

CITY OF GALESBURG

COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 3, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: 7:00P.M.

ROLL CALL : PRESENT; Yingling, VanNess, Bresson, VanCleave, and Mayor Garrett. ABSENT; Kissinger

Motion to add David Henson to new business # AA by Bresson, support by VanNess. Voice vote carried.

Motion to excuse Ken Kissinger (sick) by VanNess, support by Yingling. Voice vote carried.

PLEDGE: Led by council.

COMMUNITY COMMENT:

Ann Nieuwenhuis recognized, she wished to welcome the new members to the Council, and offer her support, any time needed.

MEETING MINUTES:

Motion for approval of the December 13, 2010 minutes as written by VanNess, support made by Yingling. AYES: Yingling, VanNess, Bresson, VanCleave, and Mayor Garrett. Absent: Kissinger.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter referencing new selling times for liquor, passed by the State of Michigan MCL code of 1998 (436.2111, 436.2113). On file in City Hall office.
2. Letter from Comcast, with channels added to cable network, on file at City Hall office.
3. Letter from MDRE pertaining to the application for City boat launch, and fishing pier. Beak Grass may be present, and a study must be completed in the spring.
4. Letters (2) from MDNRE pertaining to City of Galesburg, being on the recommended list for both Ike Payne Park and Community Park, for grant approval. Do not however, incur any commitments, toward this project until we receive a project agreement, in writing, signed. Or the City will have to foot the cost.

NEW BUSINESS:

AA.

Dave Henson was recognized for a 10 minute address on Fluoride in the City water. He cited thyroid problems, ADHD, I-Q, and bone cancer in boy pre-teens as some of the concerns, of too much fluoride. Fluoride is stored in the body, and builds up over the years. He has asked the

Council to look into this as it is of concern to him. It also may be a cost saving to the City, Water Department.

A. Discussion of annual board and department appointments, were discussed as follows, by Mayor Garrett.

LIBRARY BOARD- Jan Yingling

FIRE BOARD- Mike VanNess and Shane Bresson

MUSEUM BOARD- Rick Van Cleave

PARKS BOARD- Ken Kissinger

POLICE COMMISSIONER- Sheila Garrett

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS- n/a

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY- Sheila Garrett

POLICY COMMITTEE- Rick VanCleave, Jan Yingling, ??

BOARD OF REVIEW- Keith Diller, Jim Nicolow, David Wayne

No action was taken on these appointments. Discussion of a Deputy Mayor was held , and was not acted upon by voice vote of council, until we have a full board.

Motion by Yingling for no pay to annual board members (excluding the Board of Review). Support was made by Bresson.

AYES: Bresson, VanCleave, VanNess, Yingling, and Mayor Garrett.

ABSENT: Kissinger

Motion to hire (Kevin Cardiff) Hearing Officer, for cited, and posted buildings. At a pay schedule of \$80.00 per meeting. Support was made by Bresson. AYES: Yingling, VanNess, VanCleave, Bresson, and Mayor Garrett. ABSENT: Kissinger

B. Discussion on Eagle Drive, delayed until next meeting.

C. Eric Lyons of OCBA, was recognized, he spoke on what will be necessary concerning the Beak Grass in the Community Park. Costs that will be necessary before the fishing pier or boat launch may be installed. Gary Allen had spoken to Enbridge and they will take care of study at no cost to the City. At this time however, until we receive written confirmation from the State of Michigan of grant receipt, Council will not take any action.

REPORTS:

Motion was made by Yingling to accept the Treasurer Report as presented, supported by VanNess. AYES: Bresson, VanCleave, VanNess, Yingling, and Mayor Garrett. ABSENT: Kissinger

Motion was made by VanNess to accept and pay accounts payable as presented, support was made by VanCleave. AYES: Yingling, VanNess, VanCleave, Bresson, and Mayor Garrett. ABSENT: Kissinger

DPW, Supervisor, Rob Wilson reported that the recent staking of the cemetery, is not straight, and uniform with the old areas. Prein & Newhof is in agreement and when weather permits, they will re-do and make it right. We also need to re-map the new part of the cemetery, at a cost of approximately \$450.00.

Rob also stated that Sewer rates need to be addressed, because of a raise in rates from the City of Kalamazoo.

Look into additional items, such as charging the City of Kalamazoo for using our meters for their sewer readings outside the City. Maybe look into the law suit if still running on the look back charges, the City of Kalamazoo, charges everyone.

Police Chief Ric Mau gave a report, that Kalamazoo County will no longer support a shooting range, so we will probably have additional charges for our necessary certifications. He also gave a summary of the police report for December 2010.

Motion by Bresson to accept the report as presented, support was made by VanNess. AYES: Bresson, VanCleave, VanNess, Yingling, and Mayor Garrett. ABSENT: Kissinger

COUNCIL COMMENT:

Mike VanNess wanted to thank Council members who were stepping down, for their service, and to welcome new members to the team.

Sheila Garrett, wanted to thank previous Council members, and welcome new members, we can all work together for the betterment of Galesburg.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by VanNess at 8:00P.M. support by VanCleave.
Voice vote carried.

Respectfully,

Karen Bresson
Clerk