

CITY OF GALESVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

October 12, 2023

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

Council attending: Vince Howe, Thomas Thatcher, Jean Wallner, Kelly Kreger, Diane Redsten, Tory-Kale Schulz. Council Absent: Dave Carlson Others in attendance: Attorney-Bruce Hart, Police Chief-Paul Evenson, Public Works Director-Todd Peterson, Library Director-Laura Oanes, Trempealeau County Times-Ben Pierce, Chad Jones, Richard L Sacia, Samantha Oliver, Tim Spahr, Christian Medema, Jessica Medema, Diane Thatcher, Brad Simonson, Amanda Lydon, Randy Larson, Dan Truax, Richard Tolzman, Sarah Livermore, Jean Seely, Scott Seely, Bob Navrestad.

Mayor Howe led the Pledge of Allegiance

Open meeting laws have been met

There was a public comment from Samantha Oliver in regards to support of volunteers, council members and city employees at Apple Affair and conduct of council members on social media.

Motion by Jean Wallner to approve the regular council meeting minutes from September 14, 2023; seconded by Diane Redsten. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes from October 3, 2023; seconded by Tom Thatcher. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

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

Motion by Diane Redsten to approve the September 2023 Police Report; seconded by Jean Wallner. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Thatcher to approve the Galesville Public Library Director's Report; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Tom Thatcher reported that the Police Department is down to 2 officers due to retirement and resignation. Lucas Teska presented issues that are going on in the Fire Department.

Diane Redsten reported that Parks & Sanitation met to come up with budget numbers for 2024.

Diane Redsten reported that they met twice to review and update the ordinances recommended at the council meeting and discussed 2024 budget items. Monthly meetings will be held the first Wednesday of the month at 4:00. They are waiting on engineering costs on West Ridge Ave before putting out for bids and discussed replacing the sidewalk from Flex Appeal to Bluff View Bank and set up a long-term plan to replace sections of sidewalks over the next 5 years.

Kelly Kreger reported that the Finance Committee reviewed and approved the bills, verified the Treasurer's report to the bank statements, verified check registers for payroll and accounting, verified journal entries, reviewed budget comparison and reviewed the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter overtime report.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to use the adjustment of \$4,236.00 for prior years unused levy carryforward on the 2023 Municipal Levy Limit; seconded by Tom Thatcher. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve the Outback Drywall quote for \$6,767.83 to repair the ceiling in city hall from the general fund; seconded by Jean Wallner. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Daniel Truax spoke about the Lake Marinuka Protection and Rehabilitation District interest in obtaining a cost-share grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for a Lake Management Plan and Dredging the lake. They would like the city to sign the resolution showing support for improvements to the lake. This will help increase the points required for the grant.

Motion by Tory-Kale Schulz to approve the Lake Marinuka Protection Rehabilitation District grant resolution; seconded by Kelly Kreger. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Brad Simonson presented the complete construction document for Old Main using a steel channel on every other joist. This will achieve 100 pounds per square foot. No action taken.

Motion by Tory-Kale Schulz to approve the Street Use Permits for Zion Lutheran Church on October 31 and December 7, 2023; seconded by Kelly Kreger. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Jean Wallner to approve application for Temporary Class "B" Licenses for Old Main on October 13, 2023; seconded by Diane Redsten. Ayes-4, Nays-0, Motion carried. Thatcher abstained.

Motion by Diane Redsten to approve Application for Temporary Operator's License for Tom Thatcher on October 13, 2023 at Old Main; seconded by Jean Wallner. Ayes -4, Nays -0, Motion carried. Thatcher abstained.

Kelly Kreger made a motion to forward the feral cat issue to Streets & Sidewalks Committee; seconded by Tom Thatcher. Ayes-3, Nays-2, Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve the resolution for the budget hearing on November 9, 2023 at 7:30; seconded by Jean Wallner. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tory-Kale Schulz to approve the ordinance as written section 6-2-5; seconded by Kelly Kreger. Vote: Thatcher-no, Schulz-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to accept Ordinance 6-2-6 Street Privilege Permit; seconded by Tom Thatcher. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve paying the bills: General: \$134,904.23; Sewer: \$6,648.96; Water: \$9,485.32; Library: \$1,784.71; Total: \$152,823.22; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to convene in closed session Pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) and later amended it to include Public Works Director Todd Peterson, Chief of Police Paul Evenson and Officer Christian Medema; seconded by Jean Wallner. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to reconvene to open session pursuant to Section 19.85(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to inquire with BCS and Clyde Enterprises about the property on South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Gibson if it was surveyed and to have a deed drafted and filed with the Register of Deeds. Paying for those costs and paying for the cost of the survey if needed; seconded by Diane Redsten. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Thatcher to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Kelly Kreger. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

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Jennifer Hess  
City Clerk/Treasurer