

MINUTES
CITY OF GALESBURG COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 6, 2011

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

PLEDGE: Was led by City Council.

ROLL CALL:

Present: VanNess, Kissinger, Yingling, VanCleave, Nicolow, and Mayor Garrett. Absent: Bresson.

AGENDA:

Amended correspondence to a list of items with short description, they are available for all to read in City Office. Due to length of items on the agenda Community comment will be held to three minutes each.

I. Is taken off the agenda E&F: moved to L&M.

Motion by Nicolow to approve agenda with the above changes support made by VanNess. Yes: Kissinger, Yingling, VanNess, VanCleave, Nicolow, and Mayor Garrett. Nays:-0- Absent Bresson

MINUTES:

Motion by Nicolow to approve May 2, 2011 minutes as written, support was made by VanCleave. Yes: VanNess, VanCleave, Kissinger, Yingling, Nicolow, and Mayor Garrett Nays: -0- Absent: Bresson

Motion by Nicolow to approve May 16, 2011 minutes as written, support was made by Kissinger. Yes: Kissinger, VanCleave, Yingling, Nicolow, and Mayor Garrett. Nays:-0- Abstained: VanNess Absent: Bresson

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. State Transportation map to feature QR codes.
2. Consumers Energy reconcile electric residual balances.
3. Consumers Energy Uncollectable Expense True-up Mechanism computation for 2009-2010.
4. Galesburg-Augusta School letter of support for DDA from Tom Vagts and Laura Ash.
5. Consumers Energy- Energy Optimization costs and revenues
6. USA Dept. of Commerce 2010 Census web sites.
7. Minutes for April 2011: Fire Board- Library Board- Museum Board- DDA Board- GABCA Assn.

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8. Kalamazoo County GIS and tax maps web sites now up and running.

** All on file at City Hall for viewing by request.

COMMUNITY COMMENT:

Mayor Garrett recognized Keith Diller: He wanted to know when the military plaques will be installed on the wall downtown. (Rob Wilson DPW is not getting the free Lexan, so they are working on plan B)

Mayor Garrett recognized Morey Carnes: He has concerns, on the blight of Rosenberger Property, (Old school property Blake St.). Can we get him to cut weeds and clean up tree. There was the same concern from Mr. Bergner. (Chief Mau stated that a letter has already been sent to Mr. Rosenberger concerning this matter, as it has to be by Ordinance # 253)

David Henson asked that we please read his letter and reply in kind on the trees. He had to leave due to other priorities.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. City of Kalamazoo charges Look Back fees to the City of Galesburg every year on amounts they need to collect. They charge the customer in the City of Kalamazoo for these fees. The City of Galesburg has been paying them out of pocket. They should be assessed back to the customer; the City cannot afford to pay these fees. (Per K Bresson Clerk)
** It was asked that Karen bring a 3-5 year equalized amount to the council next meeting.
- B. Motion by Kissinger, to accept the resignation of Rosie Emmons from the planning board, support was made by VanCleave. Yes: Yingling, VanCleave, Kissinger, VanNess, and Mayor Garrett. Nays: Nicolow. Absent: Bresson
- C. Motion by Kissinger to waive Garage Sale Permits for Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (June 16-19, 2011) for Galesburg Days. Support was made by VanNess. **Yes:** VanCleave, Yingling, VanNess, Kissinger, Nicolow, and Mayor Garrett. Nays:-0- Absent: Bresson.
- D. Motion by Kissinger to approve the resolution as written to close M-96 from 10:45A.M. To 12:00 Noon on June 18, 2011. Support was made by Yingling. Yes: VanNess, Kissinger, Yingling, VanCleave, Nicolow, and Mayor Garrett. Nays:-0- Absent: Bresson.
- E. DDA President Linda Carlton gave a report and information on the DDA. She also provided a roster of Board members and term expiration, as well as officers now serving. Motion by Nicolow to accept Linda Carlton and Kathy Fett

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To the DDA Board. (All members not sworn in at the City must do so), support was made by Yingling. Yes: Kissinger, Yingling, VanNess, VanCleave, Nicolow, and Mayor Garrett. Nays:-0- Absent: Bresson

The DDA is working on a new plan, they have a district, and they have a TIF. They need the remaining items and a public hearing, on completion of those items. (Ann Nieuwenhuis stated how the DDA might help the heart of the City with their special tools and Grants provided by Government programs only if a DDA is present in the City.) (Mayor Garrett read from previous minutes where the DDA stated they would pay for the necessary expense in the formation and paperwork required.)

- F. Motion by Kissinger to accept the Planning Board recommendation for the split of lots 25 and 26 on Maple Street, and the joining of Lots 26 and 144 on Maple Street, support was made by Nicolow. Yes: VanNess, VanCleave, Kissinger, Yingling, Nicolow, and Mayor Garrett. Nays:-0- Absent: Bresson
- G. Motion by Nicolow to join the Planning and Zoning Boards, into one unit with the planning members residing over all future items of both boards. It will be known as Ordinance # 259 Dated June 6, 2011. Support was made by Van Cleave. Yes: VanNess, Kissinger, VanCleave, Yingling, Nicolow, and Mayor Garrett. Nays: -0- Absent: Bresson
- H. Motion by VanCleave, to give permission to Amanda (Dowty) Spencer, to organize Greater Galesburg Days starting with year 2012, and City wide garage sales starting in August 2011, with the grateful support of the City Council. This is not funded by the City. Support was made by Kissinger. Yes: Yingling, VanCleave, Kissinger, VanNess, Nicolow, and Mayor Garrett. Nays:-0- Absent: Bresson
- I. Removed from agenda
- J. Motion by Kissinger, to remove the three (3) dangerous trees at the end of Hamilton Street, and send letter to David Henson confirming removal with approximate date of removal. Support was made by VanCleave. Yes: VanCleave, Yingling, VanNess, Kissinger, Nicolow, and Mayor Garrett. Nays:-0- Absent: Bresson.

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K. Discussion and explanation on the Townline Drain was presented by Rob Wilson. This is a re-determination on the existing problem, with a new petition. We (City) are recommending that all interested persons attend the meeting with the Drain Commissioner (Pat Crowley) on June 13, 2011 at Galesburg City Hall, 2:00P.M.

L. Motion by Kissinger to go to Public Hearing on Budget 2011-2012, support was made by VanNess. Yes: VanNess, Kissinger, Yingling, VanCleave, Yingling, and Mayor Garrett. Nays:-0- Absent: Bresson

COMMENT ON BUDGET:

Discussion on health care costs, vacation days, furlough days. No action was taken.

Motion by Nicolow to close Public Hearing and resume council meeting, supported by VanNess. Yes: Kissinger, Yingling, VanNess, Van Cleave, Nicolow, and Mayor Garrett. Nays: -0- Absent: Bresson.

M. Motion by Kissinger to adopt budget as presented, support was made by Nicolow. Yes: VanNess, VanCleave, Kissinger, Yingling, Nicolow, and Mayor Garrett. Nays: -0- Absent: Bresson

OLD BUSINESS:

Update presented on Community Park and Ike Payne Park, by Eric Lyons of OCBA. There is concern on existing playground equipment, meeting current codes. The necessity of another permit by the MDNR for wetlands of \$250.00, this is in addition to existing permits. No action was taken at this time. We are looking into dates when playground was installed.

REPORTS:

Motion by VanNess to accept the treasurer report as presented, supported by Kissinger. Voice vote all ayes carried.

Motion by VanCleave to accept the accounts payable as presented and pay all bills, supported by VanNess. Voice vote all ayes, carried.

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DPW Reports:

- a. Motion by Nicolow that the City DPW will no longer mow the curb right of ways on any private properties, this needs to be done by the owner or renter of that property. Support was made by Kissinger. Voice vote all ayes, carried.
- b. Motion by Kissinger to send Mr. Rosenberger (Rosenberger Developers LLC) at certified, registered letter, on repair and replacement of Blake Street sidewalks on their property. Giving 10 days for reply, on scheduling.
- c. Discussion on weed height of unmowed properties, and looking into a change in some wording regarding large City area that might be crops, or gardens, or back acreage. Tabled until next meeting.

POLICE REPORT:

- A. Motion by VanNess to terminate Richard Anson, per recommendation by Police Chief and Police Commissioner due to scheduling conflicts, and not working hours scheduled. Support was made by Kissinger. Yes: VanNess, VanCleave, Kissinger, Yingling, Nicolow, and Mayor Garrett. Nays:-0- Absent: Bresson
- B. Motion by Kissinger to accept police report as written, supported by VanCleave. Voice vote all ayes, carried.

COUNCIL COMMENT:

Nicolow wanted to bring it to the DPW's attention that the drive to the river in Community Park has some large holes.

Kissinger, has a Boy Scout, that maybe we can help to acquire his Eagle Badge. More information coming.

Yingling, we must make it a priority to get the Military Plaques up on the wall.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Nicolow to adjourn at 10:30P.M., supported by VanNess. Voice vote all ayes, carried.

Respectfully, Karen Bresson, Clerk