

CITY OF GALESVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 13, 2023

Mayor Vince Howe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council attending: Vince Howe, Thomas Thatcher, Tyler Truax, Jean Wallner, Kelly Kreger, Linda Skwierawski. Council Absent Tory-Kale Schulz: Others in attendance: Attorney-Dan Arndt, Public Works Director-Todd Peterson, Library Director-Laura Oanes, Police Officers- Connor Kokott, Christian Medema & Joe Nordie, Trempealeau County Times-Ben Pierce, Joe Baardseth, Bill Katula, Gwen Katula, Chad Jones, Diane Redsten, Tava Hornberg, Deanna Hornberg, Jean Seely, Scott Seely, Sarah Livermore, Richard Tolzman.

Mayor Howe led the Pledge of Allegiance

Sheriff Brett Semingson reviewed the 2022 Trempealeau County Sheriff Report.

Motion by Jean Wallner to approve the regular council meeting minutes from March 9, 2023; seconded by Tyler Truax. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Linda Skwierawski to approve the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes from March 30, 2023; seconded by Tom Thatcher. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve the March 2023 Treasurer's Report and Cash Account Balance Report; seconded by Jean Wallner. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Thatcher to approve the March 2023 Police Report; seconded by Tyler Truax. Ayes - 5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Thatcher to approve the April 2023 Library Report; seconded by Jean Wallner. Ayes - 5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Linda Skwierawski reported that the Parks & Sanitation Committee met to discuss a Recreation Plan in order to apply for future grants. Trempealeau County recently updated their plan that includes all municipalities and was recommended that we adopt this plan in the iterum and modify our information as projects come up.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to adopt the Trempealeau County Outdoor Recreation Plan; seconded by Jean Wallner. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Truax-yes, Kreger-yes, Skwierawski-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Kelly Kreger reported that the Finance Committee reviewed and approved the bills, verified the Treasurer's report to the bank statements, reviewed the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter over time report and received an update on the status of rental properties owned by the city.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approved opening a checking account at Bluff View Bank for WQT Capital Reserve Fund; seconded by Linda Skwierawski. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Truax-yes, Kreger-yes, Skwierawski-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Our current website provider will increase our cost by 600% next year, the cost will go from \$660.00 to \$3,995.00 annually. Several options were reviewed and Vision Design Group out of Winona had a lower cost and are local. Tom reached out to other municipalities that are using them and they are highly recommended. It will cost more up front for the initial set up but save \$1,800.00 over 3 years.

Motion by Tom Thatcher to change our website hosting from who we currently have to Vision Design Group. They have agreed to take a payment of \$1,466 for this year and defer the subsequent payments until January of next year; seconded by Kelly Kreger. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Truax-yes, Kreger-yes, Skwierawski-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Linda Skwierawski went over the repairs that the Volunteer Trout Club has proposed to the walk way to the dock, dock and the floor in the shelter. The club put these items in place years ago and need it is in need of repair. The budget has already been set for parks so the city was not able to commit to funding all the repair. The Trout Club received \$2,000.00 from NASA and will contribute funds themselves but will be around \$2,000.00 short of the required \$6,730.00 to make the repairs. They are going to reach out to other organizations for funding. They want to have the repairs completed by the first of June for the Kids Fishing Day.

Motion by Linda Skwierawski to allow the Trout Club to make the repairs to the side walk, shelter, dock and waterway; seconded by Kelly Kreger. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Truax-yes, Kreger-yes, Skwierawski-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to donate up to \$2,000.00 to make up the difference for what the Trout Club comes short for the amount they need to complete the repair. Funding to come from the parks budget; seconded by Tom Thatcher. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Truax-yes, Kreger-yes, Skwierawski-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

The items from the IT Committee meeting were already discussed.

Deanna Hornberg has 5 dogs that are currently licensed and the ordinance states you can only have 3. After explanation of the ordinance and the application process they will apply for a Conditional Use Permit and Kennel License. No action required.

Motion by Tyler Truax to approve Application for License to Serve Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Heather Battles; seconded by Jean Wallner. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve Applications for Appointment of Successor Agent J&S Sales of Chippewa Falls LLC for Colleen Lindsey; seconded by Linda Skwierawski. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Tyler Truax to approve the Sidewalk Use Applications for Jade Gilbertson and Christine Wilson; seconded by Jean Wallner. Ayes-5, Nays-0, Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve paying the bills: General: \$203,927.96; Sewer: \$10,974.98; Water: \$94,273.98; Library: \$3,757.58; Total: \$312,934.50; seconded by Tyler Truax. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Truax-yes, Kreger-yes, Skwierawski-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Howe recognized Linda Skwierawski and Tyler Truax for their service on the Council.

Motion by Linda Skwierawski to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Tyler Truax. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

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Jennifer Hess  
City Clerk/Treasurer