

**CITY OF GALESBURG
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 4, 2021***

In accordance with COVID-19 restrictions this meeting was broadcast on the City's YouTube Channel, and Facebook which provided the public the opportunity to make comment. This meeting was held via ZOOM due to the increase in COVID Exposures.

The meeting began by Clerk Goodsell swearing in Mayor West into office at 6 PM.

Mayor West called the meeting to order.

Clerk Goodsell then swore D. Harmon, Rodriguez and B. Harmon into office.

Roll call was taken, and the following members were present: Lori West, Linda Marble, Rebecca Harmon, Dale Harmon, Angelina Rodriguez.

Absent: Judy Lemon and Carol Wortinger

Also present: Sarah Joshi, City Manager; Joshua Ranes, DPW Supervisor and Anna Goodsell, Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

West indicated that appointments to the Personnel Committee needed to be added to the Agenda.

A motion was made by Marble and seconded by Rodriguez to approve the agenda with adding appointments to the Personnel Committee. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Marble, seconded by B. Harmon, the Council voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda. As follows:

- Bills Payable - \$167,246.67
- Minutes of the December 7, 2020 meeting
- Kalamazoo County Sheriff Department November 2020 Report

West asked once again if there was public comment and there were none.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Sarah Joshi, City Manager reviewed her report with the Council. There was general discussion.

While reviewing the repairs needed on the Cemetery Vault, B. Harmon asked if any of the repairs would be covered in the insurance company. Joshi indicated that was a possibility and she would be contacting the insurance company.

CONSIDERATION OF ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

The Council then considered an organizational chart drafted by Joshi. Rodriguez expressed her appreciation for chart and the guidance it provided her as a new council member. A motion was made by B. Harmon and supported by D. Harmon; the Council voted unanimously to approve the organizational chart.

CONSIDERATION OF REPAIRS TO WELL NO. 2

The next matter for the Council's consideration was the repairs necessary to well number 2. There was discussion regarding the extent of the repairs needed. John Crum, of Gull Lake Water and Sewer Authority will be at the next meeting to provide more information about these repairs.

Council member Lemon joined the meeting at 6:33 pm. She had difficulty accessing the meeting via the dial in system.

CONSIDERATION – GALESBURG-CHARLESTON FIRE DEPARTMENT PURCHASE OF SCOTT AIR PACKS

The Council then considered the purchase of SCBA's as proposed by Fire Board. The total cost of the purchase is \$157,532.30. The Fire Department has \$50,000 toward that purchase, leaving a balance of \$107,532.30 to be split between the City of Galesburg and Charleston Township. Fire Chief Roomsberg joined the meeting and answered questions from the Council. He explained that the equipment had expired. Lemon suggested assessing a millage to cover these costs. Lengthy discussion ensued.

After the discussion a motion was made by Marble, and seconded by Lemon, to confirm the Council's support of the purchase of the equipment, but to wait until the February 2, 2021 meeting to determine the details of the payment for the Air Packs. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION – BURNING ORDINANCE

The Council then considered a Burning Ordinance that would change the penalty from a misdemeanor to a municipal civil infraction. Marble reviewed the ordinance with the Council. Upon motion of Marble, seconded by Lemon, the Council voted unanimously by roll call to set the public hearing date to consider the ordinance for adoption for February 2, 2021.

CORRECTION TO 2021 MEETING DATES

It was brought to the Council's attention there was a need to correct two meeting dates. Meeting dates had been set of Labor Day and for a Tuesday in December. The corrected dates are

September 13, 2021. A motion of Rodriguez seconded by B. Harmon; the Council voted unanimously to approve the previously mentioned meeting dates.

MUSEUM BOARD LIASION APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Lemon, and seconded by Marble, to appoint West as the liaison to the Museum Board. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD APPOINTMENT

West stated she was not ready to make an appointment to the Planning and Zoning Board and asked that this item be tabled. A motion was made by Lemon and seconded by Marble to table this item. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

FIRE BOARD LIASION APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Marble, and seconded Rodriguez the Council voted to appoint D. Harmon as the Board Liaison. Lemon voted no on this motion.

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Marble and supported by B. Harmon to appoint Rodriguez as the Parks and Recreation Board Liaison. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

DEPUTY MAYOR APPOINTMENT

Upon motion of B. Harmon, and seconded by Lemon, to appoint Marble as the Deputy Mayor. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Upon motion of Marble, seconded by B. Harmon, the Council voted unanimously to appoint Denis Homan as the Zoning Administrator.

PERSONNEL POLICY COMMITTEE

Upon motion of D. Harmon, seconded by Rodriguez, the Council voted unanimously by roll call to appoint Marble, West and B. Harmon to the Personnel Committee.

DPW REPORT

Ranes offered the December DPW Report. There was general discussion regarding the report. The report was accepted by consensus.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Lemon asked when the Council will be meeting face to face.

Marble welcomed Rodriguez and D. Harmon to the Council and looks forward working with them in the coming years.

D. Harmon expressed his appreciation of being on the Council and looks forward serving on the Council.

West reminded the Board that the Siegfried Crandall would be at the next meeting to present the 2019-2020 Audit.

ADJOURNMENT

~~Being motion by Pawlawski, and seconded by Lemon, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:38 pm~~ **Being duly motioned and supported the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:38 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Lori West, Mayor

Anna Goodsell, City Clerk