

MINUTES
GALESBURG CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 2, 2011

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Garrett called meeting to order 7:00P.M.
2. **PLEDGE:** Led by council.
3. **ROLL CALL:** Present; Bresson, VanNess, Kissinger, Yingling, VanCleave; and Mayor Garrett. Absent; -0-
4. **AGENDA:** Motion to approve agenda as presented made by Kissinger, support by Bresson. Voice vote called all ayes.
5. **PAST MINUTES:** Motion was made by Kissinger to approve April 4, 2011 minutes as written, support by VanNess. Voice vote called all ayes.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Comcast is opening a new customer service center May 23, 2011 at 5700 Beckley Rd. Battle Creek, MI. Letter on file.
- B. BCBS is removing benefit maximums per health care reform act. Letter on file.
- C. Kalamazoo County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, sent a letter with possible monies available for Phase I and Phase II Site assessments. Letter on file.
- D. United States Dept. of Commerce is open to any 2010 Census challenges submitted. Letter on file.
- E. Kalamazoo County sent a letter on the possible redistricting of County Districts per the 2010 Census count. They will drop from 17 to 11. Letter and Map on file.
- F. Galesburg Memorial Library, submitted their annual letter to council. Letter on file.
- G. City board minutes for DDA, Museum, and Library for March 2011 are on file.

COMMUNITY COMMENT:

Keith Diller was recognized, he wanted to know why the Attorney was not present, and was he paid retainer even if he was not there. City felt the meeting did not require his attention, and payment is based on hourly time.

Linda Carlton was recognized, she wanted to know if some of the rents from the Community Room could be set aside for fixtures in the room.

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Craig Newton was recognized, he stated that Saturday May 7, 2011 is the roadside clean up in Charleston Township. It will be from 7AM to 11AM. They will also do 35th Street from Miller Rd. to Galesburg Village Apts. Can we use the City dumpster for trash picked up in town? Council replied yes to dumpster behind City Hall.

NEW BUSINESS;

Motion by Kissinger to move forward with engineering designs for the City parks, per OK in e-mail from J. Stafford grant coordinator. Support by VanNess. Yes: Yingling, VanCleave, Bresson, Kissinger, VanNess and Mayor Garrett. Nays: -0-

Motion by Kissinger to submit contract to the State of Michigan for Free Laptop for Elections in the future, support made by Bresson. Yes: VanCleave, Yingling, VanNess, Kissinger, Bresson, and Mayor Garrett. Nays: -0-

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Motion by Kissinger to approve Jim Jackson as new DDA board member, supported by Yingling. Voice vote called all ayes.

Motion by Yingling to get lawyer to finish paperwork on DDA TIF, support by Kissinger. Voice vote was called all ayes.

Motion by Bresson to adopt new by-laws in DDA articles, support by Yingling. Yes: VanNess, Kissinger, VanCleave, Yingling, Bresson, and Mayor Garrett. Nays:-0-

Send any inquiry for Greater Galesburg Day to Galesburg Fire Department. Too late to organize this year.

OLD BUSINESS:

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Motion by Kissinger to approve a building permit for 90 Washington St.; per the time line as noted. Complete in 1 year after permit purchase. Support was made by Bresson. Yes: VanCleave, Yingling, VanNess, Kissinger, Bresson, and Mayor Garrett. Nays:-0-

REPORTS:

Motion was made by Kissinger to accept the Treasurer report as Written, support by VanCleave. Yes: Bresson, VanNess, Kissinger, Yingling, VanCleave, and Mayor Garrett. Nays:-0-

Motion by Kissinger to approve accounts payable for payment as Submitted, support by VanNess. Yes: Kissinger, Bresson, Yingling, VanNess, VanCleave, and Mayor Garrett. Nays:-0-

DPW Rob Wilson requested a that the council take a new look at weed Control ordinance, as far as height requirements. No action taken At this time.

Motion by Kissinger to approve the release of the clothing Allowance of \$250. Each for Rob Wilson and Bill Bresson, support By VanCleave. Yes: VanNess, VanCleave, Kissinger, Bresson, Yingling, and Mayor Garrett. Nays: -0-

Motion by Bresson to bring back the Part-time help for the DPW (Art Green) support was made by Kissinger. Yes: VanNess, Kissinger, VanCleave, Yingling, Bresson, and Mayor Garrett. Nays: -0-

Jeff Heppler was presented with a birthday card and thank-you For all the extra time he puts in without pay.

Motion by Kissinger to accept police report as written, support by VanNess. Yes: Yingling, VanCleave, Bresson, Kissinger, VanNess, And Mayor Garrett. Nays: -0-

COUNCIL COMMENT:

Kissinger ask for use of the park during Galesburg Day for car Show, run by Parks Committee.

Motion by VanNess to approve use of Community Park, June 18th by Parks committee, for a car-motorcycle show, support by Bresson. Yes: VanCleave, Yingling, VanNess, Kissinger, Bresson, and Mayor Garrett. Nays:-0-

Jan Yingling wished to thank Craig Newton, for all his help in Cleaning up the roadsides of the area.

Motion by VanCleave for a second meeting this month for budget Discussion on May 16, 2011 at 6:00P.M., support by Kissinger. Voice vote all ayes.

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn by VanNess, support by Bresson. Voice vote All ayes. Respectfully submitted by Karen Bresson