

CITY OF GALESBURG COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 6, 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, Doxey, Henson and Mayor Carl Newton. ABSENT: 0.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Kissinger to approve agenda, supported by Craig Newton. Voice vote yes. 7/0

**MINUTES:** Motion by Diller to approve the minutes of September 8, 2014, supported by Kissinger. Voice vote yes. 7/0

**CORRESPONDENCE:** We have on file at City Hall District Library minutes for August 2014.

**COMMUNITY COMMENT:** Motion by Diller to allow Congregational Church to use community room at no charge October 25, 2014 for dinner, support by Kissinger. Roll call: Yes: Diller, Kissinger, Smith, Henson, Doxey and Mayor Newton; No: Craig Newton.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Motion by Henson to table items 1. and 2. (business and rental license and inspection requirement) in Old Business until Karen returns, supported by Kissinger. Voice vote yes. 7/0

**NEW BUSINESS:** Motion by Craig Newton to approve MABAS Agreement, support by Diller. Voice vote all yes. 7/0 Motion by Diller to appoint Doug Smith at-large member to Fire Board, support by Kissinger. Voice vote yes. 7/0

Motion by Henson to adopt KATS Complete Streets Policy, support by Kissinger. Roll call: Yes: Kissinger, Diller, Smith, Doxey, Craig Newton, Henson and Mayor Newton.

Motion by Henson to approve MML Liability and Property Pool Election of Board, support by Smith. Voice vote yes. 7/0

Motion by Diller to participate with Gryphon Place data base 211, support by Kissinger. Voice vote yes. 7/0

Motion by Diller to approve fire department retirement party at no charge, support by Kissinger. Voice vote yes. 6/0 Abstain 1

Policy on food, smoking, and trash in city vehicles proposed by Mayor Newton.

Audit has been postponed until November 3, 2014.

Consent Calendar presented for informational purposes only by Mayor Newton.

Motion by Henson to hold Public Hearing for Smith Machine at Special Meeting October 13, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., support by Smith. Voice vote yes. 7/0

**REPORTS:** Motion by Kissinger to approve Treasurer's August 2014 report as presented, Support by Henson. Voice vote yes. 7/0

Motion by Diller to accept and pay September 2014 accounts payable report of \$41,931.54, Support by Henson. Voice vote yes. 7/0

DPW: Motion by Henson to approve SAW Grant, support by Diller. Roll call: Yes: Diller, Kissinger, Craig Newton, Smith, Henson, Doxey, and Mayor Newton.

Motion by Kissinger to start process for KATS (sopos), support by Henson. Roll call: Yes: Smith, Craig Newton, Henson, Diller, Doxey, Kissinger, and Mayor Newton.

Motion by Henson to approve expense for repair of big truck in amount \$422.80, support by Kissinger. Voice vote yes. 7/0

Motion by Smith to take \$7,962.00 bid to purchase two doors for fire department, support by Henson. Roll call: Yes: Henson, Craig Newton, Kissinger, Smith, Doxey, Diller, and Mayor Newton.

Motion by Kissinger to approve Police Report, support by Henson. Voice vote yes. 7/0

Motion by Kissinger to close West Battle Creek Street for Homecoming Parade, support by Henson. Voice vote yes. 7/0

Motion by Diller to go into closed session per request of Chief Mau, support by Kissinger. Roll call: Yes: Diller, Kissinger, Craig Newton, Smith, Doxey, and Mayor Newton. No: Henson.

Motion by Craig Newton to come out of closed session, support by Henson. Voice vote: Yes 7/0

Motion by Diller for reorganization of Galesburg Police Department by demoting Mau to patrolman at rate of \$20.00 per hour, seeing if Heppler wants to be interim chief for six months with wage negotiation, part-time from 16 hours to 20 hours time, detective from 10 hours to 20 hours per need, support by Kissinger. Roll call: Yes: Craig Newton, Smith, Doxey, Kissinger, Diller, and Mayor Newton. No: Henson.

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Mayor Newton stated there would be a one-week transition, until the end of this pay period.

Motion by Diller to table part-time transcriptionist for police department, support by Kissinger. Voice vote: Yes 7/0

Library Report: Craig Newton reported the District Library has 16 applicants for director position.

DDA Report: Goodwill Building has been purchased. Interest expressed in available buildings next to Goodwill Building.

Linda Carlton announced special DDA meeting October 14, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Plan to replace trees through Wedels. Halloween party October 30, 2014 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. with trick or treating to businesses and a costume parade. Carlton also announced two round tables were missing.

Parks Report: Mayor Newton announced the bike trail has gone under 35<sup>th</sup> Street bridge and up to West Battle Creek Street. Kissinger said any questions regarding the bike trail way should be addressed to Dave Rachowicz, Director of Kalamazoo County at 269-383-8778.

Fire Board: Report as submitted.

**Council Comment:** Mayor Newton announced Judy Lemon is running as a write-in candidate for City Commission.

Keith Diller reported Burgess Drive is done and looks very nice. Officers are needed to catch speeders. Still working on catch basin. Studebaker and Packard signs are installed on old Ford Garage.

Dave Henson requested permission to shoot red squirrels on his property. Not granted at this time.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Henson to adjourn, support by Diller. Voice vote: Yes 7/0  
Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Weston, Treasurer