

**CITY OF GALESBURG  
CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 8, 2022  
6:00 PM**

Mayor West called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken, and the following members were present: Lori West, Mayor; Linda Marble, Vice Mayor; Ryan Harnden, Judy Lemon, Carol Wortinger, Carol Bailey, and Roger Frazee.

Also present: Sarah Joshi, City Manager; Josh Ranes, DPW Supervisor; Ann Howard, Treasurer; Tim Randall, County Deputy Sheriff and approximately four citizens.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

No discussion was made. Marble moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Lemon.

On a roll call vote, the following voted "Aye": Harnden, Lemon, Wortinger, Marble, West, Frazee, Bailey

The following voted "Nay": None

Motion carried unanimously.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Linda Carlton commented that the "drive sober" banner attached to the "Welcome to Galesburg" sign on 35<sup>th</sup> Street is crooked and looks tacky. She suggested that the banner be hung on the DDA sign.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Marble noted that the draft minutes needed a correction. The section "Joint Fire Board Agreement" included only the motion, not the vote tally. Lemon moved to accept the consent agenda with the requested correction, seconded by Harnden.

On a roll call vote, the following voted "Aye": West, Lemon, Wortinger, Marble, Bailey, Frazee, Harnden

The following voted "Nay": None

Motion carried unanimously.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT**

Deputy Tim Randall spoke about traffic enforcement on W. Michigan and Battle Creek Street. The Michigan State Police have sent banners with messages encouraging seatbelt safety and sober driving, and he will find an

appropriate place to hang them. Randall is working with DPW to fix some signage in the city. He has been collaborating with citizens as well as businesses on vehicle break-ins. The homeless problem here in the city is currently under control.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Joshi reviewed highlights from her written report and general discussion ensued.

Additionally, she noted that she expects to bring forth an amendment to the rental inspection ordinance to relax the inspection requirements on properties that pass State or Federal inspections and that she planned to resume work on a hobby business in her spare time, strictly as a leisure activity, and that it represented no conflict of interest. She asked for Council concerns or objections, and none were brought forth. Joshi also defended City staff against mockery by a public official at a recent public meeting, indicating openness to discuss such concerns with anyone who brings those concerns to her.

### **APPOINT FIRE BOARD LIAISON**

A motion was made by Marble and seconded by Lemon to approve the appointment of Roger Frazee as Council's liaison to the Joint Fire Board for the remainder of 2022.

Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

### **ADOPT IPMC ORDINANCE**

Though Council passed the International Property Maintenance Code ordinance, Joshi explained we had to add the specific IPMC version year to the ordinance. According to Safebuilt this was a necessary addition to the ordinance.

A motion was made by Lemon to accept the change made to the IPMC Ordinance and was seconded by Marble.

On a roll call vote, the following voted "Aye": West, Marble, Bailey, Frazee, Harnden, Lemon

The following voted "Nay": Wortinger

Motion carried unaminously.

### **Re-adopt Ordinance 288, 289, 290 Amendments**

Joshi explained that ordinances had not taken effect because new staff overlooked the publication deadline.

A motion was made by Harnden to accept the re-adoption of Ordinances 288, 289 & 290 Amendments seconded by Frazee.

On a roll call vote, the following voted "Aye": Harnden, Lemon, Wortinger, Bailey, West, Frazee, Marble

The following voted "Nay": None

Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION: DDA APPOINTMENT**

West recommended renewing Lorence Wenke's term on the DDA for four years.

A motion was made by Marble to re-appoint Lorence Wenke to the DDA for a four-year term to expire December 31, 2026. Seconded by Bailey.

On a roll call vote, the following voted "Aye": West, Marble, Bailey, Frazee

The following voted "Nay": Lemon, Harnden, Wortinger

Motion carried 4-3.

**CONSIDERATION: BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 20220808**

Joshi explained the Bureau of Construction Codes' requirement to add new account codes to account for income and expense related to building permit fees. Staff estimated building permit income at \$20,000 and expense at \$19,000.

A motion was made by Marble to accept the budget amendment resolution 20220808 and was seconded by Lemon.

On a roll call vote, the following voted "Aye". Frazee, Bailey, Harnden, Wortinger, Lemon, Marble, West

The following voted "Nay": None

Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION: PERSONNEL HANDBOOK**

Marble reviewed the handbook additions and corrections discussed at last month's Council meeting.

A motion was made by Bailey to accept the additions and changes to the Personnel Handbook and seconded by Harnden.

On a roll call vote, the following voted "Aye". Bailey, Frazee, Wortinger, Harnden, Lemon, Marble, West.

The following voted "Nay": None

Motion carried unanimously.

**DPW REPORT**

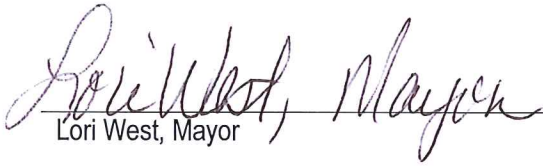
Supervisor Raney reviewed his report and fielded general questions. He indicated that park bathrooms continue to be open with occasional need for heavy cleaning. West asked Raney about the fountain not working. Raney replied the pump went bad, we ordered a new one and are just waiting for it to come in.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Marble commented that we are in need of Planning Commission members and if anyone knows of someone who might be interested, please send them to City Hall for an application.

Wortinger asked how many members need to be on the DDA or Planning Commission.

There being no further business, Mayor West adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

  
Lori West, Mayor

  
Lisa McNeese, Clerk