

**CITY OF GALESBURG COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 6, 2011 7:00P.M.**

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

PLEDGE: Led by City Council

ROLL CALL: Present: Nicolow, VanNess, Kissinger, Yingling and Mayor Garrett. Absent: VanCleave (Letter of resignation read)

Motion by Kissinger to accept resignation of Richard VanCleave (letter on file) supported by VanNess. Yes: Kissinger, Nicolow, Yingling, VanNess, and Mayor Garrett. Nay: 0

AGENDA: Motion by Kissinger to approve agenda as written, supported by VanNess. Voice vote all yes.

CORRESPONDENCE: Garrett read items of correspondence, full documents on file at City Hall.

- A. July 2011 minutes Fire Board, Memorial Museum, Memorial Library, and DDA.
- B. Consumers Energy hearing 09-12-2011 gas recovery costs & revenues
- C. Comcast low income reduced price internet service \$9.95/mo.
- D. Augusta Family Health Clinic opened 2-16-2011 (list of services offered).

COMMUNITY COMMENT:

Morey Carnes wanted to thank the City DPW for the excellent mowing job on the Rosenberger Property on Blake Street.

Linda Carlton wanted to make comment that the Community Room looked very clean and nice tonight.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Kissinger to accept Brad Carpenter to Planning/Zoning Board, supported by Nicolow. Yes: VanNess, Kissinger, Yingling, Nicolow, and Mayor Garrett. Nay:0
2. Motion by VanNess to return Community Park rent for Lockwood/Henson reunion support by Kissinger. Voice vote all yes.
3. Motion by VanNess to form a committee, lead Chairperson Linda Carlton, to look into repairs and furnishings, replacement of tables in Guthrie Room. Support was made by Kissinger. Voice vote all yes.
4. Garrett offered to go to Michigan Municipal League annual meeting on October 5, 2011 at 1:00P.M. at the Amway Grand in Grand Rapids. No motion was presented.
5. City DPW will be doing the removal of play equipment, and bathroom/storage building at Ike Payne Park. As well as installation of parking area bumper posts. Others need to come forward with volunteer help.
Motion by Yingling to accept Emily Danger as a volunteer to learn all office positions, to step in due to sickness, or vacation, support by Nicolow. Yes: Nicolow, Kissinger, Yingling, and Mayor Garrett. Nay: VanNess.
6. Motion by Kissinger to OK the use of the City lot behind Grateful Dave's for a 1year Blues and BBQ night from 5PM to 10PM on Sept. 24, 2011. However the City gives no approval on the sale of beer by the cup. This needs to be addressed to Liquor Commission.

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A letter shall be sent by the Clerk to Dave, on this. Support was made by Nicolow. Yes: Kissinger, Nicolow, VanNess, and Mayor Garrett. Nay: Yingling.

7. Motion by Kissinger to purchase computer for assessor in the amount of \$1171.95. Support was made by VanNess. Yes: VanNess, Kissinger, Nicolow, Yingling, and Mayor Garrett. Nay: 0

OLD BUSINESS:

a. DDA discussion, no motions. Jim Jackson is to fill out an application for Parks Board. They have hired an attorney. The DDA funds will not be transferred to the City. They will furnish full records for audit.

b. 90 Washington Street tabled until next meeting.

c. Motion by Kissinger to rescind the previous motion to purchase 25 E. Battle Creek St. for taxes (Snyder Building) and send letter to Kalamazoo County for their information. Support was made by Nicolow. Yes: VanNess, Kissinger, Yingling, Nicolow, and Mayor Garrett. Nay: 0

Information, Soltis to pursue this property to see if we can take any action against Kalamazoo County for unsafe structure, tabled waiting for answer.

d. Mr. Rosenberger was at the meeting he will be meeting with Rob Wilson, on the sidewalks on Blake Street, and get them replaced. He will also work to keep the grass mowed, and was provided with the new ordinance of 8-1-2011.

e. Motion by Nicolow to approve Rose Street Advisors healthcare quote dated 8-1-2011; Alternate #1, leaving the percentages of 70% City 30% employee, and decreasing the in lieu payment to those employees that take their coverage elsewhere by 11%. Support was made by Yingling. Yes: Yingling, Nicolow, and Mayor Garrett. Nay: VanNess, Kissinger.

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REPORTS:

Motion by Kissinger to approve treasurer report as presented, support by VanNess. Yes: Nicolow, VanNess, Kissinger, Yingling, and Mayor Garrett. Nay: 0

Motion by Kissinger to accept and pay accounts payable report as presented, support by VanNess. Yes: Kissinger, Nicolow, Yingling, VanNess, and Mayor Garrett.

DPW

Motion by Kissinger to replace air conditioner in Fire Dept. of City Hall given to low bid GeoStar amount close to \$4300. to be paid from Fire Barn Maintenance Fund. Support was made by VanNess. Yes: VanNess, Kissinger, Nicolow, Yingling, and Mayor Garrett. Nay: 0

Motion by Kissinger to replace booster pump for \$585.00 in the budget, support by VanNess. Voice vote all yes.

Motion by Kissinger to have a well pulled and cleaned Cost approximate \$11,700.00 but NTE \$20,700.00 in budget. Support was made by VanNess. Yes: Yingling, VanNess, Kissinger, Nicolow, and Mayor Garrett. Nay: 0

Info, Rob Wilson on well house lighting strike, total is not in yet, but good news is deductible is only \$250.

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Motion by VanNess to approve new salt contract with Morton Salt, split 50/50 with Village of Augusta, support by Kissinger. Yes: Nicolow, VanNess, Kissinger, Yingling, and Mayor Garrett. Nay:0
Motion by VanNess to rent loader for a day to do clean up and demolition in Ike Payne Park, support by Kissinger. Voice vote all yes.

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

COUNCIL COMMENT:

VanNess wanted to commend all who came together to make the Gary Henson fund raiser a success, it was a great community effort. Motion by Kissinger to accept the minutes of August 1, 2011 as written, support by Nicolow. Voice vote all yes with abstentions from VanNess and Yingling.

Motion by Kissinger to take the \$50,000. from Enbridge and put \$25,000. into Betterment of Galesburg fund and \$25,000. Into water fund to help pay back parking lot loan. Support was made by VanNess. Yes: Yingling, Nicolow, Kissinger, VanNess, and Mayor Garrett. Nay:0
Motion by Nicolow to have the 2nd Police office cleaned out to make a Mayor/Councilmember office, support by Yingling. Voice vote all yes.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Kissinger to adjourn, support by VanNess. Voice vote all yes.

Respectfully submitted

Karen Bresson, Clerk