

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL SESSION
GALESBURG CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 19, 2010; 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
GALESBURG CITY HALL
200 E. MICHIGAN AVE.
GALESBURG, MI**



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The special 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, VanNess, Yingling,
Allen

ABSENT: None

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Allen.

III. COMMUNITY COMMENT

There was no community comment.

IV. READING AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Kissinger and supported by Councilmember VanNess to approve the minutes of January 4, 2010 as submitted.

Motion approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None,

V. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for this meeting.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. In consideration of the City of Galesburg
2010/2015 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Linda Carlton of 1263 S. 44th St. said that she hopes the plan will provide updates for the electrical service in Community Park. When vendors come in to provide food and games for the festivals they can only plug one of them in to the electrical outlets. As the use of the Park grows, we will have increasing needs for electrical access and lighting back there.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Adoption of the City of Galesburg 2010/2015
Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

**RESOLUTION #01192010-01
CITY OF GALESBURG
KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RECREATION PLAN
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION
BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
GALESBURG**

WHEREAS, the City of Galesburg has undertaken a Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2010 and 2015; and

WHEREAS, a public comment session was held January 19, 2010 at Galesburg City Hall located at 200 E. Michigan Ave., Galesburg, Michigan 49053 to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Galesburg has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community and plans to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, after the public meeting, the Galesburg City Council voted to adopt said Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City of Galesburg City Council hereby adopts the City of Galesburg 2010/2015 Parks and Recreation Master Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the City of Galesburg.

Motion by Councilmember Nicolow and supported by Councilmember Kissinger to place an affirmative roll call vote on the resolution of adoption of the City of Galesburg 2010/2015 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

I, Deborah K. Miner, City of Galesburg Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the City of Galesburg at a Special Meeting thereof held on the 19th Day of January 2010.

Deborah K. Miner, CMC
Galesburg City Clerk, CFO
Date _____
(Seal)

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review of the Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ended 06/30/09.

Clerk Miner reviewed the audited financial report for Year Ended June 30, 2009 with the Council.

Motion by Councilmember Kissinger to accept the audited financial statement as submitted.

Motion approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

B. Discussion of the Request from the Galesburg Charleston Joint Fire Authority Board for approval of a Grant Award.

Councilmembers asked for details regarding the grant request that was brought before them at the January 4, 2010 Meeting by Councilmember Jackson.

Fire Chief Henson said that this is a \$29,133 grant requiring a 5% match from the City, or \$1,456.65. The grant has not been awarded yet. They are simply seeking the Council's support for receipt of the funds and giving them authority to administer the funds. The next step is the award of the grant. They expect to be in the first couple of rounds of grant recipients. They will purchase 3 sets of turn out gear and a set of rescue equipment called the "Jaws of Life." He reported that to date they have received \$454,227 in Federal grant funds on all of the grant applications that he has filed.

Councilmember Jackson added that the questions at the last meeting stemmed from the provisions of resolution #021908-02 which requires that all subagencies of the City first obtain City Council's authorization before they apply for grant funding.

Discussion ensued regarding the additional time and planning required for the Fire Department to adhere to the process set forth in the aforementioned resolution.

Chief Henson said he feels the resolution hampers their ability to seek grant funding.

Clerk Miner said that resolutions like this are in place all over the state. All the Council is saying is that they are aware that receipt of grant monies often carries with it a fiduciary responsibility to maintain the object of the grant. They want to be able to plan proactively for maintenance of materials and equipment purchased by grant funds for all subagencies of the City so that the City's dwindling budget is managed fairly for everyone.

Councilmember Garrett objected to the grant application and grant award process as outlined by the Clerk.

Mayor Allen said there is nothing wrong with the Council knowing why and what they are spending tax payers money on. This is their job as elected representatives to oversee the expenditure of tax dollars.

Motion by Councilmember Nicolow and supported by Councilmember VanNess to authorize the Galesburg Charleston Joint Fire Authority to accept and administer grant funding for the purchase of turn out gear and rescue equipment.

Motion approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

IX. COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilmember Kissinger said that the Parks Board will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt on April 3 in Community Park. The members of the Board will also be working on the Greater Galesburg Day Event this year and are planning a scavenger hunt. Participants will be required to visit every business in downtown Galesburg to obtain the clues they need for the hunt. The first person to get all the clues wins the hunt.

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion approved unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Miner, CMC
City Clerk, CFO