

CITY OF GALESBURG COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2012 7:00P.M.

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

PLEDGE: Led by City Council

ROLL CALL: Present: Henson, VanNess, Kissinger, Yingling, Diller, and Mayor Garrett. Absent: Nicolow

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

MINUTES: Motion by Kissinger to approve February 6, 2012 minutes as written, supported by Yingling. Voice vote all yes, with one abstention by K. Diller.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Board of Review is March 12 & 13, 2012. Dates and times are posted on the door at City Hall. They were also in the Crescent Paper for three weeks.
- B. There is some interest in using Community Park for a walk to Conquer Chiari.
- C. We have on file at City Hall, minutes for January 2012 for Galesburg Charleston Fire Board, Galesburg Memorial Museum, and DDA. Museum no minutes no quorum. Park is working to play catch-up due to illness of secretary.

COMMUNITY COMMENT:

Diane Doorlag addressed the Council and public on the proposed millage request for the Galesburg-Augusta Schools voting on May 8, 2012. Hand out is enclosed with these minutes.

Craig Newton asked about getting the name plates off the Masonic and Snyder Buildings before they are gone. Rob Wilson stated this has already been completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Kissinger to accept and award the Community Parks bid for \$ 255,872.00 to Apex Contractors, Inc. supported by Henson. Yes: VanNess, Kissinger, Yingling, Henson, Diller, and Mayor Garrett. No:0 Absent: Nicolow. Motion by Kissinger to accept and award the Ike Payne Park bid for \$ 171,790.00 to Whitaker Construction Company, supported by Diller. Yes: Yingling, Henson, Kissinger, VanNess, Diller, and Mayor Garrett. No:0 Absent: Nicolow. D. Henson wished to recognize the estates of Katharine Tindall and Virginia VanSickler for their contributions, which made these projects possible.
2. Motion by Henson to accept the Enbridge contract with the Year date changes of February 1,2012-January 31,2013 in the amount of \$12,500.00 to be held in general fund until decisions are made, supported by Kissinger. Yes: Yingling, VanNess, Kissinger, Henson, Diller, and Mayor Garrett. No: 0 Absent: Nicolow.
3. Motion by Henson to table approval of the Fire Board Budget until we have addressed the complete City Budget supported by Kissinger. Voice vote all yes.
4. Information: Battani, wants to meet with Galesburg on possible county wide public safety issue. We are hoping we can

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Consolidate this meeting to include Augusta, Ross, Richland, and Climax. We will get back to Council after the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Motion by Henson to table Access Center vote until contracts pertaining to these payments are looked into, supported by Diller. Voice vote all yes.
- b. Motion by Diller to send a letter to Gale Valley Estates pertaining to City Hall not being a shelter, supported by Henson. Voice vote all yes.
- c. Motion by Kissinger to adopt resolution of restructured and increases in water and sewer rates as presented and dated March 5, 2012, support by Henson. Yes: VanNess, Kissinger, Yingling, Henson, Diller, and Mayor Garrett. No:0 Absent: Nicolow.
- d. Motion by Henson to have Attorney Soltis look into \$19,000.00 request for payment from the County of Kalamazoo for monies owed on the Wm Blank property sold on tax sale, supported by Kissinger. Voice vote all yes. Henson noted to Soltis this cost will not exceed \$19,000.00 in fees.

REPORTS:

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

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

DPW-

Information: Sewer tapes are showing 3-4 possible problem locations, we need to keep an eye on.

We will need to purchase (2) leaf blowers and weed eaters for the spring season.

Bill Bresson, is now on the fire dept. this will help with daytime personnel.

Our MS4 storm water audit was mostly OK, but we are getting a violation on NO Salt Barn, and addressing of storm drain in DPW garage.

Motion by Kissinger, to increase sewer cleaning costs by \$1000.00, supported by Henson. Yes: Kissinger, Henson, Yingling, VanNess, Diller, and Mayor Garrett No: 0 Absent: Nicolow.

Motion by Kissinger to repair lateral main on Michigan at Cadwell's NTE \$2,000.00, supported by VanNess. Yes: VanNess, Kissinger, Henson, Yingling, Diller and Mayor Garrett. No: 0 Absent: Nicolow

Motion by Kissinger to send W. Bresson & R. Wilson to water schools on March 21 and April 18, 2012 NTE \$240 plus travel expenses, supported by Diller. Yes: VanNess, Kissinger, Yingling, Henson, Diller, and Mayor Garrett. No: 0 Absent: Nicolow

Motion by Kissinger to approve \$250 (for each Bresson & Wilson) annual clothing allowance, supported by Henson. Yes: Yingling, Henson, Kissinger, VanNess, Diller, Mayor Garrett. No:0Absent: Nicolow.

POLICE-

Part time officers start dates (1) this week and (1) Next week.

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Motion by Kissinger to approve purchase of part time officers uniforms NTE \$900.00, supported by Henson. Yes: Yingling, VanNess, Kissinger, Henson, Diller, and Mayor Garrett. No: 0 Absent: Nicolow. Motion by Henson to accept police report as written, support by Kissinger. Voice vote all yes.

Garrett- Can we amend schedules after training to mostly night time hours, until we get graffiti under control.

Mau- Would like the board to consider getting the police department more room.

LIBRARY-

Donna- Library board is reviewing their policies. Library fund raiser at Bennigan's March 22, 2012.

Garrett- Friends of the Library is trying to get a grant from Best Buy.

DDA-

Carlton- DDA funds have been turned over to the City. We are also going over grants issued by DDA in \$ amounts and wording clarification.

PARKS-

Kissinger- Parks needs two new members. Existing members are Kissinger Chair; Allen Vice Chair; B. Carpenter Secretary.

Motion by Diller to grant parks NTE \$150.00 for Park Easter Egg Hunt, supported by Yingling. Voice vote, Henson No, Nicolow absent.

Motion by Henson to allow free use of Community Park for Easter Egg Hunt April 7th, 2012, support by VanNess. Voice vote all yes.

Information: C. Newton if they can use \$150. for Easter eggs, can he get help for clean-up of trash.

FIRE-

Information Kevin Roomsburg: We are hoping to have new fire training at our own location making it less expensive. 4- New firefighters hired.

Would we look at possible adoption of a fire code, then they could help with possible building violations, pertaining to safety issues. Bob Soltis said, it would be good if the codes were consistent with the City and Charleston Township.

Motion by Diller to table Fire Code Issue until next meeting, supported by Henson. Voice vote all yes.

COUNCIL COMMENT:

VanNess, Welcome Keith Diller to Council.

Henson, Nothing further.

Kissinger, Nothing further.

Yingling, Welcome Diller to council. Wanted to know on behalf of Greater Galesburg Days, if they could shut off Norms Place, and also use the parking lots adjacent to Norms Place. (It was a stated that the businesses should be asked first what they think). Does the City carry the insurance for Greater Galesburg Days? Not possible.

Diller, Tuesdays at Andrea's 20% of sales to Sports Boosters.

Garrett, Welcome Diller to Council. Thank-you to Bill and Rob on Parks grants. (Rob says mostly Bill). Thank-you to Sue & Karen for

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reports to keep the revenue sharing money from the State. The area
home show is this weekend. All budgets need to be in ASAP.

ADJOURN:

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

Respectfully submitted

Karen Bresson, Clerk