

MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF GALESBURG

DECEMBER 6, 2010

7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00P.M.

ROLL CALL: Present, S. Garrett, J. Jackson, K.Kissinger, J. Nicolow, M. VanNess, J. Yingling, and Mayor G. Allen. Absent , none. Others Present: Attorney B. Soltis, Clerk K. Bresson, Treasurer S. Weston, Police Ric Mau, DPW B. Bresson.

PLEDGE: Led by Council.

COMMUNITY COMMENT:

Mim Shannon recognized, she requested use of the community room, by the United Way, for helping area residents with their income taxes, for no charge. They will do their own advertising, in the area. The dates are March 4th and 5th 2011. Motion by J. Nicolow, support by J. Yingling, voice vote yes, carried.

Dave Henson recognized, he requested time to make a 10minute presentation on water fluoridation at the January 3, 2011 meeting. It was so noted to put this on the meeting agenda.

Linda Carlton recognized, she wanted to thank all involved with the Winter festival, for their help and support. Also what can be accomplished when we WORK TOGETHER. Motion by K.Kissinger support by M.VanNess to send a thank-you to Wm. Graham for help with time and machinery to decorate the City Tree. Voice vote yes, carried.

Augustine Crookston recognized, he had questions, as to a decision on the property known as Eagle Dr. The property was not on the agenda for tonight, but, could we give him a heads up as to wether the City wanted it, because he does want it. Motion by J. Nicolow support by K. Kissinger to give up City interest in the

Eagle Dr. property, so long as all easements remain, due to water line access. Roll Call: Yes, Yingling, VanNess, Nicolow, Kissinger, Jackson, Garrett, and Mayor Allen.

Gary Henson recognized, he has concerns about Ike Payne Park, and the agreement with Quad Cities Little League, as they might pertain to #501-C3 issue. As to who may have ownership or control of the park. The agreement if reached with the Little league is only from April thru July. It would be for a period of 12 years. They will put Little League money into new back stops, etc. but, they do not have exclusive rights. Park can still be used by others.

Mike DeGrass recognized (Quad Cities Little League) basically had no issues with the items that had been discussed, concerning Ike Payne Park. They do want to put up signs for the season, and bathrooms and concession stand can be worked out. They are looking for a place they can call home for 12 seasons, and are willing to make improvements, if an agreement can be reached. New Agreement to be distributed to all Council old and new.

MEETING MINUTES: Motion by K.Kissinger support by J. Jackson to accept the minutes of November 1, 2010 as written.

Yes: Garrett, Jackson, Kissinger, Nicolow, Yingling, and MayorAllen . Abstain VanNess.

CORRESPONDENCE:Council vacancy, that will be created by Sheila Garrett taking the office of Mayor. Per Tim Snow Kalamazoo County, and Bob Soltice Attorney If oath of office is not taken until January 3rd 2011 meeting we can hold election for replacement with the Galesburg School election on May 3, 2011 and stay within the 120 day requirement. Cost the City less money, also they recommend leaving the vacancy until the election.

1. The City answered a complaint from ADA pertaining to the bathrooms at Ike Payne Park. Mike Carpenter, took pictures and we composed a letter stating age of facilities and hardship, of the City in the hope of getting it grandfathered. Letter was sent November 18, 2010.To date we have had no reply.

2. Minutes of Galesburg Charleston Fire Board are on file in City Office for October 20, 2010 meeting. Also Galesburg Historical Museum Board for October 20, 2010.
3. Motion by Nicolow and support by Jackson to renew memberships for Mayors Association \$100.00 and Clerks Association \$50.00 before the new year. Roll call : Yes Garrett, Jackson Kissinger, Nicolow, VanNess, Yingling and Mayor Allen.
4. Kalamazoo County Government has sent out a letter to all school districts, asking that they move all elections as possible to November of even years

OLD BUSINESS: Ike Payne Park Agreement tabled until Special Meeting December 13, 2010 with revised agreement. Motion by Nicolow and supported by Yingling to fill vacancy on the parks board with Gary Allen, until 12/31/11. Roll Call: Yes, Kissinger, Jackson, Garrett, Nicolow, VanNess, Yingling. Abstain: G. Allen.

- A. Per Council request K. Bresson received quotes on natural gas prices. Consumers energy \$6.93MCF ; IGS Energy \$6.19MCF; Direct Energy \$5.99MCF All other costs such as meter charge and distribute remain the same. It was suggested by Soltis that he see the agreement with Direct Energy before we sign up. Voice vote ayes carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Motion by Kissinger, and support by Jackson to prepare a resolution to go with the petition for the continuation of approvals of the East Corporation Drain on 37th Street and McCollum. Have ready for December 13, 2010 special council meeting. Voice vote the ayes carried.
- B. Motion by Nicolow and support by Kissinger to cancel Griffin Pest Control contract at this time. Roll Call: Yes, Garrett , Jackson, Kissinger, Nicolow, VanNess, Yingling, and Mayor Allen.
- C. Do not have three people for Board of Review, tabled.
- D. DPW cancelled well service request at this time. Checking further, bid pricing was to varied. (Will bring back at a later date.)

- E. Motion by Nicolow and support by Kissinger to go into Public Hearing for Downtown Infrastructure Project report and close out. Roll Call: Yes, Garrett, Jackson, Kissinger, Nicolow, VanNess, Yingling, and Mayor Allen. Mike Schwartz gave a report on the project, and what was accomplished, in the Downtown District. That the City received a Quality of Life Award from American Public Works Association. He also asked for public comment. Keith Diller was the only comment, and he wanted to know why they put asphalt back in behind the Shafter monument. That was a call by the construction company, they had the choice of either asphalt or concrete. Project is now closed.
- F. Motion by Kissinger and supported by Jackson to leave Public Hearing. Voice vote ayes carried.
- G. Motion by Kissinger and support by Jackson to pay Reith Riley for asphalt received but missed on final billing \$1,883.32. Roll Call: Yes, VanNess, Yingling, Garrett, Nicolow, Jackson, Kissinger, and Mayor Allen.
- H. Motion by Nicolow and support by Garrett, to amend the Library budget by transferring funds within the budget to allow for payment of the new furnace. Roll Call: Yes, Yingling, Garrett, Jackson, Kissinger, Nicolow, VanNess and Mayor Allen.
- I. Motion by Kissinger and support by Nicolow, to extend Right of Way permit with Metro Act (AT & T) for three years until 12/31/2013. Roll Call: Yes, Garrett, Jackson, Kissinger, Nicolow, VanNess, Yingling, and Mayor Allen.

REPORTS: Motion by Garrett and support by Nicolow, to accept the treasurer report of October 31, 2010 as presented. Roll Call: Yes, Nicolow, VanNess, Yingling, Garrett, Jackson, Kissinger, and Mayor Allen.

Motion by Nicolow and support made by Kissinger to accept and pay the Accounts Payable report of 12/06/2010, as presented. Roll Call: Yes, Garrett, Jackson, Kissinger, Nicolow, VanNess, Yingling, and Mayor Allen.

DPW no new business at this time. -4-

Motion by Kissinger, and support by Jackson to extend the employment of Russell Richards for three more months. Roll Call: Yes, Garrett, Jackson, Kissinger, Nicolow, VanNess, Yingling, and Mayor Allen.

Motion by Kissinger, and support by VanNess to accept the Police Report as written. Roll Call: Yes, Yingling, VanNess, Nicolow, Kissinger, Jackson, Garrett, and Mayor Allen.

COUNCIL COMMENT:

Motion by Nicolow, and support by Kissinger, to allow Jeff Heppler to carry over one week of vacation to 2011. Roll Call : Yes, Garrett, Jackson, Kissinger, Nicolow, VanNess, Yingling, and Mayor Allen.

Motion by Kissinger, and support by VanNess, to reappoint Keith Diller to 2 more years on the Parks Board. Roll Call: Yingling, VanNess, Nicolow, Kissinger, Jackson, Garrett, and Mayor Allen.

Jim Jackson said, he was already to give his thank-you speech, but Gary just had to have one more meeting. So it will have to wait. A special meeting is called for December 13, 2010 at 6:00PM for East Corportion Drain, Little League, and Mary Balkema to speak.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Yingling support by Jackson, voice vote carried.