

CITY OF GALESVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 11, 2024

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, Dave Carlson, Tory-Kale Schulz. Council Absent: None Others in attendance: Police Chief – Paul Evenson, Police Officer-Christian Medema, Public Works Director-Todd Peterson, Library Director-Laua Oanes, Trempealeau County Times-Ben Pierce, Chad Jones, Sara Olson, Tim Spahr, McKenna Puls, Amanda Lydon, Kari Schulz, Rob Grover and Heather Fritsch.

Mayor Howe led the Pledge of Allegiance

Open meeting laws have been met

There were no public comments

Motion by Kelly Kreger to acknowledge receipt of the minutes from Joint Review Board meeting December 12, 2023; seconded by Dave Carlson. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Jean Wallner to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes from December 14, 2023; seconded by Kelly Kreger. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve the December 2023 Treasurer's Report and Cash Account Balance Report; seconded by Tom Thatcher. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Thatcher to approve the December 2023 Police Report; seconded by Jean Wallner. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Thatcher to approve the Galesville Public Library Director's Report; seconded by Jean Wallner. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Diane Redsten reported that the Street's & Sidewalks Committee met and reviewed and approved a letter for the police department to deliver to people that are in violation of harboring or feeding feral cats. Further review by the attorney will be necessary before enacting. Upon approval it will be posted on the website. There was no update available on the work to be done on West Ridge Avenue at this time. Todd is going to contact the state in regards to painting a sidewalk across highway 53 North at the High Cliff Park entrance. Residents can contact Jennifer if a street light is out and she will report it to Xcel. The parking issue on Main Street and West Gale Avenue was tabled to gather more information. Discussed the downtown sidewalk project from the bank corner to West Gale Ave. Mapping out the sidewalks, problem areas and those needing priority. Looking into possible cost sharing with business owners for repairs. They are going to contact the DOT to confirm there are no major projects that would interfere with sidewalk repair. Plan to review initial plan with DGBA and the Chamber for input before the final plan is approved.

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 comparisons, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter overtime report, Capital Outlay account balances and discussed the continued increase of legal fees.

Tom Thatcher reported that the Police, Fire & Personnel Committee met to review the applications for police officer. There were 8 applicants and has been narrowed down to 4 possibilities. Interviews will be taking place soon.

Motion by Tom Thatcher to approve the capital requests from Marinuka Manor for \$21,342.50 for flooring, painting, handrails and bumpers; seconded by Kelly Kreger. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve the application for Temporary Class "B" and "Class B" License for Arnold House February 9-10, 2024; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Jean Wallner to approve the application for Temporary Operators License for Marlene Serwin February 9-10, 2024; seconded by Diane Redsten. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve paying the bills: General: \$719,702.42; Sewer: \$17,280.30; Water: \$14,482.81; Library: \$2,682.45; Total: \$754,147.98; seconded by Dave Carlson. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

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

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Jennifer Hess  
City Clerk/Treasurer