

**CITY OF GALESBURG
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 5, 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, Glen Hawes, Judy Lemon, Carol Bailey and Carol Wortinger.

Also present: Sarah Joshi, City Manager; Ann Howard, Treasurer, Josh Ranes, DPW Supervisor, and Tim Randall, County Deputy Sheriff and approximately 17 citizens.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Marble asked to add the November law enforcement report to the consent agenda.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Linda Carlton with GABCA stated Winter Wonderland is on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

The following voted "Nay": None

Motion carried unanimously.

FIRE BOARD REPORT

Chief Kevin Roomsburg reported that at least three fire departments committed to Winter Wonderland, along with Craig McDonald with a wrecker, and the Fire Department will also be giving out hot dogs. There were 23 calls for Galesburg, 17 for Charleston, 419 total for this year, 23 less than last year. With the first big snow on November 17th & 18th there were six vehicle accidents.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Captain Jeff Christensen reported the Kalamazoo County Sheriff Department had six new cadets, five are going to the Police Academy in January. They have met with Linda Carlton and have a plan in place for Winter Wonderland on Wednesday. Catalytic converters are being stolen, so Captain Christensen encourages residents to lock up their cars. Captain Christensen thanked Mayor West for her service and wished her the best with future endeavors.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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

CONSIDERATION: AMENDED FIRE BOARD BUDGET

West clarified that the proposal is for 2022-2023 budget expenses. This is not an approval of the 2023-2024 budget, this is just an amendment of a line item in the current year's budget.

Marble stated the expenses are the same they just lowered the fire wages to add the legal fees. Marble asked the Chief about the November 30th income statement stating that fire wages to date \$12,600 and there was budgeted \$70,000 with seven months left to go. She asked whether it was due to the Fire Department being busier in the winter months? Chief Roomsburg stated that is what the City asked him to budget. Chief Roomsburg stated they are down firefighters as well as fire calls. Marble stated support for accepting amendment as it is the same budget just funds have been moved around.

Council proceedings were interrupted by Charleston Township resident Ann Nieuwenhuis, who asked that the minutes reflect her payment for Joint Fire Board FOIA requests and attorney expenses to date. Mayor West agreed.

Marble moved to approve the amended Fire Board budget, seconded by Frazee.

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

The following voted "Nay": None

Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION: HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT RESOLUTION #20221205

West stated this is the same resolution that was passed last year specific to the contributions the city makes to employees health savings accounts.

Joshi stated it was put in the budget at a \$1,000 more than the actual cost to the city. This was already passed in this year's budget.

Marble clarified that this is considered annually, West agreed and voiced her support.

Frazee moved to approve the Health Savings Account Resolution, seconded by Wortinger.

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

The following voted "Nay": None

Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION: WATER METER READING CHARGE RESOLUTION #20221205-A

The number of re-reading requests has increased.

West stated this is the actual cost of re-reading a meter. It is proposed that consumers pay the re-read fee unless the water meter is found to be faulty.

Frazee moved to approve the water meter reading, seconded by Marble.

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

The following voted "Nay": Wortinger

Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION: SPARK GRANT RESOLUTION IKE PAYNE PARK #20221205-B

West stated that the city is proposing a \$10,000 investment in this grant and Quad City Little League is donating \$20,000. West said that was very generous of them. West said the city's \$10,000 was already budgeted.

Marble moved to approve the Spark Grant Resolution Ike Payne Park, seconded by Frazee.

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

CONSIDERATION: SPARK GRANT RESOLUTION COMMUNITY PARK #20221205-C

West stated this is the same Spark Grant except specific to Community Park. Though the city will contribute \$10,000 to the project there is no donation for this project. Attached to this is the plan for the improvements, including disc golf. \$10,000 has already been budgeted.

Marble moved to approve the Spark Grant Resolution Community Park, seconded by Frazee.

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

The following voted "Nay": none

Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION: MANER COSTERISAN AGREEMENT

West stated this accounting firm will replace The Woodhill Group. Joshi said Maner Costerisan charge more, but they have a very clear three-to-five-month plan how to approach the trainings and that we would be weaning ourselves off them within five months other than the services required in order to accomplish responsible separation of duties.

West asked Treasurer Howard if she was comfortable with them. Howard explained they want to do hands on training and come to our office and do physical training instead of web training which is a much better plan.

Frazee moved to approve the Maner Costerisan Agreement, seconded by Marble.

On a roll call vote, the following voted “Aye”: Wortinger, Bailey, Frazee, Lemon, Marble, Hawes, West

The following voted “Nay”: None

Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION: ROAD COMMISSION AGREEMENT

West stated this agreement is specific to the DPW staff plowing the plat.

Joshi said DPW staff would be using city equipment at a flat rate which would cover our costs and is agreeable to the road commission as well. The Road Commission may also ask DPW to plow the county roads using county equipment at an overtime rate.

Marble asked if when they plowed for the County would it be after hours and who pays them. Joshi replied we would pay them initially and then invoice the road commission for reimbursement.

Marble moved to approve the Road Commission agreement with the addition of the \$25 administration fee and the \$45 wage fee, seconded by Frazee.

On a roll call vote, the following voted “Aye”: Hawes, Marble, Frazee, Bailey, Wortinger, Lemon, West

The following voted “Nay”: None

Motion carried unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION: 2023 PROPOSED JANUARY 9TH COUNCIL MEETING

Frazee moved to approve the proposed January 9th council meeting, seconded by Wortinger.

On a voice vote it passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION: ELECTRICAL UPGRADE

Deputy Tim Randall was to present the electrical upgrade project and quotes. He was unexpectedly detained. Council agreed to table the upgrade until the January 9th meeting.

DPW REPORT

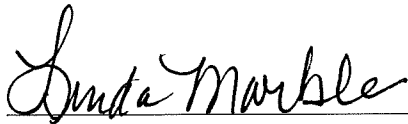
DPW Supervisor Raney reviewed his report and responded to questions from Council.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

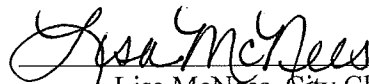
Councilwoman Wortinger shared her thoughts about a June 2021 insurance claim.

Frazer inquired about the caps on the fire hydrants being colored coded to show the flow of our water system.

There being no further business, Mayor West adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.



Linda Marble, Vice Mayor



Lisa McNees, City Clerk

