

MINUTES
GALESBURG CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 4, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Sheila Garrett called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE: PLEDGE WAS RECITED, LED BY CITY COUNCIL.

ROLL CALL:

Present; Bresson, VanNess, Kissinger, Yingling, VanCleave, and Mayor Garrett. Absent; none

APPROVE AGENDA:

Motion by Bresson to move Item 6 to end of meeting, so as not to disrupt meeting. Also to add new business of approval of election workers, and to approve the balance of agenda as written. Support was made by VanNess. Yes: Kissinger, Bresson, Yingling, VanNess, VanCleave. No: -0-

APPROVE OPEN MEETING MINUTES:

Motion by Kissinger to approve minutes of March 7, 2011 as written, support by VanCleave. Yes: VanCleave, Kissinger, Yingling, and Mayor Garrett No:-0-
Abstained: Bresson and VanNess.

Motion by VanNess to approve minutes of March 15, 2011 as written, support by Yingling. Yes: VanNess, VanCleave, Yingling, Bresson, and Mayor Garrett. No: -0-
Abstained: Kissinger.

Motion by VanNess to approve minutes of March 24, 2011 as written, support by Kissinger. Yes: Yingling, VanNess, Kissinger, and Mayor Garrett, No: -0-
Abstained: VanCleave and Bresson.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Craig Newton sent a letter about clean up day outside of the City.

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- B. Greatful Daves is still waiting on amended SDM license.
- C. We received \$ 256.00 from National City class action settlement, due to claim filed by Sue Weston.
- D. We received beginning Census Totals for area from Kalamazoo County. Galesburg is now 2009 residents.
- E. Fire Board, Museum, and Library minutes are on file in City Hall Office for February 2011.
- F. Enbridge will have work crews in the area again starting April 1, 2011 for at least a month.

COMMUNITY COMMENT:

Linda Carlton was recognized. She wondered when the military plaques were going up on the wall. She wanted to inform the City that the DDA is looking to put together a water wagon, to water the plants around the signs and in the planters this summer. She also asked for the use of the Community Room for May 7, 2011 free of charge for the Style Show, luncheon.

Motion by Kissinger to ok Community Room at no charge for May 7, 2011 for style show, support by VanNess, voice vote all ayes , carried.

Linda stated the DDA is also working to get the advertising sign lit up.

Keith Diller was recognized. He stated that we need to think longer and harder, before we do another bid issue or other legal document, pertaining to the mess that was left behind on the Wm Blank property. We need to think long term down the road.

Donna Kowalewski was recognized. She heard from someone that in other parts of the State they were changing terminology on foreclosures to abandon house for tax purposes. Ann Nieuwenhuis is going to look into this with Kalamazoo County.

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Craig Newton was recognized. He stated that the trash pick-up in our area, outside the City will be May 7, 2011. efforts will be in Charleston Township. Craig also stated that he picked up 35th street from Miller Dr. to the Galesburg Village Apartments and had 2 large bags of trash and 41 empty booze bottles. He also wanted to know if the City has a regular schedule for cleaning out the trash cans. Rob Wilson said, yes they do. Linda Carleton said, they are working.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by VanNess to approve Janice Wilson, Barb Horn, and Rhoda Haist, for election workers for the May 3, 2011 election, supported by VanCleave. Yes: Bresson, VanNess, Kissinger, Yingling, VanCleave, and Mayor Garrett.

Mayor Garrett stated she has had discussion with Mary Balkema on 25 E. Battle Creek St property. We can take ownership at a cost of \$3700. And that Mary Balkema will help us to get a grant for the Phase I necessary to demolish the building, from the Brownfield Development Fund. It would be to our advantage to take ownership.

Motion by Yingling to take ownership of 25 E. Battle Creek St. upon the offering from the County of Kalamazoo for \$3700. Supported by VanNess. Yes: Kissinger, Bresson, Yingling, VanNess, VanCleave, and Mayor Garrett. No: -0-

Motion by VanNess to accept the help and grant from Mary Balkema, for the Phase I on the building at 25 E. Battle Creek St., support by VanCleave. Yes: VanNess, VanCleave, Kissinger, Bresson, Yingling, and Mayor Garrett. No:-0-

Motion by VanNess and support by VanCleave to take bids

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For razing the Snyder building, from at least three bidders. Send specifications on requirements with request. Voice vote all ayes, carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Received a letter from hearing officer Kevin Cardiff, on 90 Washington St., he has given the owner until April 18, 2011 to have plans, permits and estimated time line for repairs in to the City. Mike Carpenter is asking for City Council support on this property, from this point forward.

Motion by Bresson to support Carpenter on the property at 90 Washington, support by Kissinger. Yes: VanNess, Kissinger, VanCleave, Yingling, Bresson, and Mayor Garrett. No:-0-

REPORTS:

Motion by VanNess to approve February 2011 treasurer report as written, support by Kissinger. Yes: Yingling, VanCleave, Bresson, Kissinger, VanNess, and Mayor Garrett.

Motion by Kissinger to approve accounts payable report as presented for March 2011, support by Bresson. Yes: VanCleave, Yingling, VanNess, Kissinger, Bresson, and Mayor Garrett.

Motion by Kissinger to approve request by Rob Wilson for Mower parts NTE \$300.00 to get ready for spring, support by VanCleave. Yes: Bresson, VanNess, Kissinger, Yingling, VanCleave, and Mayor Garrett. No:-0-

Motion by VanNess to approve request by Rob Wilson to get the streets swept for \$1000.00 per requirement for major streets, support by Kissinger. Yes: Kissinger, Bresson, Yingling, VanNess, VanCleave, and Mayor Garrett.

Motion by Bresson to approve a request to renew the Clean Earth contract for Sewer Cleaning for 3yrs. With possible 2 year extension, support by Kissinger. Yes:

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VanNess, VanCleave, Kissinger, Bresson, Yingling, and Mayor Garrett.

Motion by Kissinger per Rob Wilson request for \$50.00 to lock Ike Payne Bathrooms, so Little League can get to the rest of the building, support by VanNess. Yes: VanNess, Kissinger, VanCleave, Yingling, Bresson, and Mayor Garrett.

Motion by Bresson to Rent Ike Payne Park to the Quad Cities Little League from April 1, 2011 to July 30, 2011 for \$400.00 plus they supply the Port-A-Johns, at least one has to be ADA accessible, support by VanNess. Yes: Yingling, VanCleave, Bresson, Kissinger, VanNess, and Mayor Garrett.

POLICE REPORT:

Motion by VanNess to give Russ Richards a 3 month extension on employment, support by Kissinger.

Yes: VanCleave, Yingling, VanNess, Kissinger, Bresson, and Mayor Garrett. No: -0-

Motion by VanNess to approve police report as written, support by Bresson. Yes: Yingling, VanCleave, Bresson, Kissinger, VanNess, and Mayor Garrett. No: -0-

COUNCIL COMMENT:

Kissinger requested Community Park for 9AM on April 23, 2011 for the Easter Egg Hunt. A voice vote was taken all ayes, carried.

Motion by Kissinger to open the Community Park bathrooms support by Yingling, Yes: VanNess, VanCleave, Kissinger, Yingling, and Mayor Garrett. No: Bresson.

CLOSED SESSION:

Motion by Kissinger to go to closed session support by VanCleave. Voice vote carried.

Motion by VanCleave to approve February 14, 2011 minutes as written, support by Bresson. Yes: Bresson, Kissinger, Yingling, VanCleave, and Mayor Garrett. Abstained: VanNess.

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Motion by VanNess to approve March 15, 2011 minutes, support by Bresson. Yes: Yingling, Bresson, VanNess, VanCleave, and Mayor Garrett. Abstained: Kissinger.

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn by VanNess, support by Bresson, voice vote all ayes.

Respectfully submitted

Karen Bresson , Clerk