

**CITY OF GALESBURG COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**November 9, 2015 7:00P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Carl Newton called the meeting to order 7P.M.

**PLEDGE:** Led by Doug smith and Council.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Judy Lemon, Craig Newton, Kissinger, Smith, Doxey, Diller and Mayor Carl Newton.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Kissinger to approve agenda with New Business E. Street light project and F. Winter Wonderland fireworks approval added. Balance as presented supported by Diller. Voice vote yes. 7/0

**MINUTES:** Motion by Diller to approve the minutes of October 5, 2015 as presented supported by Kissinger. Voice vote yes. 7/0

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. We have on file at City Hall minutes for October 2015 Fire Board.
2. Kalamazoo County Boards and Commission vacancies. (on File).
3. Comstock Township PA 116 Farmland Act, west side of 35<sup>th</sup> St. (No Comment). (on file)
4. Jim Nicolow now DDA Treasurer.

**COMMUNITY COMMENT:**

Linda Carlton: Great information on Kay Maxson & Son for our flag retirement ceremony. Also a Thank-you to Keith Diller and Jeff McCubbin for our harvest corn stalks downtown.

M. Schwartz with Prein Newhof gave an update on SAW grant mapping and cleaning of sewer and storm sewer lines. Project on schedule.

Paving of N 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Scheduled for February 2016 start date whole project to take 6-8 weeks.

MS4 Storm Water report (annual) to be filed in December.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Library- will need to furnish copies of bills to all involved. Soltis is handling with Library attorney.
- b. Motion by Diller to approve by-law changes of tenure and Mayor length of term, support by Kissinger. Voice vote 7/0
- c. Cameras still getting info together for bid.
- d. Motion by Smith to award 2.3% merit raise to all employees retro to July 1, 2015, support by Lemon. YES: Smith, Craig Newton, Lemon, Diller, Doxey, Kissinger, and Mayor Newton. NO: 0

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Motion by K. Diller to accept resignation of Wrifton Graham, and Vicki Moses from the DDA, support by Kissinger. Voice vote yes 7/0
- B. Motion by Diller to accept Linda Castle to DDA Board, support by Smith. Voice vote yes. 7/0
- C. Motion by Diller to pass 2015-2016 DDA budget as presented (on file) support by Craig Newton. YES: Smith, Craig Newton, Lemon, Diller, Doxey, Kissinger, Mayor Newton. NO:0
- D. Get questions to Carl on banking needs. Funds to pay costs from?
- E. New street lights? Consumers owes us a credit\$10,000. Still checking on this.
- F. Motion by Kissinger to approve fireworks permit for Winter Wonderland December 2, 2015, support by Smith. Voice vote yes. 7/0

**REPORTS:**

Motion by Kissinger to accept September 2015 Treasurer's report as presented, support by Diller. Voice vote all yes. 7/0

Motion by Kissinger to accept and pay October 2015 standard accounts payable report of \$65,938.80 as presented, support by Smith. YES: Doxey Cr. Newton, Kissinger, Diller, Smith, Lemon and Mayor Newton. NO:0

DPW:

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Motion by Diller to approve well pull and clean NTE \$18,191.00 support by Kissinger. YES: Craig Newton, Smith, Doxey, Kissinger, Lemon, Diller, and Mayor Newton. NO:0

POLICE REPORT:

Motion by Kissinger to accept police report as presented, support by Diller. Voice vote yes. (Report On file) 7/0

DDA: Halloween went well the great part was it was many complete families. Winter Wonderland is 12/2 parade starts 6PM fireworks immediately following parade.

PARKS: Ken: Still trying to find time for Parks Master Plan. Carl: United Way has put Basketball court on hold until spring. A grant came thru for KRVT for \$25,000. However Galesburg will have to do \$3900. of in kind services, this will be at next meeting.

FIRE BOARD: Doug: Carbon air packs need to be replaced. Working on a grant that would get all air packs replaced, at a cost of \$6000.

**COUNCIL COMMENT:**

Ken: Crosswalk at McBeth needs repair lights out.

Craig: Shafter Park leaves will be done soon. Rob Thank-you Craig for all the help with Shafter Park the last two years.

Keith: Thank-you to DDA for what they do for the City.

Doug: 35th Street need the pavement markings painted. Robe: This is to happen with 35<sup>th</sup> Street project.

Ken: Carl to be retiring from Fire Dept. end of year with 38 years.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion by Diller to adjourn, support by Kissinger. Voice vote yes.7/0

Respectfully submitted  
Karen Bresson, Clerk