

CITY OF GALESVILLE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

November 14, 2023

Mayor Vince Howe called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Council attending: Thomas Thatcher, Jean Wallner, Kelly Kreger, Dave Carlson, Tory-Kale Schulz, Diane Redsten. Council Absent: None Others in attendance: Attorney-Dan Arndt, Chief Paul Evenson, Officer Christian Medema, Benjamin Pierce, Tim Spahr, Jessica Medema, Jean Seely, Chad Jones, Amanda Lydon.

Open meeting laws have been met.

There is a possibility of more lawyer fees associated with a public records request that was submitted by Alderperson Schulz to the police department. The council had asked that any unforeseen costs be brought to their attention before being incurred.

Attorney Arndt explained that many times legal council is involved with requests such as this because administration and employee have concerns about open records requests. There are penalties if you don't follow the rules and it can flow through to the employee and to the city. There are legitimate concerns about what should be provided to the requestor. He didn't feel processing the request itself in the amount of dollars would amount to a lot but the problems that could stem from it would.

After further discussion the attorney recommended that the request could be withdrawn and have the Police, Fire and Personnel Committee place it on an agenda for discussion. If that isn't done, then get the information to the attorney and have them review and redact it and provide the information.

Kelly wanted to remind council that the purpose of the meeting was to inform the council members that the attorney fees are over the budget and wanted to make them aware and the reason why.

Tory is willing to withdraw the open records request if he is able to get the information he requested through the committee as recommended.

Motion by Dave Carlson to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

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Jennifer Hess
City Clerk/Treasurer