

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF GALESBURG

DECEMBER 13, 2010

6:00P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Yingling, Jackson, VanNess, Kissinger, Nicolow, Garrett, and Mayor Allen.

Absent: none

Others present: Mary Balkema, Ann Nieuwenhuis, Al Madden, Mike DeGraaf, Keith Diller, Rick VanCleave, Garry Henson, Sue Weston, Rob Wilson, Mike Carpenter, Mike Garrett, Shane Bresson.

PLEDGE: Led by Council.

COMMUNITY COMMENT:

Mary Balkema, discussed some of the options required and how government may help, in the handling of the four buildings (Fisher, Masonic , Midway Café, Goodwill) such as grants, Land bank, Private investors. That ownership if owners leave should be kept with the local jurisdiction, either Galesburg, or Kalamazoo County.

Ann Nieuwenhuis, was hoping we could get some engineering advice, and cost estimates, in regards to these buildings. She has been looking for investors to possibly help with this problem.

Mike Carpenter, said three of the buildings are still privately owned and are not in foreclosure, and that letters need to be sent out, with requirements that need to be met.

Sheila Garrett, was asking the question. What can we do in legality? We need to start somewhere even if it is a small step.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion was made by Jackson and support was made by Kissinger, to commit what money we can to the project consisting of these four buildings: Fisher, Masonic, Midway Café and Goodwill. Roll Call: Yes, Kissinger, VanNess, Jackson, Yingling, Nicolow, Garrett, and Mayor Allen. ; Nays: None

Motion was made by Garrett and support was made by Nicolow, to accept the resolution for the East Corporation Drain, as written. Roll Call: Yes, Nicolow, VanNess, Jackson, Kissinger, Garrett, Yingling, and Mayor Allen. Nays: none.

Motion was made by VanNess and support was made by Garrett to table the Quad Cities Little League agreement until we have further information on the Ike Payne Park Grant, dealing with the restroom situation, and what course of action the City may have to take. Roll Call: Yes, Yingling, Garrett, VanNess, Jackson, Nicolow. Nays: Kissinger and Mayor Allen. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by VanNess at 7:30P.M. support by Jackson. Voice vote ayes have it .