

## CITY OF GALESBURG

### COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 7, 2011

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 7:00P.M. by Mayor Garrett

**PLEDGE:** Lead by city council

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Kissinger, VanCleave, Yingling and Mayor Garrett.  
Absent: VanNess and Bresson

Motion to excuse VanNess (personal reasons) and Bresson (work) was made by Yingling, support by VanCleave. Voice vote carried.

**AMEND AGENDA:**

1a. Add Enbridge Community Park Contract to agenda. Voice vote carried.

7. Add Personnel Policy change and review to agenda. Voice vote carried.

**APPROVE AGENDA:**

Motion to approve amended agenda was made by VanCleave, supported by Kissinger. Voice vote carried.

**MINUTES:**

Motion by VanCleave to approve February 7, 2011 minutes as written, supported by Kissinger. Voice vote carried.

Motion by Kissinger to approve February 14, 2011 minutes as written, supported by Yingling. Voice vote carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Comcast has a new schedule of pricing to take effect 4/01/2011 schedule is in the city hall office.
2. Thomas and Karen Oram-Proudford sent a very nice thank-you letter to Rob Wilson and Bill Bresson for the great job they did on the streets during the recent big snow.
3. The City is in receipt of the minutes for the January Galesburg-Charleston Fire Board, January Galesburg Memorial Museum, and January Galesburg Memorial Library they are on file in the City Office.
4. Enbridge letter was sent to bring all up to date on the clean up into this spring. Letter is on file in City Office.
5. A copy of the notice for public hearing, for Smith's Machine and Grinding dated 2/8/2011. Is on file in the City Office.
6. Motion by Kissinger to amend the Fire Board budget by \$2500.00 to a total for the year ending June 30, 2011 to \$64,675.00, supported by VanCleave. Yea: VanCleave, Yingling, Kissinger, and Mayor Garrett. Nays: -0- Absent: Bresson, VanNess.
7. We received a little good news in a reduction of amount owed on Eagle Dr. Foreclosure, from \$712.22 to \$381.19.
8. Hearing officer to meet with property owners of 90 Washington St., and 55 E. Battle Creek St. March 8, 2011 at 7:00P.M.

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**COMMUNITY COMMENT:**

Mayor Garrett recognized Dale Hein and Diane Kempen, they are with the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority, here to deliver the Annual KCTA Report. (Complete report is on file in City office)

Brad Carpenter was recognized. He would like to see an Express Bus for Galesburg and Augusta provided by KCTA.

Ann Nieuwenhuis was recognized. She said they have provided this to Comstock, and wanted to thank Galesburg, for thinking outside the box for the future.

Craig Newton was recognized. He wants to set up another clean up the streets date, for April 9, 2011. He will check with Charleston Township on the dumpsters for this year, also the use of the community room from 8-9AM and around 1PM lunch.

Second he would like to see if the City can get Rosenberger (Cornerstone Construction) to come and discuss his future plans for the two large City properties he owns. Mayor Garrett asked Planning Board chairman, Rick VanCleave if he could take care of this. Rick said, he would.

Kay Walker (library) was recognized. She wanted to invite all present to come to the Galesburg Memorial Library, on March 19, 2011 2:30P.M. for their OPEN HOUSE.

Wightman Engineering was recognized; he wanted to offer their services and will be coming to future meetings, if there is anything he can help us with.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion by Kissinger to approve funds NTE \$600.00 for the replacement of the Assessor's computer if necessary, supported by Yingling. Yea: Kissinger, Yingling, VanCleave, and Mayor Garrett. Nay: -0- Absent: Bresson, VanNess.
- 1a. Motion by Yingling to approve Enbridge agreement revised by Soltis, for Community Park dated February 1, 2011 thru January 31, 2012 supported by VanCleave. Yea: VanCleave, Kissinger, Yingling, and Mayor Garrett Nay: -0- Absent: Bresson, VanNess.
2. Motion by Kissinger, to accept bids on the Wm Blank address of 421 E. Battle Creek St. for personal property and or real property. Bids can be accepted or rejected as City Council sees fit. All bids due by 4:30PM Friday March 11, 2011, supported by VanCleave. Yea: VanCleave, Kissinger, Yingling, and Mayor Garrett. Nay: -0- Absent: Bresson, VanNess.
3. Motion by VanCleave for a Special Council Meeting on March 15, 2011 at 6:00P.M. support by Kissinger. Yea: Kissinger, VanCleave, Yingling, and Mayor Garrett. Nay:-0- Absent: Bresson, VanNess.
4. Mayor Garrett addressed the council and public on Items needed by the Library at the joint meeting on March 17, 2011. (Copy on

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File). Mayor Garrett also addressed all present on the information that needs to be provided to the City by the Downtown Development Authority, ( copy on file).

Garrett also brought information forward as to the possible installation of a time clock to be used by all city employees, to keep better track of time worked, and department where hours used. Rob Wilson stated DPW break down is already done on existing time sheets.

Clerk Karen Bresson was asked to check into possible savings of money on telephone bills, long distance, and pay phone.

5. Motion by Kissinger to accept Kay Walker to library board for another 5 yrs. Supported by Yingling. Voice vote carried.
6. Motion by Yingling to enact a spending freeze on all departments except for necessary bills and emergency repairs, support by Kissinger. Yea: VanCleave, Yingling, Kissinger, and Mayor Garrett. Nay: -0- Absent: Bresson, VanNess.
7. Mayor Garrett apologized for her actions at the last board meeting. Current health issues, and a surgery that will be April 7, 2011 were too much on her mind. However the outcome is looking very good, and she does not see any need for stepping down. Recovery is only to be about 5 days.

Policy will be looked into over the next few months.

We also know that the Revenues for the current budget ending in June were estimated high. We are looking at all aspects of this and hope to bring it into line. Next year to hopefully look brighter, bringing current issues of many years, under control.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Motion by Kissinger to adopt new sewer rate resolution, of \$.10 per 1,000gallons support by VanCleave. Yea: Kissinger, Yingling, VanCleave, and Mayor Garrett. Nays:-0- Absent: Bresson, VanNess
- B. Motion by VanCleave to accept the Cable Access Center Budget as presented, support by Kissinger. Yea: Kissinger, Yingling, VanCleave, and Mayor Garrett. Nays: -0- Absent: Bresson, VanNess.
- C. Motion by Yingling to Approve Resolution Approving the Application of Smith's Machine and Grinding Inc., for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for New Personal Property, in the amount of \$362,430.00 and Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate Agreement for 12 years, and up to 4 additional jobs. Support was made by Kissinger. Yea: VanCleave, Kissinger, Yingling and Mayor Garrett Nay: -0- Absent: Bresson, VanNess
- D. Motion by Yingling to nominate Shane Bresson for Deputy Mayor, support by VanCleave. Yea: Kissinger, VanCleave, Yingling, and Mayor Garrett. Nay:-0- Absent: Bresson, VanNess.

#### **REPORTS:**

Motion by Kissinger to accept treasurer report as presented, support by Yingling. Yea: VanCleave, Yingling, Kissinger, and Mayor Garrett Nay:-0- Absent: Bresson, VanNess

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Motion by Kissinger to accept and pay all amounts on accounts payable report submitted support by Yingling. Yea: VanCleave, Yingling, Kissinger, and Mayor Garrett Nay: -0- Absent: Bresson, VanNess

Motion by VanCleave to approve a sewer repair on Maple Street of approximately \$4200.00 support by Kissinger. Yea: Kissinger, Yingling, VanCleave, and Mayor Garrett. Nay:-0- Absent: Bresson, VanNess.

Motion by Kissinger to approve police report as submitted, support by VanCleave. Yea: Kissinger, Yingling, VanCleave, and Mayor Garrett. Nay: -0- Absent: Bresson , VanNess

**COUNCIL COMMENT:**

Kissinger ask for \$300.00 of the Betterment of Galesburg money for an Easter Egg hunt. Motion by Yingling and support by VanCleave. Voice vote carried.

Remember joint meeting with Charleston Township and District Library Committee is March 17, 2011 7:00P.M. at Charleston Township Hall

**ADJOURN:**

Motion by VanCleave at 9:00P.M. to adjourn support by Kissinger. Voice vote carried

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Bresson  
Clerk