

**CITY OF GALESBURG
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 8, 2021***

In accordance with COVID-19 restrictions this meeting broadcast on Public Media Network Channel 187 and on their website.

Mayor West called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

West gave specific instructions as to how to make public comment.

Roll call was taken, and the following members were present Lori West, Mayor; Linda Marble, Deputy Mayor, Dale Harmon, Rebecca Harmon, Carol Wortinger, and Judy Lemon. Angelina Rodriguez was absent attending a family function. A motion was made by D. Harmon and seconded by D. Harmon to excuse Rodriguez's absence. The motion passed unanimously.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Council proceeded to consider the agenda. West indicated there were two items to be added to the agenda. First was the consideration of a new Health Insurance Plan and the second, offering a Health Saving Account to employees. Marble made a motion to approve the agenda with the additional items indicated above. D. Harmon supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

West again gave instructions on making public comment. Joshi indicated no voice mail messages had been left. After allowing ample time for the public to call in to make public comment, it was determined there was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

West indicated the next matter for the Council's consideration was the consent agenda. Lemon and Marble had questions regarding items on the consent agenda. Marble indicated there was an error in the minutes of October 25, 2021. The minute indicated the amount of the Fire Department rent was \$1,137.77 and the correct amount is ~~\$1,037.77~~ **\$1,033.77**.

A motion was made by D. Harmon and seconded by B. Harmon to approve the consent agenda with the correction to the minutes. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.

- a. Invoices Paid – \$41,764.11
- b. Invoices Needing Approval for Payment - \$28,168.28
- c. City Council Meeting Minutes – October 25, 2021
- d. Fire Board Report – No Reports Received

- e. Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes – No Meetings Held
- f. DDA Meeting Minutes – Minutes of the October 14, 2021 Meeting
- g. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – No Meetings held
- h. Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes – No Meetings held
- i. Finance Committee (Fees) – No Meetings held
- j. Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Report – September 2021

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT

Captain Jeff Christiansen of the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department gave his report and responded to questions from the Council.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager, Sarah Joshi gave her report and responded to comments and questions from the council.

CONSIDERATION – EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

Joshi reviewed the proposed health insurance plan with the Council. There was general discussion regarding the plan. Following a motion made by R. Harmon, seconded by Marble the Council voted unanimously by roll call to approve the health insurance plan beginning January 1, 2022.

CONSIDERATION – HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Joshi proceeded to review the Health Savings Plan. She explained that it would help offset the increase in the deductibles that the employees would have with the new health insurance plan. The council then discussed contributing to each employees plan \$500 for a single person policy and \$1,000 for a family policy only for the 2022 calendar year. A motion was made by Marble and seconded by Lemon to establish health savings accounts and contribute \$500 a single person policy and \$1,000 for a family policy. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION – QUOTES FOR RAZING OF THE MIDWAY CAFÉ BUILDING

At this point in time only one quote had been received for the razing of the Midway Café. A motion was made by Marble and seconded by D. Harmon to consider this at another meeting after more quotes were received. The motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS

The Council voted unanimously by roll call to appoint Mike Alwine, Nick Loeks and David Leroy to the Construction Board of Appeals. The motion was made by Marble and seconded by Wortinger.

APPOINTMENT TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

An application for the Zoning Board of Appeals had been received from Karen Homan. A motion was made by Marble and seconded by D. Harmon to appoint Karen Homan to the Zoning Board of Appeals. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION – QUOTES TO REPLACE WELLHOUSE ROOF

Only one quote was received for this project. A motion was made by Marble and seconded by D. Harmon to consider this at another meeting after more quotes were received. The motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Josh Ranes, DPW supervisor gave his monthly report.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Lemon offered comments about the Downtown Development Authority.

Wortinger offered comments about the Fire Department.

West thanked those who worked to pass the mileages. She also gave an update about the food program.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:36 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lori West, Mayor

Anna Goodsell, CMC
City Clerk