

**CITY OF GALESBURG COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 1, 2011 7:00 P.M.**

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

PLEDGE: Led by City Council

ROLL CALL: Present: Nicolow, Kissinger, VanCleave, Mayor Garrett.
Absent: VanNess, Yingling.

Motion by Nicolow to excuse Yingling, another appointment, supported by VanCleave. Voice vote all yes.

AGENDA: Motion by Kissinger to amend agenda with adds of personnel to new business at number 4 City parks. Add H. Snyder Property and I. Parks Grant to Old Business. And approve with changes. Support by VanCleave. Voice vote all yes.

MINUTES: Motion by Kissinger to approve minutes of July 11, 2011 as written, supported by Nicolow. Voice vote all yes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. We have Fire Board, Memorial Museum, Memorial Library, and DDA minutes for June 2011 on file in City Clerk's office.
- B. Consumers Energy hearing 8-2-2011 for Renewable Energy Surcharge revenues.
- C. Comcast starting 8-5-2011 has reduced installation rate to \$40.00 for single product and \$60.00 for three products.
- D. County of Kalamazoo, City of Kalamazoo and City of Portage put out an Intergovernmental Collaboration-Consolidation Report on July 19, 2011. It states possible areas of collaboration. Other units of government will be asked to join at a later date.
- E. To receive our statutory revenue we must submit a Citizens' Guide and Performance Dashboard by October 1, 2011.

COMMUNITY COMMENT:

Brian Taylor (269-665-4240), Milton Woods (269-303-4777), Craig Newton (269-665-4182) were requesting that the water runoff issue on Morehouse Drive, be looked into. Every time we have a heavy rain they have a large pond.

Prein & Newhof (Mike Schwartz) has a previous study of this issue. The DPW will work to get further information, and plans of remedy.

Linda Carlton wished to thank Keith Diller and Craig Newton on behalf of the City and DDA for their help in watering the trees and flowers around the City.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Eric Vilhauer made a presentation asking for City Property right-of-way in the river for submerged oil clean up, of approximately 5 acres. Motion by Nicolow to accept agreement with Enbridge for Right of Way Use of 5 acres From August 1, 2011 to July 31, 2012 for the sum of Fifty Thousand dollars. Support was made by Kissinger. Yes: VanCleave, Nicolow, Kissinger, Mayor Garrett. Absent: Yingling, VanNess.

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2. Motion by Nicolow to approve Jane Hopkins for election worker, supported by Kissinger. Voice vote all yes.
3. Discussion of Deputy Mayor was tabled until after the November 8, 2011 election.
4. Nicolow and Diller voiced concern on how often the bathrooms are cleaned. On June 16-17, 2011 they were very dirty. The public stated not useable. Pictures were taken, an included in these minutes. Method of work performance and logs of DPW needed. Bathroom surveillance was also discussed. Motion by VanCleave to lock bathroom doors as well as bathroom fence gate is to be done cost of locks NTE \$75.00. Support was made by Kissinger. Voice vote all yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. DDA discussion no motion was presented. No one for parks board. Transfer to City of funds not completed. City DDA plan at next meeting, and possibly set public meeting for ideas to put in plan.
They would like to see some action on refurbishing the Community Room, lights, paint, rug, tables.
- b. Motion by Kissinger to set the mowing rates as presented, adding a 15% administrative fee to the invoiced amount. 1st time \$148.90 each additional time add \$25.00. Large areas \$74.45 per hour additional if completed by City. Contract amount if hired outside professional. Support was made by Nicolow. Yes: VanCleave, Nicolow, Kissinger, and Mayor Garrett. Absent: VanNess, Yingling.
- c. Sewer look back fees tabled no action taken.
- d. Motion by Kissinger to approve Wrifton Graham to new term on DDA, supported by Nicolow. Voice vote all yes.
- e. Motion by Nicolow to approve new weed ordinance, as revised by Soltis. Ordinance number 260, to be published. Support by Kissinger Yes: VanCleave, Nicolow, Kissinger, and Mayor Garrett. Absent: VanNess, Yingling.
- f. Per telephone conversation with Rosenberger, he said he will be at the Sept. 6, 2011 meeting
- g. Health insurance holding for other quotes. Table until next meeting.
- h. Snyder building update. No further plans from Mavcon to move forward. They are now looking at MSHDA for funding. Set meeting with them to help make decision.
- i. Update is Ike Payne with current numbers is over budget. We need to look into possible cuts. We need to find out where our community help is coming from, and what dollar value we can put on it.

REPORTS:

Motion by Kissinger to accept treasurer report for June 2011 as presented. Support was made by Nicolow. Yes: VanCleave, Kissinger, Nicolow, and Mayor Garrett. Absent: VanNess, Yingling.

Motion by Nicolow to accept and pay payables as presented, support by Kissinger. Voice vote all yes.

Motion by Kissinger to approve DPW and Police departments to Auction off extra car, bikes, mower, etc. support was made by VanCleave. Voice vote all yes.

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Motion by Nicolow to accept police report as written, support by Kissinger. Voice vote all yes.

COUNCIL COMMENT:

Motion by Kissinger to notify the Library that all books come to City Council for approval, support by VanCleave. Yes: Kissinger, VanCleave, and Mayor Garrett. Nay: Nicolow. Absent: VanNess, Yingling.

Motion by Nicolow to call in bathrooms if dirty, by the person that locks them up. Support was made by Kissinger. Voice vote all yes.

VanCleave, information, we need to get bids out for new A/C unit for fire department side of City Hall, energy efficient, 16/18 size. Existing unit is 26 yrs. Old.

Sheila wanted clarification of pay to individuals who attend meetings. Such as clerk, treasurer, DPW, and Police. Stay with current practice, and take it up in personnel committee meeting.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Kissinger to adjourn 9:30PM support by VanCleave. Voice vote all yes.

Respectfully submitted

Karen Bresson , Clerk