

CITY OF GALESVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

August 10, 2023

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

Council attending: Vince Howe, Thomas Thatcher, Jean Wallner, Kelly Kreger, Dave Carlson, Tory-Kale Schulz. Council Absent: Diane Redsten Others in attendance: Attorney-Dan Arndt, Police Chief-Paul Evenson, Officer Christian Medema, Officer Eduardo Hernandez, Trempealeau County Times-Ben Pierce, Chad Jones, Richard L Sacia, Diane Thatcher, Melissa Steidl, Randy Larson, Sarah Livermore, John Sacia, Kris Wright and Heather Fritsch.

Mayor Howe led the Pledge of Allegiance

Open meeting laws have been met

There were no public comments

Mayor Howe acknowledged the resignation of Officer Robert Tiedge. for his service to the city.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve the regular council meeting minutes from July 13, 2023; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

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

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

Motion by Jean Wallner to approve the Galesville Library Report; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Tom Thatcher reported that health insurance premium will increase by 18.5%. Some places have seen an increase of up to 45%. Deductibles will be going down for participants which is unusual. We also received a quote from Spectrum Insurance and it was quite a bit higher.

Motion by Tom Thatcher to renew our current health insurance plan, Quartz P513: Tiered Choice Platinum Plan HMO; seconded by Kelly Kreger. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Kale-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Jean Wallner reported that the Streets & Sidewalk Committee met to discuss ordinance 6-2-5 obstructions and encroachments, sidewalk use application, ordinance 6-2-6, street privilege and permit. The information obtained from the public input will be documented and considered at the next meeting. The status of the retaining wall, street and sidewalk by the Presbyterian Church at West Ridge Avenue and 4th Street were discussed, there is no recommendation to the council at this time. No formal procedure was finalized for notifying the public of upcoming street projects.

Kelly Kreger reported that the Finance Committee reviewed and approved the bills, reviewed the invoice from Kostner, Koslo & Brovold LLC and verified the July 2023 Treasurer's report to the bank statements. Jennifer shared a lot of ideas from the Clerk & Treasurer's Institute that she attended and we are going to make some changes on how we manage the paperwork.

We didn't have enough information at this time to present a stale check policy.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to donate \$200.00 to Apple Affair; seconded by Tom Thatcher. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Kale-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Jean Wallner and Dave Carlson expressed concerns about incurring and paying of the attorney fees. No action was taken.

Diane Thatcher reported that hole has been cut in the second floor to reveal the joist. The joists are true 2x12 and some are doubled and 12" on center. Brad took pictures to forward on to Wayne the structural engineer. She is still waiting to hear back.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve Application for License to Serve Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Haley Schuman and Sarah Waldera; seconded by Jean Wallner. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to sell the tractor, pick-up and squad car as is; seconded by Jean Wallner. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Kale-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tory-Kale Schulz to repeal Sec. 11-5-7 in entirety; seconded by Tom Thatcher. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Kale-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tory-Kale Schulz to repeal Sec. 7-6-1 to 7-6-13 in entirety; seconded by Kelly Kreger. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Kale-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve paying the bills: General: \$82,422.81; Sewer: \$42,717.45; Water: \$9,042.32; ARPA: \$36,258.00; Library: \$2,491.06; Total: \$172,931.64; seconded by Tom Thatcher. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Kale-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jean Wallner to convene in closed session Pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes for the purpose of competitive or bargaining lease negotiations for property at 17662 North Main Street; seconded by Dave Carlson. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Tom Thatcher to reconvene to open session; seconded by Dave Carlson. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

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Jennifer Hess
City Clerk/Treasurer