

CITY OF GALESVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 8, 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, Public Works Director-Todd Peterson, Library Director-Laua Oanes, Trempealeau County Times-Ben Pierce, Richard L Sacia, Chad Jones, LaVonne Peterson, Tim Spahr, Samantha Oliver, Heather Fritsch, Diane Thatcher, Randy Larson, Dustin Barton, Kari Schulz, Amanda Lydon, Colleen Lindsey.

Mayor Howe led the Pledge of Allegiance

Open meeting laws have been met

There was a public comment from Richard Sacia about the condition of property at 16822 S 5<sup>th</sup> St and the background checks for hiring of police officers.

Mayor Howe recognized Andrew Craig for his 5 years of service with the public works department.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes from January 11, 2024; seconded by Jean Wallner. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve the January 2024 Treasurer's Report and Cash Account Balance Report; seconded by Tom Thatcher. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson to accept the January 2024 Police Report; seconded by Tom Thatcher. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

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

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve HydroCorp bid for \$11,352.000 to do the cross-connection Connection Control Services for residential and non-residential services, additional 62 residential service connections and an overall total of up to 82 inspections for \$7,008.00; seconded by Jean Wallner. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Tom Thatcher reported that the Police, Fire & Personnel Committee met and will be discussed in closed session.

Diane Redsten reported that the Street's & Sidewalks Committee met to get an update on the West Ridge Avenue project and borings should be done tomorrow or early next week so information can be used to start the loan process that Jean has been working on. Information for feral will be updated to the website and they reviewed the street light maintenance process. Todd provided an application to the DOT for a crosswalk near High Cliff Park that has to be completed along with a plan before it can be done. Alternate side parking was tabled until June.

Diane made a motion to remove all 2-hour parking signs downtown; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Parking on Main Street was tabled until a traffic safety study can be done. Diane is waiting for confirmation from the DOT that flashing lights for pedestrian crosswalks can be put up to see if there are any restrictions on the use of them. There may be grants available for these. Todd provided estimates from Reedy for sidewalks. Funds are set aside in the budget and ARPA funds will be used

for the repairs. Plans will be reviewed with the DGBA and the Chamber for their input before and final approval.

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.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to accept the liability and workers comp quote with League of Wisconsin Municipalities; seconded by Tom Thatcher. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to donate \$400.00 to the Fair; seconded by Diane Redsten. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to donate \$200.00 to the G-E-T Junior Post Prom 2024; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Thatcher to confirm the appoint Catherine Swing to the Library Board to fulfill the term of Sadie Gelder who moved out of the area; seconded by Jean Wallner. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Tory-Kale Schulz to approve application for License to Serve Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Tammy Garcia; seconded by Jean Wallner. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve inspection of buildings located at 16822 S 5<sup>th</sup> Street by the building inspector; seconded by Diane Redsten. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson requesting the Galesville City Council begin the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan by contacting the Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve paying the bills: General: \$69,833.46; Sewer: \$13,994.35; Water: \$9,776.28; Library: \$3,654.64 Total: \$97,258.73; seconded by Diane Redsten. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson to go into closed session

Pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes convene in closed session for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Purpose: Update and discuss on Police Officer Recruitment

Pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes convene in closed session for the purpose of competitive or bargaining implications for city land in Ridgeview estates. Purpose: Developmental proposals and parcel 231-00713-0000

Pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes convene in closed session for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Purpose: BCS property on West Mill Road

seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Thatcher to reconvene to open session; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Mayor Howe made recommendation to appoint Dustin Barton as an officer of the police department.

Motion by Dave Carlson to confirm the mayor's appointment; seconded by Kelly Kreger. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson to begin the process of vacating the special assessments against parcel 231-00713-0000 in Ridge View Estates; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Thatcher to continue recruiting the police officer selected in closed session; seconded by Jean Wallner. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Kelly Kreger. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

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Jennifer Hess  
City Clerk/Treasurer