

**CITY OF GALESBURG
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 3, 2020**

In accordance with COVID-19 restrictions this meeting was broadcast on the City's YouTube Channel which provided the public the opportunity to make comment. Mayor West called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

West gave instructions to those viewing about how to make public comment.

Roll call was taken, and the following member were present: Lori West, Linda Marble, Rebecca Harmon, Denis Homan, Rich Pawlawski Doug Smith and Carol Wortinger.

Also Present: Gabe Baracker, City manager, Joshua Raney, DPW Supervisor, and Anna Goodsell, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board then considered the agenda. West indicated she would like to add an item to consider a Bulk Trash Pick-up Day and to add the July report from the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department to the consent agenda. Upon motion of Pawlawski, seconded by Marble, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to approve the agenda with the changes as indicated.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

West gave instructions to the public on how to make comments via YouTube Live. She asked for public comment allowing 5 minutes for the public to make comments.

Bri Felch asked about the status of the old Mid-Way Café. Trustee Marble responded to the question. She also stated that the meeting which included the 20/21 Fiscal Budget Public Hearing "cut-out"; therefore, the minutes were not accurate. Baracker responded to that comment.

West allowed two more minutes for public comments. There was no further comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda consisted of the following items

1. Approve Accounts Payable - \$62,897.39
2. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting – July 6, 2020
3. Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department July Report

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Pawlawski, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

WAYNE COUNTY ACCESSING (WCA) – DISCUSSION

Baracker introduced Aaron Powers, Managing Director, of WCA. He stated WCA provides accessing services. Mr. Powers gave an overview of the history and make-up of the company.

Mr. Powers was asked what the benefits were to the City to contract with WCA over having an Assessor as an employee. Mr. Powers explained a contract with WCA was more cost effective, because of the variety of staff they employ. WCA could offer expertise in all areas of assessing. He went on to describe the breadth of services offered. He indicated there would be an assessor in the office one ½ day a week.

There was lengthy discussion regarding the services provided by WCA and how those would serve the city well.

KALAMAZOO COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WATER (HHW)

Baracker introduced Cindy Foster and Jennifer Kosak from HHW. They gave a presentation outlining the services provided by HHW, the process of disposal for the items collected, and the costs to the City. Lengthy discussion ensued.

They indicated a contract for the last quarter of 2020 has been given to Baracker, but each year a contract for the full year would be provided to the Council. They stated currently, Galesburg City is the only municipality in Kalamazoo County that did not participate in the HHW program. Upon motion of Harmon, seconded by Homan, the Council voted unanimously by roll call to join HHW and to direct Baracker to sign the contract.

RESOLUTION TO JOIN KALAMAZOO AREA BUILDING AUTHORITY – NO. 20200803A

The Council proceeded to consider the resolution to join KABA. There was general discussion. It was pointed out that in two places in the resolution the Charter Township of Comstock appeared to be duplicated. Goodsell indicated an error had been made and the resolution should read Charter Township of Comstock and Charter Township of Kalamazoo. Upon motion of Pawlawski, seconded by Homan, the Council voted by roll call, to join the KABA. Wortinger was in opposition to the motion.

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT MIKE ALWINE AS THE BUILDING OFFICIAL – NO. 20200803B

The next matter for the Council's consideration was to appoint Mike Alwine of KABA as the City's building official. A motion was made to adopt the resolution to appoint Mike Alwine as the building official by Pawlawski, Harmon supported the motion. A roll call

vote was taken, and the motion carried. Wortinger was in opposition to the motion. Baracker was asked to follow up with KABA to determine the date KABA would begin providing services to the City of Galesburg.

BULK TRASH PICK-UP

There was general discussion about how the bulk trash pick-up has been conducted in the past. A motion was made by Marble, and seconded by Harmon, to hold the bulk trash pick-up day on Saturday, October 3 from 9 am to 2 pm, using a minimum of three dumpsters. There was discussion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Josh Raney gave the DPW report. There was general discussion about the reports. Baracker indicated due to the aging infrastructure or the City's water and sewer system, the council needed to be prepared to budget \$100,000 each year for maintenance. Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Pawlawski, the Council accepted the report unanimously.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Baracker reviewed his report with the Council. There was discussion regarding hiring Anna Goodsell as the Clerk. A motion was made by Wortinger and supported by Pawlawski to hire Goodsell as clerk pending the results of a background check and physical. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Baracker updated the Board about hiring the accounting firm of Plante Moran to assist the City with getting the finances in proper order. There was also discussion about hiring a treasurer.

West reviewed the contract with Hoffman Brothers for the repairs of the stormwater sewer main collapse discovered during the Kalamazoo Valley River Trail construction. Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Harmon, the Board voted unanimously to affirm the contract to repair the stormwater sewer main.

Baracker was questioned about hiring a Code Enforcement Officer. Barack stated he was working towards that end.

Upon motion of Wortinger, supported by Pawlawski, the Board voted unanimously to accept the City Manager's report.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Smith commented that there would be potential expenses for a retention pond in relationship to the proposed construction at the museum. He also asked that he be replaced on the personnel committee.

West indicated each Council member was due \$20 of Special Meeting pay. Baracker stated he would make sure this was done and that he needed to do research to ensure Council members were paid the correct stipend amount in March, April, May and June.

West also gave an update on the food distribution program held at the United Methodist Church.

ADJOURNMENT

Being duly motioned and support the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lori West, Mayor

Gabe Baracker, City Clerk