

CITY OF GALESBURG COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
December 5, 2016
7:00P.M.

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

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

AGENDA: Motion by Diller to approve agenda with addition of New Business E. Donation of property adjacent to city hall from Roelof family and F. Waiving of site plan review fee for Galesburg Meat Locker, supported by Craig Newton. Voice vote yes. 6/0

MINUTES: Motion by Diller to approve the minutes of November 1, 2016, supported by Craig Newton. Voice vote yes. 6/0

CORRESPONDENCE: We have on file at City Hall: Fire Board minutes and treasurer's report for October 2016 and DDA minutes for October and November 2016. Letter from Comcast announcing lower prices on installations. Resolution to adopt new 457 Deferred Compensation changes 12052016-1: Motion by Diller to table new 457 resolution, supported by Craig Newton. Voice vote yes 5, no 1. Letter from National Park Service regarding Ike Payne Park ADA accessibility. Lund & Lund letter detailing changes in webmasters. Request by Mike Engels of MRWA to use community room at no charge to teach a class. Motion by Diller to waive rental fee for Mike Engel, supported by Smith. Voice vote yes 5, no 1.

COMMUNITY COMMENT: Jim Nicolow questioned Council about "almost voting" on item they did not understand. Diller advised him they voted to table item. Don Bergner presented list of unlicensed cars and bus. He will hold until later list of boats and trailers.

OLD BUSINESS: a. Update on 129 E Michigan Ave: property quit-claimed to owner of adjacent property, Richardson, who will be assuming all taxes owing. Building Inspector to cite as blighted building. Police Department to cite and building must be torn down. b. Update on 163 E Battle Creek St: Kalamazoo County Health Dept. c. East Corporation Drain: Smith passed on information that costs not figured yet; 12 year special assessment, not 10 year.

NEW BUSINESS: A. Medical Marijuana changes updated by Mayor Newton. He will be attending presentation December 13, 2016 at Fetzer Center. B. Resolution 12052016-2 BOR date: Motion by Smith to change date to 12/12/2016, supported by Kissinger. Voice vote yes. 6/0. C. Economic Development Summit brought up but no one interested in attending. D. Request for office closures due to vacation time. Motion by Smith to take vacation as soon as possible, with Benita to cover office, supported by Diller. Voice vote yes. 6/0 E. Motion by Kissinger, supported by Lemon to accept donation of Roelof property to west of Drain to city. Roll call: all yes. Carl Newton gave update on bike trail. He added Parks Foundation to pay transfer fees. (F) Motion by Carl Newton to waive site plan review fee for Meat Locker, supported by Diller. Roll call: all yes.

REPORTS: Motion by Kissinger to approve Treasurer's October 2016 report as presented, support by Carl Newton. Voice vote all yes. 6/0

Motion by Kissinger to accept and pay November 2016 accounts payable report of \$36,811.56 as presented, support by Carl Newton. Roll call: all yes.

Motion by Diller to accept the Police Report, support by Kissinger. Voice vote all yes. 6/0

Motion by Diller to allow DDA to use white chains used at election for Winter Wonderland, supported by Smith. Voice vote yes. 6/0.

Rob Wilson reported they have been busy doing leaves. Chief Heppler presented Police Report. Also said they have received AED at no cost. Linda Carlton announced Winter Wonderland will begin at 6:00 p.m. She thanked Rob for putting up banners.

Ken Kissinger reported Parks Board is already working on Easter Egg Hunt. Smith said budget cuts affecting GCFD and other departments in city may be affected too.

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Council Comment: Craig Newton announced it was his last meeting. Diller said lights and decorations looked good. Carl Newton expressed need for charter updates.

Adjourn: Motion by Kissinger to adjourn, support by Smith. Voice vote yes 6/0. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Weston, Treasurer