

**CITY OF GALESBURG COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 6, 2012 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, Yingling, Henson, Kissinger and Mayor Garrett.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Kissinger to amend adding #8 to new business (council member to museum board)& approve agenda as amended, supported by VanNess. Voice vote all yes.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Yingling to approve January 3, 2011 minutes as written, supported by Henson. Voice vote all yes, with abstention by Kissinger. Motion by Kissinger to approve January 16, 2012 minutes as written, supported by Yingling. Voice vote all yes with abstention by VanNess.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- A. All correspondence listed on agenda dated 2-6-2012 is on file at City Hall for viewing.

**COMMUNITY COMMENT:**

Linda Carlton that the public hearing on January 16, 2012 was hectic due to the Mayor not being present and no Deputy mayor in existence.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Report was given on 6-30-2011 financial statement by Joe Walls, with insight into items for change. Sewer, losing money. Would like to see 20% general fund balance at year end. Better accounting of DDA, with payments to vendors not members, and all round better communication with boards and council.
2. Motion by Kissinger to table access center budget until next meeting, supported by VanNess. Voice vote all yes.
3. Motion by Henson to appoint Fred Phillips-regular, Larry Richards, and Gary Allen alternates to Board of Review supported by Kissinger. Voice vote all yes.
4. Motion by Kissinger to appoint George Weston (if he will accept) Health, Dental, SD, Life Insurance BCBS agent for City, supported by Henson. Yes: Henson, VanNess, Kissinger, Yingling, Nicolow, and Mayor Garrett. No:0 Motion by Kissinger for new agent to do dental insurance review, supported by Henson. Voice vote all yes. Motion by Henson to go co-pay only 70% City 30% Employee, support by Kissinger. Yes: VanNess, Nicolow, Kissinger, Henson, Yingling, and Mayor Garrett. No: 0
5. Motion by Henson to hire Mihalek Jr. and Strowbridge as part time police officers for the City, supported by Yingling. Yes: VanNess, Kissinger, Nicolow, Yingling, Henson. And Mayor Garrett. No: 0
6. Motion by Henson to table City Hall as shelter in time of warnings until next meeting, support by Kissinger. Voice vote all yes.
7. Motion by Henson to accept Mary Phillips to Library board, supported by VanNess. Voice vote all yes.
8. Mayor Garrett appointed Dave Henson to Museum board .

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Motion by Nicolow to elect Yingling Deputy Mayor, supported by Kissinger. Yes: Kissinger, Yingling, Nicolow, and Mayor Garrett. No: VanNess, Abstained: Henson
- b. Information on water and sewer rates, all council to do a seminar on February 9, 2012 with MRWA at City Hall and discussion tabled until next meeting.
- c. Motion by Nicolow to accept bids by Balkema Sitework and Development LLC for demolition of 25 & 55 E. Battle Creek St. with Mr. Norris March paying for 55 and City for 25, support by Henson. Yes: Kissinger, Henson, Yingling, VanNess, Nicolow, and Mayor Garrett. No:0
- d. Motion by Kissinger to remove (e) from page two of DDA Ordinance, supported by Nicolow. Voice vote all yes but Henson No.
- e. Mayor Garrett has been in contact with Bolger's office in connection with \$19,000. Owed on Blank property, seeing what can be done. Karen has had conversation with Derek Knoffs of Bolger's office. They are looking into it.

**REPORTS:**

Motion by Henson to approve treasurer report as presented, support by Nicolow. Voice vote all yes.

Motion by Henson to accept and pay accounts payable report as presented, support by Kissinger. Voice vote all yes.

DPW-

Motion by Kissinger to send W. Bresson & R. Wilson to water school in Mt. Pleasant MI, class is free just travel expenses, supported by VanNess. Voice vote all yes.

Motion by Kissinger to approve yearly contract for cathodic protection system on water tower \$615.00, supported by Henson Yes: Henson, VanNess, Kissinger, Yingling, Nicolow, and Mayor Garrett. No:0

Motion by Kissinger to pay R. Wilson for working home show for MS4 Storm water mandates, supported by Henson. Voice vote all yes.

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

Motion by Kissinger to see if Sheila Garrett can get some collaboration with Comstock Township on providing police help, support by Henson. Voice vote all yes.

Motion by Kissinger to give one month trial with part time officers to see if all is working well, support by Henson. Voice vote all yes.

Motion by Henson to appoint Gary Allen to 2yrs. Parks Board, supported by VanNess. Voice vote all yes.

Information Kowalewski, Library now has working Wi-Fi. Also a poetry group every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. at 6:30PM.

**COUNCIL COMMENT:**

VanNess, can we check into why trash and recycling is now different days of the week, and not the same time.

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Motion by Kissinger to excuse Nicolow for the March and April 2012 council meetings, support by VanNess. Voice vote all yes.

Kissinger, asked about renewal of, or replacement of firefighting equipment. Soltis said, if wording is changed it would have to be new mils not renewal.

Henson would like financial statements from DDA from 2008 to current.

Soltis, DDA is using the Cities EIN therefore, the money account needs to be in City control.

**ADJOURN:**

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

Respectfully submitted

Karen Bresson, Clerk