

CITY OF GALESBURG COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OPEN SESSION
MARCH 15, 2011 AT 6:00P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Garrett call to order 6:00P.M.

PLEDGE: Led by Council

ROLL CALL: Present ; Bresson, VanNess, Yingling, VanCleave, and Garrett Absent; Kissinger

Motion by VanNess to excuse Kissinger, he had to work, supported by VanCleave. Voice vote all affirmative, carried.

Information per Bob Soltis:

1. We asked for bids on the Wm Blank parcel (old number 020) new number 024 for either personal or real property, or both.
2. If we sell real property any amount over total taxes owed, would need to be turned over to Kalamazoo County.
3. He does not feel there is time to get necessary paperwork thru the courts with the limited time available.

The two bids were opened and read. Kalamazoo Metal Recyclers was for personal property only in the amount of \$10,700. Robert White was for personal property only in the amount of \$11,200.

Motion by Yingling to except Robert White bid for \$11,200. Cash. To be received before work starts. Soltis to draft an agreement to be signed by Robert White, Mayor Garrett, and City Clerk Bresson. Robert White, (Bailey Excavating) to supply the City with proof of liability insurance coverage. Motion was supported by VanNess.

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

INFORMATION:

Garrett wanted to inform the council on the Snyder Building. Amount owed at this time is \$3700 per Mary Balkema. It would be better for the City to take control of it, so we can work with Mr. March to take down the two buildings together and hopefully save money doing so. If it goes to the Kalamazoo County Land bank they may not move on demolition for years. We may be able to find support from local industry, Enbridge, and Downtown Development Authority.

Mike Carpenter was recognized; the hearing officer had a meeting on March 8, 2011 with owner of 90 Washington. They still want to fix the property. He stated to them that they need to have Plans, Permit applications, and a time table for completing repairs no later than April 18, 2011. 55 E. Battle Creek St. Mr. March did not attend; he did however submit a letter stating he will demo the building, at his location. We are awaiting the letter from the hearing officer Kevin Cardiff.

Motion by VanNess to move into closed session per request of Ric Mau, supported by VanCleave. Voice vote called all affirmative, carried.

Motion by VanNess to move back into open session, support by VanCleave.

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Voice vote was called all affirmative, carried.

Motion by VanCleave to approve action taken in closed session, support by VanNess.
Voice vote called all affirmative, carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

COUNCIL COMMENT:

Yingling, in talking to Brad Carpenter found out minutes can be published on our web site if we e-mail them to him.

Garrett wanted to inform all present that a quorum for our board is four people.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by VanCleave to adjourn, supported by Yingling.
Voice vote was called all affirmative, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Bresson, Clerk