

**CITY OF GALESBURG
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 14, 2022
6 PM**

Vice Mayor Marble 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: Linda Marble, Deputy Mayor; Roger Frazee, Ryan Harnden, Judy Lemon, Carol Bailey and Carol Wortinger.

Mayor Lori West was absent. Vice Mayor Marble stated that this should be considered an excused absence.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Marble asked to add meeting room usage policy exception to the agenda.

Harnden moved to approve the agenda with Marble's addition, seconded by Lemon to adopt the agenda with the addition. On a voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Stanley Chovanec stated this is the first time he has run for council. Linda Carlton announced Winter Wonderland, on December 7th at 6:00 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus will greet the children at Galesburg Methodist Church. Carlton asked about the business signs that the DDA removed. She was directed to address the issue with the DDA.

CONSENT AGENDA

Marble commented there are no minutes in the packet from the September Fire Board meeting, also the October income statement and balance sheets are from 2021. Frazee said he would investigate those items.

Harnden moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Lemon.

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

The following voted "Nay": None

Motion carried unanimously.

FIRE BOARD REPORT

Captain Josh Raney reported Galesburg had seventeen calls and Charleston had thirteen, so far this year the calls are down from last year. Raney said that the department presented a fire prevention program to kindergarten through third grade to mark Fire Prevention Month in October. Truck 1021 has been repaired and is back ready for the next call. The holiday parade coming up is hosting 5-21 fire trucks from the area.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Deputy Randall reported there were 55 citizen calls and 117 officer-initiated calls. GABCA's Halloween event was very successful. On October 19th, toured the schools with other KSO deputies, to familiarize themselves with school personnel and facilities and asked about any changes to the schools, talked about protocol and received key cards in case of an active shooter. Deputy Randall invited council to come to active shooter training on Friday, November 18th at 10:00 a.m.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Joshi reviewed her report and responded to questions from Council.

CONSIDERATION: EXCEPTION TO CITY HALL MEETING ROOM USAGE POLICY

The Fire Department asked to use the meeting room to host the Kalamazoo County Chief's Association meeting and banquet, and they would waive the fee.

Wortinger moved to allow the Fire Department to use the meeting room for their banquet at no charge, seconded by Lemon.

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

The following voted "Nay": None

Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

Marble said that the Personnel Committee met on October 18th to discuss and complete the performance evaluation for City Manager Joshi. They recommended a 2.5% COLA increase and a 2.5% merit raise be paid to City Manager Joshi. The total increase of 5% that the Personnel Committee recommends giving City Manager Joshi meets the maximum 5% increase allowed by City Policy.

Frazee moved to approve the Personnel Committee recommendation, seconded by Lemon.

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

The following voted "Nay": Wortinger

Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION: FIREWORKS FOR WINTER WONDERLAND

Marble stated the Fire Chief has approved the application.

Frazee moved to approve the fireworks permit for Winter Wonderland, seconded by Harnden.

On a voice vote carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION: AMENDED FIRE BOARD BUDGET

There was much discussion and questions on the amended fire board budget. Marble stated money was moved from one budget line to another. The Fire Board requested approval for a reduction in wages and transferred it to a new legal fees line item. Bailey asked if we know what they moved the capital outlay funds for. Lemon asked about how much firefighters make. Ranes said \$15 for firefighters, \$16 Lieutenant, \$17 captain and \$18-\$19 for Chief. Frazee said due to all the training and the low wages, young people don't want to become firefighters. This is a problem all over the country.

The amended fire board budget was tabled until the December 5th meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING: MECHANICAL ORDINANCE 292 AMENDED

Marble opened the public hearing. There was no discussion.

Frazee moved to accept the changes to the mechanical ordinance seconded by Harnden.

On a roll call vote, the following voted "Aye": Wortinger, Harnden, Bailey, Frazee, Lemon, Marble
The following voted "Nay": none

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: PLUMBING ORDINANCE 293 AMENDED

Marble opened the public hearing. There was no discussion.

Harnden moved to accept the changes to the plumbing ordinance seconded by Frazee.

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

The following voted "Nay": None

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: ELECTRICAL ORDINANCE 294 AMENDED

Marble opened the public hearing. There was no discussion.

Lemon moved to accept the changes to the electrical ordinance seconded by Harnden.

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

The following voted "Nay": None

Motion carried unanimously.

DPW REPORT

DPW Supervisor Raney reviewed his report and responded to questions from Council.


COUNCIL COMMENTS

Lemon asked whether water bills would be mailed now that the option of election delivery is available.

Joshi stated the water bills would only be emailed to those who opted to receive them that way.

Marble asked about the survey copies being available. Joshi replied they will be available in City Hall, on the website and posted around town.

There being no further business, Vice Mayor Marble adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.



Linda Marble, Vice Mayor



Lisa McNeese, City Clerk