

CITY OF GALESBURG
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2010
7:00P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

Regular meeting of Galesburg City Council called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Allen

ROLL CALL: Present; Garrett, Jackson, Kissinger, Nicolow, Yingling, and Mayor Allen.
Absent; VanNess (no excuse).

Gary Allen motion to add AA to New Business Eagle Drive lot : Motion carried.

PLEDGE: Directed by council

COMMUNITY COMMENT:

Vicki Newton was recognized; she wanted to request use of the community room for one day per month for Bible Group , 3rd Tuesday from 11:45A.M. – 1:20P.M. No Charge, dates as follows: 11/16; 1/18; 2/15; 3/15; 4/19; 5/17. Motion by Nicolow support by Garrett, all ayes.

Matt Bastos , architect for Stone Cottage was recognized; he just wanted to introduce himself, and Dr. Ongwela as the new owners of Stone Cottage. They wanted to ask for community support in the coming months as they move forward with plans to update the premises. Possible grants, and co-operation for an adult facility and boarding facility.

Linda Carleton was recognized; she wanted to remind everyone of DDA December 1, 2010 Santa, parade, fireworks. Raffle of three prizes, 1st Snow blower, Steensma, 2nd (12) 6 oz. steaks, Galesburg Locker 3rd (1) basket from Harding's.

Motion was made by Nicolow to sign fireworks permit, DDA to furnish City with signed insurance certificate prior to Dec. 1, 2010. Support was made by Garrett. Ayes: Yingling, Nicolow, Kissinger, Jackson, Garrett, and Mayor Allen Absent: VanNess

Linda Carleton also brought up the Fisher building, Masonic building, Midway Café, and Old Goodwill building, asking what can be done to start the ball rolling. This was tabled until later in the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Motion was made by Garrett to accept the minutes of September 7, 2010. Support was made by Kissinger. Ayes: Garrett, Jackson, Kissinger, Nicolow, and Mayor Allen. Absent: VanNess. Abstained Yingling.

Motion was made by Nicolow to accept the minutes of October 4, 2010. Support was made by Kissinger. Ayes : Kissinger, Nicolow, Yingling, and Mayor Allen. Absent VanNess. Abstained: Garrett, Jackson.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Letter was received thanking the Police Dept. for excellent cooperation during the funeral of Sgt. Antonio Matteoni.

B. Information for possible contract for lower Natural gas pricing was sent to the City. It was decided that the clerk will look into this and report at the next meeting.

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C. City received notice of filing of order designating a drainage district known as "East Corporation Drain" on October 18, 2010. It shows the route and course the drain will take.

D. DDA is requesting a fireworks permit for Santa Night, December 1, 2010.

This was handled in public comment session.

DDA wanted discussion about the Fisher Building and three others. This was tabled until later in the meeting.

E. The Michigan Municipal League is holding workshops, for elected officials in November 2010 if any council members are interested, see the Clerk.

NEW BUSINESS:

AAA. A motion was made by Garrett, support by Jackson, to instruct Mike Carpenter to do a walk thru of the Masonic Building, Fisher Building, Midway Café, and the Old Goodwill Building. Report should cover Safety issues, and building code violations, with copy of report for DDA. Ayes: Yingling, Jackson, Kissinger, Nicolow, Garrett, and Mayor Allen. Absent: VanNess

AA. A discussion pertaining to a letter received from Kalamazoo County on Eagle Dr. lot off McCollum. Item being not sold on tax sale, and does the City want to take ownership. It is cost prohibitive to develop. Could we sell it to Classic Gutters, and if so maintain the water easements required. Tabled until December 6, 2010 meeting.

A. Motion by Yingling and support by Nicolow to get a list of the Military plaques put together, and to get the plaques ordered. Ayes: Garrett, Jackson, Kissinger, Nicolow, Yingling, and Mayor Allen. Absent: VanNess

B. Discussion to pursue an extended contract with the Little League, for Ike Payne Park, with the Little League taking over some care, maintenance, and park improvements. Motion by Garrett with support by Jackson for Attorney Bob Soltis to draft a contract to send to the Little League, and we will go from there. Ayes: A voice vote was taken and carried.

C. Motion by Yingling and support by Kissinger to earmark the check received from Enbridge for the Betterment of the Community, and to be voted on by the Council as to where it can be put to the best use. Ayes: Garrett, Jackson, Nicolow, and Yingling. Nays: Kissinger, and Mayor Allen. Absent VanNess

D. Pat Crowley, Kalamazoo County Drain Commissioner, spoke to the Council, pertaining to the water issue still concerning citizens, of the Townline Drain. She stated that there is an obstruction, at about Gale Ave. and a collapse of the drain up by the cemetery. The City has issue of a small diameter pipe that exists at the end of Burgess at Beckwith.

Motion by Nicolow and supported by Jackson to give the Kalamazoo County Drain Commission a resolution supplied by the County for the Townline drain, for not too exceed \$20,000. This should all come from existing monies paid. Ayes: Yingling, Garrett, Jackson, Kissinger, Nicolow, and Mayor Allen. Absent VanNess.

E. Motion by Nicolow and support by Jackson, to approve the #6 and Final pay request for the Downtown Infrastructure Project. Ayes: Garrett, Jackson, Nicolow, Kissinger, Yingling, and Mayor Allen. Absent VanNess

F. A letter was received from the District Library Committee, Dated October 25, 2010, requesting a copy of the deed to the Galesburg Library. The City Clerk, Karen Bresson, gave information to the Library members present that they are welcome to come to City Hall and purchase a copy of the deed. However they should know that the deed is for all

City Buildings at 200 E. Michigan . It is one piece of property with City Hall, Fire Station, Library, and Museum. There is only one deed.

REPORTS:

Treasurer:

Motion by Kissinger and support by Garrett to accept the September 2010 Treasurer Report as submitted. Ayes: Yingling, Jackson, Garrett, Nicolow, Kissinger, and Mayor Allen. Absent: VanNess

Accounts Payable:

Motion by Nicolow and support by Kissinger to accept and pay all items on the accounts payable report dated October 29, 2010 as submitted totaling \$ 11,576.49. Ayes:Garrett, Jackson, Kissinger, Nicolow, Yingling, and Mayor Allen. Absent VanNess

Dept. of Public Works:

Wilson, supervisor DPW gave the following report. Prein& Newhof is getting a better cemetery marker. One with larger numbers. They are being ordered to mark new part of the cemetery.

Leaf Vacuum unit was hit by a car earlier this month, little or no damage, to unit. Thankfully, all our workers escaped before impact. However, the machine is over 10 years old and we had to order a new hose for the unit at an approximate cost of \$700.

Police Report:

Motion by Nicolow and support by Allen to accept the police report for October 2010 as written. Ayes: Jackson, Yingling, Kissinger, Garrett, Nicolow, and Mayor Allen. Absent Van Ness

COUNCIL COMMENT:

Kissinger wanted to commend the Fire and Police Departments for the honor they bestowed on Wally Beaver, for his many years of service to the City.

Kissinger stated the Fire Board will meet on the 2nd Wednesday December 8, 2010 In place of their regular meeting time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Allen support by Nicolow, voice all in favor. Adjourned 9:30P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Bresson
Clerk