

CITY OF GALESVILLE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

June 5, 2023

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

Council attending: Vince Howe, Thomas Thatcher, Jean Wallner, Kelly Kreger, Diane Redsten, Dave Carlson, Tory-Kale Schulz

Council Absent: None

Others in attendance: Attorneys Bruce Hart, Bruce Brovold, Matt Klos, Public Works Director Todd Peterson, Trempealeau County Sheriff Deputies James Williams, Andy Bilski, Ben Pierce, Lori Mahoney, Kari Anderson-Schulz, Rob Grover, Randy Larson, Ricard L Sacia, Heather Fritsch

Mayor Howe led the Pledge of Allegiance

Open Meeting laws have been met.

Dave Carlson made a request that the mayor limit his participation in the meeting to calling on council members or attorneys and not participating in the debate or discussion. Reason being that this is a highly unusual situation where the mayor as a citizen has brought this complaint.

Motion by Dave Carlson to suspend the rules under 22.18(c)(3)(4) to allow legal counsel to address the council and also to have a discussion without there being a motion on the floor; seconded by Kelly Kreger. Ayes-5, Nays-0, motion carried.

Bruce Hart presented an outline of "Removal Hearing Structure, Process and Procedure" to those in attendance.

Discussion of definition of cause and verified charges, clarification of procedures to bring the hearing to the council, and WI § 17.16(4).

Motion by Dave Carlson that the hearing on June 15th have a 7:30 p.m. start time to be held at the Performing Arts Center at the G-E-T High School and as addition to the agenda the appropriate language be included on closed session; seconded by Kelly Kreger. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson that the council require Vince Howe to execute and deliver to the City of Galesville a bond in the sum of \$1,000 with one or more sureties to be approved by such power, conditioned for the payment of all costs and expenses actually incurred by the City of Galesville in the hearing and investigation of the charges brought against Tory-Kale Schulz; seconded by Jean Wallner. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson that the fee needs to be received by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 12th. If fee is not received the hearing is therefore cancelled; seconded by Jean Wallner. Dave amended the motion deadline for submitting the bond to Wednesday, June 7th at noon, seconded by Jean Wallner. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-no, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve Nancy Johnson as the Stenographer; seconded by Diane Redsten. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Thatcher to approve Attorney Bruce Brovold to oversee, act as judicial advisor for the hearing; seconded by Kelly Kreger. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to have 10 minutes for each parties opening argument with no questions at that time; seconded by Dave Carlson. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve the procedure lined out for witness list requirements, deadlines to submit and the fees for Wednesday, June 7th at noon; seconded by Jean Wallner. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Carlson-yes, Kreger-yes, Redsten-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to adopt the Wisconsin Rules of Evidence to allow relevant evidence/testimony to be submitted/heard while making sure the evidence/testimony is reliable; seconded by Tom Thatcher. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried

Motion by Kelly Kreger for the documents generated by the City to be authenticated, party documents will be provided by Tuesday, June 13th at noon, the authentication process outlined will be followed and witness documents will also be authenticated; seconded by Diane Redsten. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried

Motion by Tom Thatcher to have witness direct examination 10 minutes, cross examination 10 minutes, redirect examination only 5 minutes, no recross and no time limit for Common Council; seconded by Dave Carlson. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried

Motion by Kelly Kreger non-party witnesses will have no direct examination, no cross examination, no redirect, no recross and no time limit for Common Council; seconded by Jean Wallner. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried

Motion by Dave Carlson to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Jean Wallner. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

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Jennifer Hess
City Clerk/Treasurer