

**CITY OF GALESBURG  
CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 26, 2022  
6 PM\***

Mayor West called the meeting to order at approximately 6 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Also present: Sarah Joshi, City Manager; Rob Thall and Seth Koches, City Attorneys, Kevin Roomsberg, Fire Chief, Chris Balkema, Fire Board Representative and Anna Goodsell, Clerk.

**~~APPROVAL OF AGENDA~~**

~~The Council proceeded to consider the agenda. Marble made a motion to approve the agenda with the previously mentioned addition. D. Harmon supported the motion. A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.~~

**DISCUSSION – FIRE DEPARTMENT AGREEMENT**

Rob Thall began the discussion by reviewing the existing agreement that was adopted by both the City of Galesburg and Charleston Township January 1, 1994.

He offered the following comments regarding changes to be considered to the agreement:

- Include statements about compliance with the Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act
- Include statements about obtaining records such as training logs, standard operating procedures, etc.
- Terms of members of the Fire Board are not being reappointed correctly. This is no change in the agreement, but a reminder that the terms must be followed.
- There is confusion over the maintenance of the Fire Station. The grammar in the two paragraphs is poor, leading to confusion and differing interpretations.
  - There was lengthy discussion regarding maintenance of the Fire Station and which entities were responsible for paying for the maintenance
  - There was also discussion regarding the operating millage
- This issue of City employees responding to fire calls during their workday is not included in the agreement. There was lengthy discussion regarding this issue, including the wages for these employees, and liability issues.
- He suggested the City consider a cost recovery ordinance
- Thall also suggested including business inspections and a mechanism by which the cost of the inspections could be covered.

The Council engaged in discussion regarding topics brought up by Thall.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

West gave instruction for individuals to call in and make public comment. She gave ample time for calls. There was no public comment.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

D. Harmon stated he was encouraged by the information gained at this meeting.

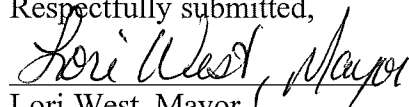
Marble asked Roomsberg about Business Inspections. He said he had Fire Inspector I Certification

R. Harmon asked what the next steps were. It was suggested by Balkema and Thall that the council continue to refine the agreement before presenting it to other entities for consideration.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:53 pm

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lori West, Mayor

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Anna Goodsell, CMC  
City Clerk