

CITY OF GALESBURG

COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 7, 2011 AT 7:00P.M.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER 7:00 p.m. BY MAYOR GARRETT

PLEDGE LED BY COUNCIL

ROLL CALL:

Present: VanNess, Kissinger, Yingling, VanCleave, and Mayor Garrett.

Absent: Bresson

Motion by VanNess and support by VanCleave to excuse Bresson due to his work schedule.

Voice call, all ayes carried.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Motion by VanNess to approve agenda, support by Kissinger.

Nays: -0-

Voice call, all ayes carried.

APPROVE MINUTES:

Motion by Yingling to approve minutes of January 3, 2011 as written, support by VanCleave.

Yea: VanNess VanCleave, Yingling, and Mayor Garrett.

Nays: -0- Abstained: Kissinger

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Information of rate increase asked for by Consumers Energy for gas cost recovery at \$6.4545 per (Mcf).
- b. No action taken on resolution of the Kalamazoo County Community Action "Walk for the Warmth".
- c. Information on minutes on file at City Hall for November, December, and January for Library. December for Fire Board and Memorial Museum.
- d. We replied to National Park letter regarding ADA bathrooms and pavilion. Update was no further information available at this time.
- e. Back tax recovery on Eagle Dr. of \$712.22 due to County of Kalamazoo. Parcel has been put in County Land Bank. Attorney Soltis is looking into possible solutions for the City.

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- f. Enbridge does not have anyone on staff to help with the Beak Grass study. However, they will pay the bid amount of \$1800. That this will cost.
- g. Furnish copies of budget for Cable Access Center for 2011-12 , so we can approve at March 7, 2011 Meeting.
- h. Letter on file for current changes to Comcast cable billing, and program line-up.
- i. On 1/28/2011 we received the MDEQ permit for the boat launch and fishing pier, now all we need is a grant.
- j. The Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority will be called to set up a time for their presentation.

COMMUNITY COMMENT:

Brad Carpenter was recognized for comment. He asked for help of \$1,000. For the parks so they can do activities for the City children. Such as Easter Egg Hunt, or Halloween party. They will come to the board before each issue for approval on costs.

Motion by Yingling to approve \$1000. From Betterment of Galesburg Fund, for Parks activities, support by Kissinger.
Yea: Yingling, VanCleave, Kissinger, VanNess, and Mayor Garrett.
Nay: -0-

Absent: Bresson

Keith Diller was recognized for comment. He would like the City to send a letter to Davis Oil concerning the snow that was piled up against the new military wall. If any damage is incurred the cost will be on them.

Linda Carlton would like to see a Thank-you given to Gary Allen for his time in cleaning off the sidewalks. She also wanted to thank Rob and Bill for the great job on street plowing.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. On the Enbridge agreement for use of the Community Park Road, and the boat launch for 1 yr. (February 1, 2011 thru January 31, 2012) attorney Soltis will look at the Park Grant and the wording in the agreement, so we can change wording to bring everyone into agreement, and not lose the Grant. Bring to March meeting.
2. Motion by VanNess accepting resolution setting public hearing for IFE certificate, support by Kissinger.
Yea: VanCleave, Yingling, VanNess, Kissinger, and Mayor Garrett. Nay: -0- Absent: Bresson
3. The Memorial Library gave a presentation on past history and past revenue expenditures of the library. They also,

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Presented a District Library Agreement and information on Library Law, asking that the City consider a District Library, and millage to fund same. They did not come with any budget figures. (Donna Kowalski, Kay Walker, and Shirley Kasson)

Motion by VanCleave to set up a meeting with District Library Committee, Charleston Township, and City of Galesburg to see if we can come to any agreement, support by VanNess.

Voice call, all ayes, carried. Nays: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Yingling to approve appointments as follows:

Library Board- Jan Yingling : Police Dept.- Sheila Garrett

Fire Board-Mike VanNess and Shane Bresson

Museum Board- Rick VanCleave

Parks Board- Ken Kissinger

DDA- Sheila Garrett

Hearing Officer- Kevin Cardiff

Board of Review- Keith Diller, Jim Nicolow, David Wayne

Support by VanNess

Yea: Kissinger, Yingling, VanNess, VanCleave and Mayor Garrett. Nays: -0- ; Absent: Bresson

2. Motion by Kissinger to keep fluoride in water. No support was made, motion died. Motion by VanNess to remove fluoride from water treatment, support by VanCleave.

Yea: VanNess, VanCleave, Mayor Garrett

Nays: Kissinger and Yingling

Absent: Bresson

3. Motion by VanNess to set hearing on properties 55 E. Battle Creek St.; 90 Washington St. set up officer, and send out notice. Support by Kissinger.

Yea: Yingling, VanCleave, Kissinger, VanNess, and Mayor Garrett. Nays: -0- Absent: Bresson

REPORTS:

Motion by Kissinger to accept treasurer report as written, Support by VanCleave.

Voice vote all ayes, carried.

Motion by VanNess to accept accounts payable report as Presented, support by VanCleave.

Voice vote all ayes, carries.

DPW REPORT:

DPW recognized Rob Wilson, he gave report on four items that needed attention, and one item of information.

Item 1: We were up for renewal of inspection on the Cathodic protection system, on the new water tower. Cost \$585.

Item 2: The Air compressor blew up at the shop, cannot be repaired, replacement will be approximately \$550.

Item 3: The water pump went out of the big snow plow truck, had to have emergency repair of \$533.43 this is just the cost of necessary maintenance.

Item 4: Info East Corporation Drain update. Meeting was held by Kalamazoo County Drain Commissioner on February 1, 2011 at City Hall. They voted to proceed with project, construction documents, bids, and costs for each parties portion of project.

Item 5: We need to have a sewer rate increase of at least \$.0525 to break even with money we are expensing on sewer to City of Kalamazoo.

Motion by Kissinger to expend funds of \$585.00 for inspection of cathodic protection system, on new water tower, support was made by VanNess. Voice vote all ayes, carried.

Motion by Kissinger to purchase a new shop air compressor at an approximate price of \$550.00, support by VanCleave. Voice vote all ayes, carried.

Motion by VanCleave to increase the sewer rate at \$.10 per 1,000 gallons support was made by Yingling.

Yea: VanNess, Kissinger, VanCleave, Yingling, and Mayor Garrett.

Nays: -0- Absent: Bresson

**Note by Attorney Soltis a resolution must be passed at the next meeting concerning this vote.

POLICE REPORT:

Report was given to the council by Jeff Heppler, Chief Mau was ill and could not attend.

Motion by VanCleave to accept report as submitted, support was made by VanNess. Voice vote followed all ayes. Carried.

COUNCIL COMMENT:

Motion by VanCleave was made that only employees of the City of Galesburg, shall operate any City equipment, support was made by VanNess.

Yea: VanNess, Kissinger, Yingling, VanCleave, and Mayor Garrett.

Nay: -0- Absent: Bresson

Motion was made by Kissinger to hold a special meeting concerning employee personnel problems. Support was made by VanNess

Voice vote was called all ayes, carried

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The Special meeting was set for February 14th at 5:30 P.M.
At Galesburg City Hall Community Room. If a request is made this
meeting could go into closed session.

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn at 10:00P.M. was made by VanNess and support
by Kissinger. Voice vote all ayes, carried.

Respectfully,


Karen Bresson
City Clerk