

CITY OF GALESBURG COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 5, 2015 7:00P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: C Newton called to order at 7PM

PLEDGE: Led by Judy Lemon.

ROLL CALL: Present: Judy Lemon, Craig Newton, Ken Kissinger, Doug Smith, Marian Doxey, Keith Diller, and Mayor Carl Newton. ABSENT: 0.

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

MINUTES: Motion by Kissinger to approve the minutes of September 2, 2015, supported by Diller. Voice vote yes. 7/0

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. We have on file at City Hall: August 2015 Fire Board minutes and July 2015 Museum minutes.
2. Millie Scott letter forwarded from Kalamazoo County Road Commission and response to her letter stating tree to be taken down with road project starting spring 2016.
3. D. Bazzi request to be on agenda to discuss school bond proposal.
4. EPA meetings on Allied Landfill clean-up.

COMMUNITY COMMENT:

Linda Carlton thanked everyone who attended DDA reception for Kay Maxson.

Martin Janssen updated council on Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority countywide millage and rates for Metro County Connect rides-usual cost is \$12 with rates for the disabled of \$1 or \$2. Anyone can be trained to drive one of available vans.

Kevin Nigg spoke at length on November 3, 2015 Galesburg Augusta bond initiative.

Vicki Newton requested use of community room at no charge for Release Time religious program for high school students the third Tuesday of each month.

Motion by Diller to allow Vicki Newton free use of community room for Release Time, support by Doug Smith. Voice vote yes. 7/0

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Mayor Newton updated council on arbitration over money District Library owes city. He has spoken with city attorney.
- b. Motion by Kissinger to table Downtown Development Authority By Laws until next meeting, support by Smith. Voice vote yes. 7/0
- c. Mayor Newton gave update on surveillance cameras.
- d. Motion by Diller to approve 1.7% Cost of Living effective July 1, 2015 for city employees, support by Craig Newton. Roll call: Yes: Craig Newton, Smith, Doxey, Kissinger, Lemon, Diller, and Mayor Newton.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Motion by Diller to change November council meeting from November 2, 2015 to November 9, 2015 due to election on November 3, 2015, support by Kissinger. Voice vote yes. 7/0

B. Motion by Kissinger to adopt Resolution 10052015-1 appointment approval of Election Inspectors, support by Diller. Roll call: Yes: Kissinger, Diller, Smith, Doxey, Craig Newton, Lemon, and Mayor Newton.

C. Motion by Diller to change to two week pay period for employees, checks electronically deposited to their account with eight weeks' notice and to allow use of credit and debit cards to pay water bills and taxes-card user to pay fee, support by Kissinger. Roll call: Yes: Doxey, Craig Newton, Kissinger, Lemon, Diller, Smith, Mayor Newton.

D. Motion by Kissinger to publish utility billing clerk's position, support by Diller. Voice vote yes. 7/0

E. Motion by Diller to move \$400,000.00 in SAW Grant from construction to clean and televise, support by Kissinger. Roll call: Yes: Smith, Craig Newton, Lemon, Diller, Doxey, Kissinger, and Mayor Newton.

F. Motion by Kissinger to send Consumers Energy Street light contract to city attorney, support by Diller. Voice vote yes.

REPORTS:

TREASURER'S REPORT - Motion by Kissinger to approve Treasurer's August 2015 report as presented, support by Diller. Voice vote yes. 7/0

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT - Motion by Kissinger to accept and pay September 2015 accounts payable report of \$46,645.26, support by Diller. Roll call: Yes:

Kissinger, Diller, Smith, Doxey, Craig Newton, Lemon, and Mayor Newton.
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - Motion by Diller to approve purchase of \$431.00
scraper cutting edge for 1-ton dump truck, support by Craig Newton. Voice vote
yes. 7/0

POLICE REPORT - Motion by Diller to approve September 2015 Police Report, support
by Kissinger. Voice vote yes. 7/0

DDA REPORT - Linda Carlton announced Trunk or Treat from 4:00 to 5:30 on October
30, 2015 at Marketplace. Volunteers are needed. October 17, 2015 is last
Marketplace. Taking a year off from it to reassess.

PARKS REPORT - Kissinger stated the Mayor and he were working on United Way grant
application for half court basketball courts for both parks.

FIRE BOARD - Report on file.

COUNCIL COMMENT:

Craig Newton stated that zoning questions were addressed to the building
inspector so should he receive more money for that?

Keith Diller listed street lights that were out: McBeth and Battle Creek Street
and across from Hardware Store. When will dip in road be fixed? There now is
light on top of pole at car showroom.

Mayor Newton spoke of MML convention in Traverse City. He gave rating sheet of
city streets to council. Mayor is going to request quarterly budget comparison
report. He mentioned a Public Safety millage for police and fire and said it
must go to vote of people.

ADJOURN: Motion by Kissinger to adjourn, support by Craig Newton. Voice vote:
Yes 7/0

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Weston, Treasurer

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