

**CITY OF GALESBURG  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 5, 2023  
6 PM**

Mayor Marble called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll was taken and the following members were present: Stanley Chovanec, Roger Frazee, Ryan Harnden, Ryan Hawes, Judy Lemon, Carol Wortinger and Linda Marble.

Also present: Clerk McNees, DPW Supervisor Josh Ranes, Treasurer Ann Howard and approximately seven residents.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Marble informed council there were three additional items that needed to be added to the agenda, the first item is regarding Prein & Newhof change order, the second item is a cleaning quote and the last one is the zoning ordinance 295.

Frazee moved, seconded by Harnden to approve the agenda with the three additions. On a voice vote, motion carried.

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

Linda Carlton of Sensations Salon would like to thank Karen Wilson, Bob Underwood and the Hawes family for the work cleaning up our city. Carlton stated it looks very nice and hoped we could get a committee together to continue with this project. Carlton said Greater Galesburg days is coming along. She is getting flyers printed out and will be giving some to the schools and to City Hall. Carlton asked if someone could speak to the library as they talked about closing off the parking lot between city hall and the library for parking for the book sale.

Marble also thanked Karen Wilson, Bob Underwood and the Hawes family for all their work on June 3<sup>rd</sup> cleaning up the city. Marble also agreed with Carlton that a committee should be formed for this purpose.

Vickie Newton of City of Galesburg, wanted to thank Josh for getting the plaque put on the basketball court. Newton's family was also there to see it as well. Newton also stated Councilman Chovanec and herself were talking about the houses that live on the parade route if they would put their dumpsters out on the curbs then people could throw their trash in them to help avoid clean up.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Marble commented she had a few things to say about the consent agenda. The invoices to be paid the bulk of total is for Balkema Excavating for almost \$101,000. Marble also stated that she noticed we paid out \$5,000 extra on the sheriff's department for overtime, it's worth it safety first. Marble thanked Treasurer Howard for her report. Marble asked Howard to write up what was learned in the fiscal ready communities' best practices webinar that she participated in. Marble also asked Howard when she goes through the training for Michigan infrastructure council program from August through November if she would write down things she has learned as she goes along. Marble told Frazee she saw in May Income Statement that the fireboard spent \$20,000, what was it for? Chief Roomsburg replied it was for turnout

**QUOTE: PREIN & NEWHOF CHANGE ORDER**

Mike Schwartz with Prein & Newhof gave Council an explanation of the change order.

Frazee moved to approve the already approve change order specifically approving \$55,874.04, seconded by Lemon.

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

The following voted "Nay": None

Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION: WATER RATE SUDY**

Joe Vandommelen, with Michigan Rural Water Association gave a presentation on our water and sewer rates. He recommended that with the current water system we need to make an increase on our water rates, there is no need for an increase for sewer rates this year.

Marble stated this is not a huge increase we are asking for Marble said if we are going to continue to service our well and lift houses and all the capital expenditures, we have to do to the water tower, we don't have a choice. Marble explained we put in \$65,000 for expenditures instead of \$100,000 to keep the increase down.

Lemon moved to approve the water rate increase beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>, seconded by Frazee.

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

The following voted "Nay": None

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION: BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Marble explained that these are the amounts needed to be added since the last budget amendments in March. McNees stated we have been dealing with increased prices all year.

Marble said we have had increases and we are not spending the money just to spend it.

Frazee moved to approve the budget amendment resolution 20230605, seconded by Lemon.

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

The following voted "Nay": None

Motion carried unanimously.

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

The following voted "Nay": None

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **RESOLUTION: SWIMMING POOL REGISTRATION FEE/APPLICATION**

Marble stated in 2019 the State of Michigan industrial construction code came out with new requirements regarding swimming pools and fences. We had to amend our swimming pool ordinance. Marble said in the swimming pool ordinance it states that anyone who has an above ground pool must register it and pay a registration fee. At the time adopted the council never set a fee. Resolution #202306059 sets a registration fee, and an application is attached to the Resolution. Frazee asked what other municipalities charged. Clerk McNees stated \$35 was the lowest fee and \$45 was the highest. Frazee replied he believes we should charge \$35.

Frazee moved to approve Resolution 20230605B for a swimming pool registration fee of \$35, seconded by Lemon.

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

The following voted "Nay": None

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **CONSIDERATION: CLEANING QUOTE JEANNIE CLEANING**

Marble said this is a cleaning quote for Jeannie Cleaning and since December, Lisa and Ann have been cleaning City Hall.

Frazee moved to approve the cleaning quote for Jeannie Cleaning, seconded by Wortinger.

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

The following voted "Nay": None

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **ORDINANCE 295: ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND SHEDS**

The Planning Commission has been working on this ordinance since late 2022. Marble stated that according to the charter this is just considered the first reading. In July we can talk about this ordinance and then we can adopt it.

#### **QUOTE: GASVODA & ASSOCIATES**

Marble asked Supervisor Raney to explain what this quote is for. Supervisor Raney said it is for the can at the DPW barn. We approved the pressure line for the can but did not approve the can itself. This is the can that all the sewage drains into and then pumps it into the line.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS, COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Harnden was unable make it to the last school board meeting. Marble stated she wants to get the school involved with our Master plan soon.

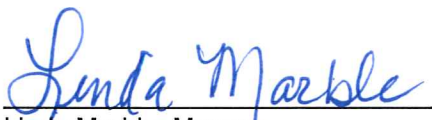
Fraze reported the Fire Board is working on a budget and we are working on the new contract. We have a couple of new recruits; everything is going very well. Marble asked if Charleston approved our rent. Frazee said he hadn't heard anything about that, and he would call Chris Balkema. Marble said she has a meeting with our attorneys on Monday to talk to her about cost recovery. Frazee said he had a non-fire related question, is there any progress on a bank coming to town?

Marble stated she attended a DDA meeting, and had a zoom meeting with Abonmarche, the master planners. Abonmarche would like GABCA and other Boards, Committees and the Schools involved with the Downtown Plan.

Lemon reported at the KATS meeting because we are a city the availability for funds to fix our roads isn't there, so we must come up with our own funding. This is orange barrel season and they are doing some experimental surfacing down in Charleston Township with shredded tires. The two-way downtown Kalamazoo project they are working on is going to take 10 years to complete, the Kalamazoo Avenue project. Lemon said the Planning Commission is working on fences and has determined that no permit will be required for the construction of fences. Lemon replied the one thing we are stressing in the ordinance is if you are not sure of your property lines get a survey done.

Chovanec asked about the traffic light section if we could get the lines repainted, he cannot see them anymore. If you know the streets it is not a problem. Marble asked Supervisor Raney if he remembered what the cost was. Supervisor Raney said he can't remember exactly, but that would recommend not just painting that intersection but doing some roadway as well. Marble asked him if he would get a quote for that to have at the July meeting.

There being no further business, Mayor Marble adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

  
Linda Marble, Mayor

  
Lisa McNees, City Clerk