

CITY OF GALESVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Aug 8, 2024

Mayor Tom Thatcher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council attending: Bruce Bender, Randy Larson, Dave Carlson, Diane Redsten, Jesse Swing.

Council Absent: Ryker Todd Others in attendance: Public Works Director-Todd Peterson, Library Director- Laua Oanes, Police Chief-Paul Evenson, Trempealeau County Times-Ben Pierce, Richard L Sacia, Melissa Nelson, Tory-Kale Schulz

Mayor Thatcher led the Pledge of Allegiance

Open meeting laws have been met by posting the agenda on the community board at City Hall, Galesville Public Library, website and distributed to all news media requesting notification in accordance with the open meeting laws on or before 4:00 p.m. on the day before the meeting.

Motion by Randy Larson to approve the regular council meeting minutes from July 11, 2024; seconded by Diane Redsten. Ayes -4, Nays -0, Motion carried Carlson abstained

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve the July 2024 Treasurer's Report and Cash Accounts Balance Reports; seconded by Jesse Swing. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

There were no public comments

Paul Evenson, Police Chief was given the opportunity to discuss the monthly report submitted.

Laura Oanes, Library Director was given the opportunity to discuss the monthly report submitted.

Motion by Jesse Swing to approve the conditional use permit from Robert Mini to allow short-term vacation home, whereas the property is not the owners residence at 20127 Hammer Avenue; seconded by Diane Redsten. Ayes-5, Nay-0 Motion carried.

Mayor Thatcher reported on the Park Commission meeting. The report will be attached to the original of these minutes. No actions to be taken.

Diane Redsten, Chairperson of the finance committee, reported. The report will be attached to the original of these minutes.

Motion by Diane Redsten to Sponsor the Apple Affair for \$250.00 from the Celebrations/Entertainment fund; seconded by Bruce Bender. Vote: Bender-yes, Larson-yes, Carlson-yes, Redsten-yes, Swing-yes. Motion carried.

Dave Carlson, Chairperson of the Streets & Sidewalks Committee, reported. Council approved No Parking on the West Side of Crestwood Court.

Motion by Dave Carlson to notify Point of Beginning to proceed with the next step of construction documents that will be in such detail to enable bids to be made by outside contractors not to exceed \$6,000.00 from the ARPA fund; seconded by Diane Redsten. Alderman Carlson requested a roll call vote. Vote: Bender-no, Larson-yes, Carlson-yes, Redsten-yes, Swing-yes. Motion carried.

There was no action taken on the storm water drainage on Campus Court. Illumination of the United States Flag on the Gazebo was not referred to the committee so no discussion. Discussion of Pedestrian safety enhancements will continue after reaching out and getting more information from DOT. No action on winter parking regulations.

Permits issued by the Building Inspector for (3) fences

Motion by Jesse Swing to approve applications for License to Serve Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Aaron Lebakken; seconded by Randy Larson. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Larson to approve Application for Street Use Permit from Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School for the Homecoming Parade; seconded by Diane Redsten. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried

Mayor Thatcher went over the purchase process of the land for the Public Works building. Noting that we have a waiver for the driveway to be used for only so many times a day. Industrial Toolcrafters building is currently for sale and might be a possible location for City Hall, Community Room and Police Department. It may be a good idea to do a feasibility study to include an appraisal of the building and an architectural review. After discussion there was no interest in pursuing this location so no action taken.

Jeremy and Melissa Nelson would like to combine the 4 parcels that they own in Ridgeview Estates into 1 for tax bill purposes. There will be no cost to the municipality.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve Jeremy and Melissa Nelson moving forward with CSM to combine parcels 231-00706-0000; -0002; -0003 and -0004 into 1 parcel; seconded by Bruce Bender. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

No discussion or action on locations of Galesville signs

Motion by Diane Redsten to approve paying the bills: General: \$111,532.53; Sewer: \$12,736.24; Water: \$10,002.51; ARPA: \$38,920.00; Library: \$4,745.61 Total: \$168,936.89; seconded by Jesse Swing. Vote: Bender=yes, Larson=yes, Carlson=yes, Redsten=yes, Swing=yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Diane Redsten to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Dave Carlson. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

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Jennifer Hess
City Clerk/Treasurer