

**CITY OF GALESBURG
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 3, 2022
6 PM**

Mayor West called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Councilmember Carol Bailey was absent. Mayor West stated that this should be considered an excused absence.

Also present: Sarah Joshi, City Manager; Josh Ranes, DPW Supervisor, and Ann Howard, Treasurer, Timothy Snow, Acting Clerk and approximately 7 citizens.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Marble moved, seconded by Lemon to adopt the agenda as presented. On a voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Eric Feldt, who lives in the Fleetwood Plat (Comstock Twp.) addressed the Council about the recent increase in water rates and indicated that his bill nearly doubled.

Andrew Cannon, 358 Burgess Dr. informed the Council about the drainage situation at his business located at 2 W. Michigan (Coffee Klutch). He supplied written comments which are attached to the minutes.

Mayor West asked Manager Joshi to follow up with Mr. Cannon on this issue.

Vickie Newton informed the Council that the Galesburg Food Pantry was recently honored by Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes for continuing to serve the community throughout the pandemic.

CONSENT AGENDA

Marble moved, seconded by Frazee to approve the consent agenda as recommended:

- a. Invoices needing approval for payment - \$5,400.40
- b. Paid invoices - \$17,739.61
- c. City Council Meeting Minutes
 1. September 12, 2022
- d. Treasurer's Report – September 2022 & Michigan Class Investment Report

- e. Sheriff's Report – September 2022
- f. Receive Joint Fire Board Minutes – August 2022

Wortinger asked Deputy Randall to check out school buses going too fast on Burgess Dr. She indicated that she would provide additional information.

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

The following voted "Nay": None

Motion carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Bruce Turner, was present representing Chief Roomsberg and gave the fire report. He indicated that Galesburg Speedway donated some vehicles for extrication training purposes and that the training was done at the Speedway.

Deputy Tim Randall reviewed the September Sheriff's Department report with Council. He indicated that he would be attending several meetings in the City. He reported that a homeless individual who was armed was in the park recently, but that situation was settled without incident. Some bicycles were recently stolen at Gale Valley, but some have been recovered and returned to their owners. A speed light is currently operating on Burgess Dr. at the south cemetery entrance. Dept. Randall will be present for the Halloween event on October 27 and will also be in the City on Halloween evening.

Manager Joshi submitted her written report and indicated that the master plan survey has been emailed to steering committee members. The mast arm issue for the Battle Creek/Michigan Ave. intersection still needs additional help. Charleston Township has indicated that they are not yet ready to discuss the new Joint Fire Department Agreement. Bulk trash day will be Saturday, October 8 at the DPW barn. Joshi distributed an article to Council about Public Media Network (PMN).

Vice Mayor Marble informed the Council that she recently toured the PMN facility and said she was very impressed with what she learned. She and Manager Joshi encouraged City residents to make use of the PMN facility.

PRESENTATION: MARK LEE, BETTER WORLD BUILDERS

Mr. Mark Lee of Better World Builders was present and gave a presentation to Council about the Kalamazoo County Housing Millage grant received by the City of Galesburg, noting that this is the only grant of its kind issued anywhere in the County. The funding (\$75,000) will be used to make improvement on two houses on Washington St.

He also offered that Better World Builders is offering a half-price home performance energy audit to anyone in the City of Galesburg (\$195) who contacts them through the end of 2022.

CONSIDERATION: SPORTS BOOSTERS GAMING LICENSE RESOLUTION

Marble moved, seconded by Frazee to approve Resolution #20221003, which allows the Galesburg-Augusta Sports Boosters to make application for a charitable gaming license. The resolution is attached to the minutes

On a voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

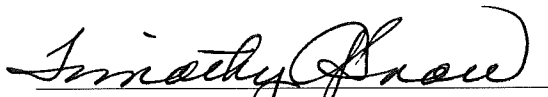
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

DPW Director Josh Ranes said that the waste needle container recently placed in the park restroom was taken after about one week of being installed. The park bathroom is now closed for the season and will soon be winterized. The new leaf box should arrive in about two weeks.

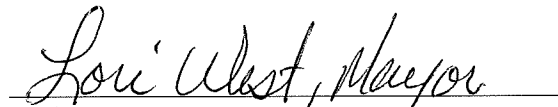
COUNCIL COMMENTS

There were no council comments offered.

There being no further business, Mayor West adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.



Timothy A. Snow, Acting Clerk



Lori West, Mayor

