

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

In accordance with COVID-19 restrictions this meeting was held on ZOOM allowing the public to attend.

Mayor West called the meeting order at 6 pm. She gave specific instructions for those who would like to make public comment via ZOOM or using the Google voicemail box.

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 – Absent
Dale Harmon – City of Galesburg
Angelina Rodriguez – City of Galesburg
Carol Wortinger – City of Galesburg
Judy Lemon – City of Galesburg

Also present: Sarah Joshi, City Manager; Anna Goodsell, Clerk; Kevin Roomsburg, Fire Chief; Captain Christiansen, Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department and Josh Ranes, DPW Supervisor.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Council proceeded to consider the agenda. Wortinger made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Rodriguez supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joshi reported there was once public comment from Andrea McCubbin. She read the transcript of the message where Ms. McCubbin provided information about how to help the family affected by a house fire.

R. Harmon joined the meeting at 6:08 pm.

D. Harmon expressed concern over the speeds driven on Burgess Drive and the lack of police presence in the City.

Captain Christiansen gave an update about the incident at the Shell Station on 35th Street in Comstock Township which occurred during the overnight hours. He also reported about the rise in crime throughout Kalamazoo County. He indicated the data gathered from speed trailer on Burgess Drive shows the average speed on Burgess Drive is 32 mph. He did say there was time of day when drivers are going faster than the posted speed limit.

CONSENT AGENDA

West indicated the next matter for the Council's consideration was the consent agenda, she stated she would like item B to be removed from the agenda and that it be considered independent of the rest of the consent agenda.

A motion was made by Marble, and seconded by Lemon to approve the consent agenda except for item B. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed. No response was heard from R. Harmon.

- a. Invoices Paid – \$18,023.99
- b. Invoices Needing Approval for Payment - \$16,788.46
- c. City Council Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2021
- d. City Council Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2021 – Closed Session One
- e. City Council Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2021 – Closed Session Two
- f. City Council Meeting Minutes – August 2, 2021 - Corrected
- g. Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes – No Meetings Held
- h. DDA Meeting Minutes – No Meetings Held
- i. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – No Meetings Held
- j. Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes – No Meetings Held
- k. Finance Committee (Fees) – No Meetings Held
- l. Fire Board Report – No Report Received
- m. Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Report – August 2021

There was discussion regarding the payment to Associated Government Services which was on the list of Invoices Needing Approval. Lemon made a motion which was seconded by Rodriguez to hold the payment to Associated Government Services until all the requested documents and reports have been provided to the City. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Council voted to approve the balance of the bills on the list upon a motion made by Marble and supported by D. Harmon. No response was heard from Lemon.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

Sarah Joshi, City Manager, gave her monthly report. She also shared about the success in Cassopolis with securing grants and improvements in the community.

COMMUNITY VISIONING WITH DOUG GRIFFITHS

West indicated there had been further discussions with Doug Griffiths of 13-Ways. She stated there would be an update at the October 25, 2021 meeting.

CONSIDERATION – RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PROPOSED MORHOUSE DRIVE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 2021

There was lengthy discussion regarding development of a Special Assessment District. Discussion included if the Galesburg Village Apartment should be in the district. A motion was made by Wortinger and seconded by Rodriguez to table this until the October 25, 2021 meetings. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed. No response was heard from R. Harmon.

CONSIDERATION – FIRE BOARD RENT INCREASE

The discussion then turned to a proposed rent increase for the Galesburg-Charleston Fire Department. There was lengthy discussion about the rent and maintenance of the building. It was indicated that some interpret that agreement to say the Fire Department will maintain the building while others say the City of Galesburg will do the maintenance. Chief Roomsburg stated in the past the City has done all the maintenance. Rodriguez suggested that there are two separate issue to consider, one being the rental rate of the building and the second being the maintenance of the building.

It is being proposed that the rental rate be set at \$1,215 a month and the City would do the building maintenance. The rental rate would be \$1,135 and an additional \$80 for the maintenance.

A motion was made by Marble and seconded by Rodriguez to set the rental rate at \$1,135 effective immediately. This does not include maintenance, which will be considered separately. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed. D. Harmon voted no on the motion and no response was heard from R. Harmon.

CONSIDERATION – CEMETERY SOFTWARE

A motion was made by Marble and seconded by Wortinger to approve the purchase of Cemetery Software from BS&A. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed. No response was heard from D. Harmon.

CONSIDERATION – TEXT MY GOV

The Council agreed by consensus to not pursue this service at this time.

CONSIDERATION – ROAD SALT PURCHASE

Ranes reviewed the road salt quote with the Council. A motion was made by Marble and seconded by Lemon to approve the purchase of 25 tons at \$75.50 per ton. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Ranes gave his report to the Council and addressed their questions.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

There were no council comments

ADJOURNMENT

Being duly motioned and supported the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori West, Mayor

Anna Goodsell, CMC
City Clerk