

CITY OF GALESBURG COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
September 8, 2014 7:00P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Carl Newton called the meeting to order 7P.M.  
PLEDGE: Led by Council.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Craig Newton, Kissinger, Smith, Diller and Mayor Carl Newton.  
ABSENT: Doxey and Henson. Motion by Diller to excuse Doxey and Henson, supported by Kissinger. Voice vote yes. 5/0

**AGENDA:** Motion by Kissinger to amend agenda by deleting item 1. in Old Business (Compensation Committee), and approve balance of agenda as written, supported by Craig Newton. Voice vote yes. 5/0

**MINUTES:** Motion by Smith to approve the minutes of August 11, 2014, with insertion of word "gas" to describe golf carts in Keith Diller's comment during Council time, supported by Diller. Voice vote yes. 5/0

**CORRESPONDENCE:** We have on file at City Hall DDA minutes for July 2014 and District Library minutes for August 2014. Notices of Hearing for Consumers Energy customers on bulletin board at City Hall.

**COMMUNITY COMMENT:** Linda Carlton inquired if Goodwill Building was sold at County delinquent tax sale. Neither Treasurer nor Mayor have been apprised of that at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Motion by Smith to table items 2. and 3. (business and rental license and inspection requirement) in Old Business until Karen returns, supported by Diller. Voice vote yes. 5/0

**NEW BUSINESS:** Motion by Kissinger to approve purchase of new tires for police department's Crown Vic from Galesburg Ford for \$509.04, supported by Diller. Voice vote all yes. 5/0  
Motion by Diller to accept bid from Greg's Tree Service of \$2,750 to remove 4 trees, support by Kissinger. Roll call: Yes: Craig Newton, Kissinger, Smith, Diller, and Carl Newton.

Assessor Couch answered questions about Smith's IFT and the new changes to Personal Property Taxes.

Motion by Smith to finish the paving of Burgess Drive, with funds borrowed from Major Street if necessary, in amount \$33,400.00, supported by Craig Newton. Roll call: Yes: Kissinger, Diller, Smith, Craig Newton, and Carl Newton.

Public Works Superintendent Wilson announced hydrant flushing schedule: September 17, 18, and 19. Compost site to be open first and third Saturdays in October.

**REPORTS:** Motion by Kissinger to approve Treasurer's July 2014 report as presented, support by Smith. Voice vote all yes. 5/0

Motion by Kissinger to accept and pay August 2014 accounts payable report of \$72,739.96 as presented, support by Diller. Roll call: Yes: Diller, Kissinger, Craig Newton, Smith, and Carl Newton.

Carl Newton said the DDA website has been posting information on projects and street closings, as well as sending emails on updates.

Tom Allen asked Mayor Newton if the green light could be extended on Norm's Place. The request to adjust signal has been submitted.

Motion by Kissinger to approve the Police Report, support by Smith. Voice vote all yes. 5/0

Chief Mau discussed hiring a part-time transcriptionist at \$10 to \$12 an hour, for 8-10 hours per week. Council will revisit hiring suggestion at next meeting.

Chief Mau reported the new police car will be on line to be built September 15. He will hear if it is finished on September 20. The Tahoe will be stripped September 11.

Craig Newton announced position for new Library Director has been posted and District Library will have new director January 1.

Linda Carlton announced electronics will be collected September 20 from 9:00 to 2:00 at Marketplace.

Ken Kissinger reported Parks Board is inviting David Rachowicz, Kalamazoo County Parks Director, to speak on the River Valley Trail.

Ken Kissinger also reported at large member resigning from Fire Board. Discussion occurred on which board is responsible for appointing new member.

**Council Comment:** Keith Diller announced new murals to be painted where windows were at 68

East Michigan Avenue.

Ken Kissinger reported staking on Beckwith Drive.

Carl Newton discussed enforcement of prohibition of walking on railroad tracks and Safe School crossing program. The fencing has a tentative date of October 1.

Wendell Mihalek thanked Vicki Newton for her assistance in calming an individual during an incident.

Stan Chovanec asked Keith Diller about supply truck at primary school over the weekend. It was to help the utility workers have access to supplies and equipment.

Motion by Diller to allow use of community room for release time, support by Kissinger.

Voice vote all yes. 5/0

**Adjourn:** Motion by Kissinger to adjourn, support by Diller. Voice vote 4 yes, 1 no.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Weston, Treasurer

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