

CITY OF GALESVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 14, 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 Officer-Joe Nordie, Public Works Director-Todd Peterson, Trempealeau County Times-Ben Pierce, Richard Sacia, Sarah Livermore, Charlene Nelson, Robert Nelson, Stephanie Gilland, Rachel Truax, Jim Reedy, Marilyn Reedy, Tim Spahr, Carisa Wolfgram, Randy Larson, Rob Grover, Kari Schulz, Chad Jones, Anna Ledebuhr, Brenda Sannes, Samantha Oliver, Dave Beilke, Joanna Beilke, Katie Canar, Reesa Beilke, Jesse Swing and Diane Thatcher.

Mayor Howe led the Pledge of Allegiance

Open meeting laws have been met

There was a public comment from Stephanie Gilland and Rachel Truax in regards to the Blue Angels Gymnastics Club.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve the regular council meeting minutes from February 8, 2024; seconded by Diane Redsten. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve the February 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 February 2024 Police Report; seconded by Tom Thatcher. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson to accept the Galesville Public Library Director's Report; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Diane Redsten, Chairperson of the Streets & Sidewalks committee, reported. The report is attached to the original of minutes.

Motion by Diane Redsten to remove the first parking stall in front of the bank that is nearest the crosswalk and adjusting the crosswalk slightly to the north and creating a curb cut that is separate from the driveway and remove the parking stall to the north of the crosswalk; seconded by Jean Wallner. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

There was discussion about the bid notice that was submitted to the paper for the sidewalk repair.

Jean Wallner, Chairperson of the Recreation Committee, reported. The report is attached to the original of minutes.

Kelly Kreger, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, reported. The report was handed out at the meeting.

Katie Canar and Stephanie Gilland spoke on behalf of the Blue Angels about their interest in the land at Ridgeview Estates.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve the mayor's appointment of Caleb Correa as a police officer for the Galesville Police Department; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Jean Wallner to approve the Street Use Permits from Anna Ledebuhr/Coulee Boutique for May 10,11 and June 29, 2024; seconded by Kelly Kreger. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Tory-Kale Schulz to approve the Street Use Permits from DGBA for June 20, July 11, August 15, October 5 and October 19, 2024; seconded by Dave Carlson. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Thatcher to approve the Driveway Permit from Brad Simonson for 20163 W Ridge Ave; seconded by Jean Wallner. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Jean Wallner to approve application for License to Serve Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Kathleen Manley; seconded by Diane Redsten. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to adopt Resolution 2024-01 to Resolve Declaration of Public Emergency for Replacement of Roof on City Hall; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to adopt Resolution 2024-02 to Cancel the Special Assessment against Parcel #231-00713-0000; seconded by Tom Thatcher. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Thatcher to approve Resolution 2024-03 to Raze Residence Located at 16822 S 5th Street; seconded by Jean Wallner. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Previous Sidewalk Use Permits expired with the adoption of the revised ordinance. Applications should be completed and approved before placing signs back on the sidewalk. Just a reminder to list all fixtures on the application and keep the sign adjacent to the property.

The DOT didn't recommend placing the Rectangle Rapid Flashing Beacons downtown based on their safety study. The parking is set back far enough from the cross walks and there is not a visibility issue. It would not meet policy criteria to complete the application.

Motion by Dave Carlson to refer this back to the Streets & Sidewalks Committee for further discussion; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve contract with Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission to update Comprehensive Plan; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Vote: Thatcher-no, Schulz-yes, Redsten-no, Kreger-no, Carlson-yes, Wallner-no. Motion failed.

Motion by Dave Carlson for city to draft a letter of support for the DGBA to become part of the Connect Communities Program; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Ayes -5, Nays -1 (J. Wallner), Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson that the city contributes \$100 which reflects half of the program participation fee to DGBA to be a Connect Communities Community; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Vote: Thatcher-no, Schulz-yes, Redsten-no, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-no. Tie was broken by mayor Howe voting yes.

There is interest in opening a daycare in the city owned property at the Eden House. More information will follow.

Motion by Dave Carlson to remove the chains from the tennis courts at Cance Park; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Ayes -6, Nays-0, Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carson to refer the issuance of city keys to private citizens to the Parks Committee; seconded by Kelly Kreger. Ayes-6, Nays-0, Motion carried

Motion by Dave Carlson to refer the illumination of the US Flag on the Square to the Parks Committee; seconded by Kelly Kreger. Ayes-6, Nays-0, Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve paying the bills: General: \$718,821.08; Sewer: \$15,773.77; Water: \$66,746.87; Library: \$10,491.75 Total: \$811,833.47; seconded by Tom Thatcher. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson to take a 5-minute recess; seconded by Tory-Kale Schultz. Ayes-6, Nays-0 Motion Carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson to go into closed session

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: Bids for Parcels #231-00713-0000, #231-00734-003, #231-00734-0004 and Soliciting Developmental Proposals

seconded by Kelly Kreger. Jim and Marilyn Reedy will attend a portion of the closed session. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to reconvene to open session; seconded by Tom Thatcher. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Tory-Kale Schultz to reject the offer for of parcels 231-00734-0003 and 231-00734-0004; seconded by Kelly Kreger. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried. Carlson abstained

Motion by Kelly Kreger to counter offer on parcel 231-00713-0000 with the contingencies to change the closing date and ask for the buyer to pay the title insurance; seconded by Dave Carlson. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-no, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

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

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Jennifer Hess
City Clerk/Treasurer