

**CITY OF GALESBURG
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 25, 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.

Mayor West called the meeting to order. She gave specific instructions for those who would like to make public comment.

Roll call was taken, and the following members were present and stated the location from which they were attending the meeting:

Lori West – City of Galesburg
Linda Marble – City of Galesburg
Rebecca Harmon – Township of Richland
Dale Harmon – City of Galesburg
Angelina Rodriguez – City of Galesburg
Carol Wortinger – City of Galesburg

Judy Lemon was absent. Mayor West stated Lemon had indicated she would be absent and her absence was excused.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

West stated there was a need to make an adjustment to the agenda, moving items 7, 8 and 9 to be items 5,6 and 7. A motion was made by Marble, seconded by R. Harmon, the Council voted unanimously by roll call to approve the agenda as amended.

PUBLIC COMMENT

West asked if there was any public comment. West gave specific instructions as how to comment using a phone, YouTube and Zoom. She allowed several minutes for public comment. She once again asked for public comment. It was reported that there was one person in the waiting room, no message left in the google voicemail box, or no one in live chat. The individual in the waiting room was asked if they wanted to make public comment, and they did not. There was no public comment.

PUBLIC HEARING – BECKWITH STREET COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

Upon motion of Marble, seconded by Rodriguez, the Council voted unanimously by roll call to open the public hearing to consider the application for Beckwith Street CDBG. Mickey Bittner of Wightman and Associates reviewed the scope of the project, the grant application, and the system by which points are earned towards the grant. There was general discussion regarding the project and grant process. West asked if there was public comment, once again giving instructions as how to do so. There was no public comment. Upon motion of Marble, supported by Wortinger, the Council voted unanimously to close the public hearing.

CONSIDERATION – BECKWITH STREET CDBG RESOLUTION

The Council then considered the resolution supporting the Beckwith Street grant project. A motion was made by Marble, and seconded by Rodriguez, to adopt the Resolution Number 20210525 supporting the Beckwith Street CDBG Project. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION – EXCESSIVE FORCE POLICY

City Manager Joshi explained that it was necessary to adopt a policy that would prohibit excessive force by law enforcement personnel during a civil rights demonstration within the City limits. A motion was made by Marble, and seconded by Rodriguez, to adopt the City's Excessive Force Policy. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – PLANNING COMMISSION ORDINANCE

A motion was made by Marble to open the public hearing to consider the Planning Commission Ordinance. The motion was supported by Rodriguez. There was general discussion about the ordinance. West asked if there was any public comment. There was no public comment. A motion was made by Marble and supported by Rodriguez to close the public hearing. The Council voted unanimously by roll call to close the public hearing. A motion was made by Marble to adopt Ordinance Number 282 – Planning Commission Ordinance. The motion was seconded by B. Harmon. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – REPEAL OF THE MUSEUM COUNCIL ORDINANCE

A motion was made by Marble to open the public hearing to consider repealing the Museum Council Ordinance. The motion was supported by Wortinger. West reviewed the request by the Museum Board to repeal this ordinance. She asked if there was public comment. There was no public comment. A motion was made by Marble and supported by Rodriguez to close the public hearing. The Council voted unanimously by roll call to close the public hearing. A motion was made by Marble to adopt Ordinance Number 283 – an ordinance Repealing the

Museum Council Board. The motion was seconded by B. Harmon. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

R. Harmon provided information for those using cell phones and having trouble unmuting themselves during the meeting. She also spoke positively about the website and other changes at City Hall.

West indicated the food program was continuing in the pandemic model through the end of the year. She also encouraged the staff to pace themselves and take care of themselves.

ADJOURNMENT

Being duly motioned and supported the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lori West, Mayor

Anna Goodsell, City Clerk