out of a tree and hurting himself pretty badly. The Galesburg Charleston Fire Department responded utilizing the Polaris 6 Wheel ATV.

Councilmember Nicolow said that he wants the City to think about something that the community is probably not even aware of. The Council cut the funding for snow plowing of residential sidewalks in this year's budget. Mayor Allen has been doing the snow plowing on his own time, even paying for gas with his own money.

Mayor Allen asked that the City check into the traffic signal at 35th St. and Michigan Ave. to see if the phasing for that light can be changed so that it turns to a blinking yellow after 10:00 P.M. rather than making drivers sit through the red light.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion approved unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,