

CITY OF GALESBURG COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 3, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Garrett called the meeting to order at 7:05P.M.

PLEDGE: Pledge was led by the council.

ROLL CALL: Present: Nicolow, VanNess, Yingling, and Mayor Garrett.

Absent: with approved excuse Kissinger

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion by Nicolow to approve agenda with the removal of Item 1 in New Business, supported by VanNess. Voice vote all yes.

MINUTES: Motion by Nicolow to approve the minutes of September 6, 2011 with the following addition, under Old Business Item e as follows:

"with a cap on all future increases" supported by Yingling.

YES: Nicolow, Yingling, Mayor Garrett. **NAY:** VanNess. **ABSENT:** Kissinger

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. On file at City Hall we have August minutes for Fire Board, Memorial Library, and Memorial Museum. DDA minutes not received.
- B. Consumers Energy hearing on Natural gas rate increase 10/11/2011.
- C. BCBS most drug compounds will not be covered as of 10/01/2011.
- D. J. Spence of Quad Cities Little League had all their items out of Ike Payne Bathrooms by 9/19/2011, so they could be demolished.
- E. Ike Payne Park approval for bidding documents received 9/29/2011.

COMMUNITY COMMENT:

Keith Diller, What is a drug compound? The FDA defines drug compounding as the process by which a pharmacist or doctor combines, mixes, or alters ingredients to create a medication tailored to an individual patient's needs.

On Park where do we stand with bidding documents approved? We can now put it out for bid.

Barb Horn, wanted to address the council and Mayor Garrett for calling her an insubordinate employee at the September council meeting, when she was not present to defend herself. Mayor Garrett ask her to do what was not in her job description (he said, she said.)

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Amanda Spencer stated she is giving up her position in doing Greater Galesburg Days. She wanted to do it on her own, without help of DDA.

Craig Newton, stated fall trash pick-up will be October 22, 2011, they will only be doing M-96 out east of Thomas St. toward Comstock. Meet at 7AM work till 11AM. Can he use the Community Room during that time?

Motion by Nicolow to allow Newton to use Community Room for trash pick-up at no charge, support by Yingling. Voice vote all yes.

Newton also stated that Clerk Bresson has total understanding of City issues, business and street smarts. It is in his opinion she is worth more money.

Linda Carlton stated as president of the DDA they do not want to take over Greater Galesburg Days. They were offering information.

DDA also wishes to invite the community to a Community Visioning Evening, at City Hall on October 12, 2011 7PM-9PM. Please come!

NEW BUSINESS:

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1. Motion by Yingling to accept the deed for 25 E. Battle Creek St (Snyder building) and send Kalamazoo County a check for \$5,246.17 support was made by Nicolow. YES: Yingling, Nicolow, VanNess and Mayor Garrett. ABSENT: Kissinger
Motion by VanNess to pursue possible purchase of Midway Café, Old Goodwill, and Masonic buildings, as well as go to other developers. Support was made by Yingling. Voice vote all yes.
2. Motion by VanNess to approve Mary Phillips to be Election Chair at November 8, 2011 election, due to Marvin Horn running in election. Support was made by Yingling. Voice vote all yes.
3. Motion by VanNess to approve Donuts and Coffee (NTE \$250.) for Citizens of Galesburg, and friends at Winter Wonder Land parade with Santa. (Per Mr. Soltis legal OK if directed to the Citizens) Support was made by Yingling. YES: Nicolow, Yingling, VanNess, and Mayor Garrett. ABSENT: Kissinger
4. Motion by Yingling to keep old assessors computer, remove or wipe old drive, and keep for spare, supported by Nicolow. Voice vote one Nay (VanNess).

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Motion by Nicolow to move on with the next legal step at 90 Washington St. per Soltis consult. Demolish structure due to non-compliance, supported by Yingling. Voice vote all Yes.
- b. Discussion was held as to the office volunteer (Emily Danger), in relation to her taking the place of City workers while on vacation or sickness, it was clarified that the City hiring practices would have to be followed.
- c. With approval of September 6, 2011 minutes this matter was not addressed.
- d. Rob Wilson stated the drain commissioner (Pat Crowley) wanted the City to say it was OK to place the drain closer than the 10 ft. rule to the water line. He stated that if they furnish the City with a letter removing our liability, OK. They wanted this because they feel installation might be cheaper. MI-DEQ is not in favor of this.

REPORTS:

Motion by VanNess to accept the August 2011 treasurer report as written, support by Nicolow. Voice vote all yes.
Motion by Nicolow to approve September 2011 accounts payable report for payment, support by VanNess. Voice vote all yes.

DPW:

Motion by Nicolow to approve pump repair in sewer lift station NTE \$6,000. Support was made by Yingling. YES: Nicolow, VanNess, Yingling and Mayor Garrett. ABSENT Kissinger.
Motion by Nicolow to approve yearly sewer maintenance of NTE \$10,000. Support was made by VanNess. YES: Nicolow, Yingling, VanNess and Mayor Garrett. ABSENT: Kissinger
Motion by VanNess to accept bid to remove (3) trees (223 W. Battle Creek St., 41 Maple Street, and 15 Grove St.) for the sum of \$3,250. Support was made by Nicolow. Yes: VanNess, Nicolow, Yingling, and Mayor Garrett. ABSENT: Kissinger.

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Motion by Nicolow to reimburse Linda Marble for a tree she removed at 305 Burgess Dr. for \$900. Support was made by Yingling. YES: VanNess, Yingling, Nicolow, and Mayor Garrett. ABSENT: Kissinger.

Motion by Nicolow to approve \$300. For yearly service on International Truck, supported by VanNess. Voice vote all yes.

Motion by VanNess to approve annual meter purchase of \$2000. 50% to Sewer 50% to water, supported by Yingling. YES: Yingling, VanNess, Nicolow, and Mayor Garrett. ABSENT: Kissinger.

Motion by Nicolow for repairs on 1997 Truck NTE \$700. At Fry's, support by VanNess. YES: Nicolow, VanNess, Yingling, and Mayor Garrett. ABSENT: Kissinger .

POLICE REPORT

Motion by VanNess to approve closing of W. Battle Creek St for Home Coming Parade 10/7/2011, supported by Yingling. Voice vote all yes.

Motion by Nicolow to approve Core Technology bid for Police program as presented for \$6450. Supported by VanNess. YES: VanNess, Nicolow, Yingling, and Mayor Garrett. ABSENT: Kissinger.

Motion by VanNess to accept police report as written, supported by Yingling. Voice vote all yes.

COUNCIL COMMENT:

None

ADJOURN:

Motion by Nicolow to adjourn, supported by VanNess. Voice vote all yes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Bresson Clerk