

**CITY OF GALESBURG
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 5, 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.

Roll call was taken, and the following members were present: Lori West, Linda Marble, Rebecca Harmon, Denis Homan, Doug Smith and Carol Wortinger. Doug Smith was absent. Mayor West indicated she Smith's absence was excused due to illness.

Also Present: Gabe Baracker, City Manager, Joshua Ranes, DPW Supervisor, and Anna Goodsell, Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Council then considered the agenda. West stated she would like to add to the consent agenda consideration of entering into a grant agreement from Center for Tech and Civic Life for elections. A motion was made by Homan and seconded by Wortinger to approve the agenda with the change mentioned above.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

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

Bri Felch had questions about the Midway Café Building. West gave Ms. Felch an update about the ordinance enforcement procedures with that property.

West asked if there was further public comment and there was none.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Pawlawski, seconded by Homan, the Council voted unanimously, to approve all items on the consent agenda as listed below.

Bills Payable - \$179,913.75

Minutes

September 14, 2020 – Regular Meeting

September 14, 2020 – Closed Session

September 21, 2020 – Special Meeting

September 28, 2020 – Special Meeting

September Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department Report

Center for Tech and Civic Life Grant Agreement

CITY MANAGER CANDIDATES INTERVIEWS

The council proceed to conduct interviews with City Manager candidates Sarah Joshi and Jason Smith.

CONSIDERATION TO HIRE CITY MANAGER

The Council proceeded to engage in lengthy discussion regarding the two candidate interviews. A motion was made by Marble and seconded by Harmon to hire Sarah Joshi as the City Manager. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

CONFIRMATION OF HIRING OF CITY TREASURER/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

The Board proceeded to consider confirming the hiring of Bret Witkowski as the City's Treasurer and Ordinance Enforcement Officer. There was lengthy discussion regarding the combination of the duties and the benefit being offered. A motion was made by Harmon and seconded by Pawlowski to hire Bret Witkowski as the Treasurer and Ordinance Officer. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed. Wortinger voted against the motion.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION INSPECTORS

A motion was made by Pawlowski, seconded by Homan to adopt resolution number 20201005 appointing the Election Inspectors for the November 3, 2020 General Election. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

HALLOWEEN EVENTS

West announced that there would be no City organized Halloween Events. She encouraged the public to follow the guidelines issued by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services which are posted on the City's website.

DPW REPORT

Josh Ranes, DPW Supervisor, gave his August Report. There was general discussion and he answered questions of the Council.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager, Gabe Baracker reviewed the August Report he had provided with the Council. There was general discussion and he answered questions of the Council. Baracker stated the City's Attorney, Seth Koches, had recommended adopting an ordinance allowing the Council to appoint a City Manager as a stop gap measure until the Charter can be amended. By consensus the Council agreed this would be a good course of action.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Harmon thanked Baracker for all he had accomplished during his time with the City.

West stated there would be continued follow up with the ordinance issue at 23 East Battle Creek Street

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Lori West, Mayor

Anna Goodsell, City Clerk