

CITY OF GALESBURG COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 2017 7:00P.M.

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

PLEDGE: Led by Council.

Carl, announced passing of Kay Maxson.

ROLL CALL: Present: Judy Lemon, Rich Pawlawski, Ken Kissinger, Doug Smith, Becky Harmon, Keith Diller and Carl Newton.

AGENDA: Motion by Diller to approve Agenda with the following adds, New Business C. Assessor in house training, balance as presented supported by Kissinger. Voice vote yes. 7/0

MINUTES:

Motion by Diller to approve October 2, 2017 and October 6, 2017 minutes as presented, support by Pawlawski. Voice vote yes. 7/0 10/2 6/0 10/6. Kissinger absent on 10-6-17

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. We have on file at City Hall minutes for September 2017 Fire Board, & Treasurer report. DDA September 2017 Minutes and Treasurer report. Museum minutes for 1/18, 2/17, 11/16/2016, 4/20, 5/17, 7/19, 8/16, 9/20/2017.
2. Letter of apology from Collin Miller. (on file).
3. Motion by Diller to except letter of resignation from Officer Wendell Mihalek effective 11/01/2017, support by Harmon. Voice vote yes 7/0 (on file).
4. Consumers Energy hearing on 11/16/2017 for regulatory reviews, revisions, determinations, and (or) approvals. (Info)
5. Motion by Kissinger to approve MML ballot for Board of Directors for liability and property pool as received, support by Diller. Voice vote yes 7/0.
6. Lemon, Bresson and Heppler went to Attorneys Mini-Conference. We received lots of good information, on blight and MMMA. (Info on file)
7. Kalamazoo County is still looking for applicants to fill Boards & Commissions. (Info on file)

COMMUNITY COMMENT:

1. Lori West would like to see meeting packets given out to any who might want them.
2. Metro Transit (Sean McBride) gave us an overall picture of the services provided by them. We would need to do a study if we wanted a bus to Galesburg, he noted costs to be \$20,000. per year Galesburg expense.
3. Jan Kershner asked what information does the City have on the police department. Carl: We have moved our police chief to days starting today. Our second officer will be on second shift, with further adjustment needed. We are moving forward with additional research in this matter.
4. Arthur Williams: What can he do to get this house livable? Judy Lemon will look into what we can find out, and what is necessary. Carl, Artie there will be no corner cutting. Costs on permits need to be adequate estimates.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. 163 E Battle Creek St. / Addressed in public comment when Arthur Williams spoke.
- b. Information distributed newest bulletin on Temporary Operation. No other decisions were made.
- c. City Assessor, at October 30, 2017 State Tax Commission, no decisions made another meeting will be called in December. We are hoping this will turn out for the better.
- d. Motion by Diller to approve Kalamazoo County Park plan for KRVT Bike trail, pertaining to M-96 and McCollum railroad crossing, support by Kissinger. YES: Pawlawski, Smith, Harmon, Kissinger, Lemon, Diller, Newton

NO: 0

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Information only on FOIA request received 11-2-2017.
- B. Information only on possible costs moving forward on RRC development through the State of Michigan.
- C. Motion by Diller to approve two days (Dec 13-14) on site assistance for Patrick Couch, NET \$1905.00, support by Kissinger. YES: Lemon, Pawlawski, Kissinger, Smith, Harmon, Diller, Newton. NO:0

REPORTS:

Motion by Kissinger to accept September 2017 Treasurer's report as presented, support by Diller. Voice vote all yes. 7/0

Motion by Kissinger to pay the bills in the amount of \$8474.46, support by Pawlawski. YES: Lemon, Diller, Kissinger, Pawlawski, Smith, Harmon, Newton
NO: 0

DPW: 1. Motion by Diller to allow Galesburg Augusta School to use our air compressor, support by Kissinger. Voice vote all yes. 2. Motion by Diller to approve attempt to collect repairs to streets, damaged by recent road repair, support by Kissinger. Voice vote all yes. 3. Motion by Diller to approve Brad Sutherland for 4hrs per week thru the winter at current wage of \$9.79 if he plows snow hours will be paid at \$16.00 per hour, support by Kissinger. YES: Pawlawski, Smith, Harmon, Kissinger, Lemon, Diller, Newton. NO: 0

POLICE REPORT:

Motion by Kissinger to accept police report as presented, no support, motion died.

DDA: Information only on Style Show and moving forward on Winter Wonderland.

PARKS: No new info.

FIRE BOARD: No new info.

COUNCIL COMMENT:

Kissinger: We need to look into part time officer replacement.

Harmon: waiting and watching to see how the police dept. works out.

Diller: 1. Motion by Diller to not rent community room on 11/11/2017 due to flag ceremony, support by Kissinger. Voice vote all yes. 2. Maybe put out a questionnaire on what they like or don't like on the DPW. 3. Please be thinking about how Bill has been doing for his first 6 months.

Pawlawski: In the last three months we have not had a police representative here at our meetings. Why does Augusta meeting come before ours?

Lemon: Waiting still feel were playing 2nd fiddle.

Smith: Paying good police wages, but not attempting to come answer questions.

Newton: 1. Due for a Budget review. 2. Possible security question, would like to see cameras in City hall. 3. Methodist Church is going to handle medical equipment that was owned by Kay Maxson.

ADJOURN:

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

Respectfully submitted

Karen Bresson, Clerk