

CITY OF GALESVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

May 12, 2022

**Roll Call and Call to Order**

Mayor Vince Howe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Vince Howe, Kelly Kreger, Linda Skwierawski, Jean Wallner, Tory-Kale Schulz, Tom Thatcher, Tyler Truax Not Present: None Others present: Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Hess, Public Works Director Todd Peterson & Police Chief Paul Evenson, Sheriff Brett Semingson, Attorney Dan Arndt, Sarah Livermore, Benjamin Pierce, Christine Wilson, Chad Jones, Bruce Bender, Eric Turner, Maureen Turner (arrived at 7:27 p.m.)

**Mayor Report**

Recognized Todd Peterson for 25 years of service and Paul Evenson for 20 years of service at the city.

Sheriff Brett Semingson presented the 2021 Yearly Trempealeau Country Sheriff report. He pointed out the number of fatalities was down from last year. Two of which involved motorcycle and deer. He also pointed out the time and number of drug related incidents. He wanted to make clear that routine traffic stops could involve drugs at all hours of the day as shown on the report.

Cases are taking longer to prosecute due to the lag in crime lab results. The crime lab analyzes all samples for drugs and alcohol. That evidence is necessary to prosecute.

Drugs are coming into our area and not being made here.

Dispatch takes between 20,000 to 30,000 calls per year.

Todd Peterson asked Mr. Semingson how he felt about cameras to prevent vandalism and wanted to know if it was beneficial to have them. Mr. Semingson said that they rely on stores, gas stations and businesses when there is a theft and the first thing they ask is if they have a camera. If they, do they hope that it works and is clear enough. He believes it is a deterrent for activity. He said it was more of an investigative tool than a prevention tool. They will be more apt to be held accountable if you have a camera in place with the footage.

BCS has notified the city that they will be closing in September of this year and moving production to Mexico.

There is a parcel of land under the Hwy 53 bridge that the city has been maintaining as part of High Cliff Park that is owned by the Town of Gale. The town is in the process of deeding the land over to the city.

**Minutes**

Kelly Kreger made a motion to approve the regular Council minutes from April 14, 2022; seconded by Linda Skwierawski. Motion carried 6:0

Tom Thatcher made a motion to approve the minutes from the Organization Meeting on April 19, 2022; seconded by Tyler Truax. Motion carried 6:0

**Treasurer's Report**

Kelly Kreger made a motion to approve the April 2022 Treasurer's Report; seconded by Jean Wallner. Motion carried 6:0

## **Police Reports**

Tom Thatcher made a motion to approve the April 2022 Police Reports. seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Motion carried 6:0

Tyler Truax made a motion to approve the Application for Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License for Galesville Area Fire Department for June 18, 2022; seconded by Linda Skwierawski. Motion carried 6:0

Tyler Truax made a motion to approve the Applications for Temporary Class "B" License to Serve Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Lucas Teske; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Motion carried 6:0

**Library Report** No meeting was held

**Public Works** No meeting was held

**Public Utilities Committee** No meeting was held

**Police, Fire & Personnel Committee** April 21, 2022 nothing to bring before the council

**Recreation Committee** No meeting was held

**Parks & Sanitation Committee** May 12, 2022

**Streets & Sidewalks** No meeting was held

**Finance Committee** May 12, 2022

Kelly Kreger made a motion to approve the HSR Associates proposal for professional services for \$8,000.00 with the money to come from the High Cliff Restoration Project account; seconded by Jean Wallner. Motion carried with roll call vote (Yes) Tory-Kale Schulz, Kelly Kreger, Tyler Truax, Linda Skwierawski, Jean Wallner (No) Tom Thatcher

**IT Committee** no meeting was held

## **Sidewalk Use Application**

Tom Thatcher made a motion to approve the Sidewalk Use Application for Queen Bee; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Motion carried 6:0

## **Nursing Home Advisory Board**

Tom Thatcher made a motion to confirm Bruce Bender to a 5-year term on the Nursing Home Advisory Board; seconded by Linda Skwierawski. Motion carried 6:0

## **Welcome to Galesville Signs**

Kelly Kreger made a motion to rescind her motion from the April 14, 2022 meeting to refer the "Welcome to Galesville" signs project to the Park Commission; seconded by Tom Thatcher. Motion carried 6:0

Sarah Livermore, representing the Chamber of Commerce, suggested appointing 1 person from the council. To avoid the need to post the meeting if necessary and not violate the open meeting laws.

Once a committee has been organized, they will notify the clerk of the meeting in order to post it and make the public aware.

## **Plan Commission Building Permit Ordinance**

Kelly Kreger made a motion to approve the changes as recommended by the Plan Commission to the Building Permit Ordinance Sec 15-1-2; seconded by Jean Wallner. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote

Tom Thatcher made a motion to move the basic building permit from \$50.00 to \$100.00 plus the \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of the cost of the improvement. With \$50.00 going to the building inspector and \$50.00 staying with the city; seconded by Kelly Kreger. Motion Carried roll call vote (Yes) Linda Skwierawski, Jean Wallner, Tom Thatcher, Kelly Kreger, (No) Tyler Truax, Tory-Kale Schulz

## **Approve Bills**

Kelly Kreger made a motion to approve paying the bills: General: \$41,147.31; Sewer: \$8,531.32; Water: \$5,131.76; Library: \$2,427.77; Total: \$57,238.16; seconded by Tyler Truax. Motion carried with unanimous roll call vote.

## **Closed Session**

Kelly Kreger made a motion to go into closed session; seconded by Tom Thatcher. Motion carried with unanimous roll call vote

Tyler Truax made a motion to come out of closed session; seconded by Kelly Kreger. Motion carried 6:0

Tom Thatcher made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-03 to Sell Real Estate to Eric J Turner and Maureen J Turner; seconded by Jean Wallner. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote

Tyler Truax made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Tom Thatcher. Motion carried 6:0

Mayor Vince Howe adjourned the meeting.

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Jennifer Hess, Clerk/Treasurer