

**CITY OF GALESBURG
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 6, 2021*
6 PM**

In accordance with COVID-19 restrictions this meeting broadcast on Public Media Network Channel 188 and on their website.

Deputy Mayor Marble called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marble 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 Marble~~ 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 and November 8, 2021 The minute indicated the amount of the Fire Department rent was \$1,037.77 and the correct amount is \$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 – \$12,786.09
- b. Invoices Needing Approval for Payment - \$92,569.30
- c. City Council Meeting Minutes
 - i. October 25, 2021 Corrected Minutes
 - ii. November 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes

- d. Fire Board Report – Financial Reports
- e. Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes – No Meetings Held
- f. DDA Meeting Minutes – No Meetings Held
- 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 – October 2021

PRESENTATION – GEOFF LANSKY

Mr. Lansky updated the Council on the changes in the Health Insurance premiums. He also reported the factors that resulted in those changes. He addressed questions from the Council.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT

Captain Jeff Christiansen of the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department gave his report and responded to questions from the Council. He also gave an overview of a speed study and why it was needed in the City.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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

CONSIDERATION - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SPEED STUDY

The Council then considered a resolution that would authorize a speed study to be done in the City. There was general discussion. A motion was made by Wortinger and seconded by Lemon to adopt Resolution Number 20211206 Authorizing a Speed Study. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION – QUOTES FOR RAZING OF THE MIDWAY CAFÉ BUILDING

The next matter for the Council's consideration was three quotes for the razing of the Midway building. There was general discussion. Upon motion of R. Harmon, seconded by Rodriguez, the Council voted unanimously to accept the quote from Ace Excavating and Gravel, Inc. for \$49,755. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. Joshi will work with the contractor regarding the date this project is to take place.

CONSIDERATION – AMENDMENT TO THE GULL LAKE WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY AGREEMENT

Joshi explained the amendment to this agreement was the increase in the hourly rate for services and overtime. There was a brief discussion. A motion was made by Wortinger, and supported by D. Harmon, the Council voted unanimously by roll call to approve the amendment to the agreement.

CONSIDERATION – BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

A motion was made by D. Harmon and seconded by J. Lemon to approve the budget adjustments as presented by Goodsell. The Council voted unanimously by roll call pass the motion.

CONSIDERATION – 2022 MEETING DATES

A motion was made by R. Harmon and seconded by Lemon, to set the 2022 Council meeting dates as follows:

January 10, January 26 – workshop, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 9, June 6, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 3, November 14 and December 5.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION – GUTHRIE ROOM USAGE

Joshi suggested the Guthrie room be used by recognized 501(3)c organization during business hours. There was general discussion about use of the room. It was determined by consensus that Joshi would draft a policy to be considered at the January 10, 2022 meeting.

CONSIDERATION – DPW TRUCK

Ranes informed the Council of the engine failure of the 2015 Chevy Truck. He indicated the reason for the failure was the “econ” engine which was not designed for the type of driving that is done in the City. It was designed more for highway driving. He offered the council three different options to resolve the problem.

- Repair the truck at a cost of \$5,000 to \$10,000 knowing it will fail again
- Replace the truck with a ¾ ton work truck using MiDeals. Approximate cost of truck is \$40,000
- Purchase at ¾ ton work truck at an approximate cost of \$40,000 to \$50,000

Lengthy discussion ensued. It was determined that the truck needed to be repaired because it can take up to six months for received a new truck. Lemon made a motion to repair the 2015 Chevy Truck of a cost not to exceed \$10,000. The motion was supported by Wortinger. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

~~Ranes will bring to the Council at the to the December 15, 2021 meeting the cost to purchase a new truck through MiDeals.~~ **There was further discussion regarding replacing the truck. A motion was made by R. Harmon and seconded by Rodriguez to pursue securing the cost of a ¾ ton work truck through MiDeals, and to bring that cost back to the Council. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Josh Ranes, DPW supervisor gave his monthly report.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Rodriguez can an update from the Parks and Recreation Committee

D. Harmon thanked Lemon for attending the Fire Board meeting from while he was out of town.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:26 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lori West, Mayor

Anna Goodsell, CMC
City Clerk