

CITY OF GALESVILLE REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 11, 2021

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

Notice of the meeting was posted according to open meeting law requirements.

Present: Mayor Vince Howe; Alderpersons Randy Larson, Linda Skwierawski, Tom Thatcher, Tyler Truax, and Jean Wallner. Absent: Alderperson Kelly Kreger. Also present were: DPW Todd Peterson, Chief Paul Evenson, Clerk Suzanne Johnson, Attorney Dan Arndt, Brad Schank.

Clerk Johnson presented the minutes of the January 14, 2021 regular Council meeting. Moved by Alderperson Skwierawski to approve the minutes. Motion carried (5-0).

Clerk Johnson presented the January 2021 Treasurer's Report showing the account balances. Moved by Alderperson Thatcher to approve. Motion carried (5-0).

Clerk Johnson gave an update for the Summary of Taxes Collected. Moved by Alderperson Larson to approve the summary of taxes collected. Motion carried (5-0).

Chief Evenson presented the January 2021 Police Report. Moved by Alderperson Truax to accept the police report. Motion carried (5-0).

Library Director Houge presented the February 2021 Library report. Moved by Alderperson Thatcher to accept the Library report. Motion carried (5-0).

Committee Reports, Recommendations: 1) Public Utilities – Alderperson Larson gave a report of the January 19, 2021 meeting. Item discussed: water rate increase. The committee recommends to the Council to raise the water rate by 3%. Moved by Alderperson Skwierawski to increase the water rate by 3% for 2021 and revisit for 2022 for a full rate increase. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote; 2) Police, Fire & Personnel – Alderperson Thatcher gave a report of the January 28, 2021 meeting. Items discussed: Personnel manual update, electronic timecard submission, and ordinance review. There were no recommendations to the Council and no action taken; 3) Recreation Committee – There were no meetings held; 4) Parks & Sanitation – There were no meetings held; 5) Streets & Sidewalks – There were no meetings held; 6) Finance Committee – Alderperson Thatcher gave a report of the February 11, 2021 meeting. Items discussed: review and approve bills for payment at the February Council meeting, review January 2021 Treasurer's report to bank statements, review monthly employee overtime, paperless utility billing, ACH utility payments, laptop and printers for Clerk/Deputy Clerk, Pine Cliff Cemetery request for funds for driveway project. Moved by Alderperson Thatcher to approve the purchase of a Dell Latitude 5510 laptop in the amount of \$1,247.39, an external USB DVD drive in the amount of \$40.00, and funds capped at \$700.00 for two (2) printers. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Moved by Alderperson Thatcher to tale the request from Pine Cliff Cemetery until the March 2021 regular Council meeting. Motion carried (5-0); 7) IT Committee – There were no meetings held.

Moved by Alderperson Thatcher to approve the 2020 financial statement engagement agreement from Johnson Block. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Moved by Alderperson Skwierawski to approve the 2020 financial statement engagement agreement from Johnson Block for Marinuka Manor and Eden House. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Moved by Alderperson Truax to approve the recommendation of the Plan Commission for the conditional use permit received from Bruce Reedy and Sheryl Reedy. Motion carried (5-0).

Moved by Alderperson Thatcher to approve the bills reviewed by the Finance Committee during its February 11, 2021 meeting: General: \$731,622.78; Sewer: \$9,452.92; Water: \$71,971.20; Library: \$4,486.89; Total: \$817,533.79. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes, moved by Alderperson Truax to convene to closed session for the purpose of competitive or bargaining implications for negotiating a request to purchase city-owned property. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Upon reconvening to open session as provided in Section 19.85(2) of Wisconsin Statutes, Moved by Alderperson Truax to approve the request to purchase Lot 15, Block 1 and Outlot 6, Block 1 of the Ridgeview Estates subdivision to Bradley Schank and Christina Schank in the amount of \$13,500, plus buyer paying all closing costs. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A non-public record of the closed session discussions will be held in the Clerk's office.

Moved by Alderperson Skwierawski to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried (5-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Suzanne M. Johnson, Clerk

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