

CITY OF GALESVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

November 9, 2023

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: Attorney-Bruce Hart, Police Chief-Paul Evenson, Police Officer-Christian Medema, Public Works Director-Todd Peterson, Library Director-Laua Oanes, Trempealeau County Times-Ben Pierce, Tim Spahr, Diane Thatcher, Chad Jones, Amanda Lydon, Sarah Livermore, Jessica Medema, Bruce Bender, Samantha Oliver, Randy Larson, Jean Seely.

Mayor Howe led the Pledge of Allegiance

Open meeting laws have been met

There was a public comment from Diane Thatcher thanking the council for helping them with the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor issue.

Mayor Howe asked that alderpersons wanting to call a special meeting contact him to discuss if it has already been on the agenda or talked about.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve the regular council meeting minutes from October 12, 2023; seconded by Diane Redsten. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried. Carlson abstained.

Motion by Tom Thatcher to approve the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes from October 16, 2023; seconded by Dave Carlson. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve the special council meeting minutes from October 24, 2023; seconded by Jean Wallner. Ayes -4, Nays -0, Motion carried. Schultz and Redsten abstained.

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

Motion by Jean Wallner to approve the October 2023 Police Report; seconded by Diane Redsten. 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.

Tory-Kale Schulz reported that the Public Utilities Committee met to review the sewer and water budgets for 2024 and discussed phosphorus testing. The REC fee for the sewer will stay the same and the sewer volume metric charge increasing by 3% to \$10 per 1,000 gallons.

Motion by Tory-Kale Schulz to approve the 2024 water and sewer budgets; seconded by Kelly Kreger. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tory-Kale Schulz to approve Resolution 2023-04 Authorizing Increase in the City Sewer Use Rate; seconded by Dave Carlson. 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 to discuss an issue that will be discussed in closed session and seek approval for hiring of a police officer.

Motion by Tom Thatcher to authorize Paul to advertise for a third police officer. This will not affect the budget this year because of the loss of 2 officers; seconded by Kelly Kreger. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Diane Redsten reported that the Street's & Sidewalks Committee met to discuss the project on West Ridge. They are reviewing some engineering costs but no decisions have been made. They discussed the feral cat issue but have no recommendation at this time.

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 for general, sewer and water accounts, discussed changes with Bluff View Bank credit cards, League Mutual Insurance changes January 1, 2024 and the Status Report on Refunding of Existing Bond Issues. No action taken.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve Key Electric's bid for \$5,180.00 with the money coming from the general fund; seconded by Diane Redsten. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve up to \$130,000.00 for filter refurbishment with the money coming from the water cash account; 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 approve application for Temporary Class "B" Licenses for Old Main on November 10, 2023 and December 8, 2023; seconded by Jean Wallner. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried. Thatcher abstained.

Motion by Tory-Kale Schulz to approve application for Temporary Class "B" License for East Side Farm on December 8, 2023; seconded by Jean Wallner. Ayes-6, Nays-0, Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve Application for Temporary Operator's License for George Brandt; seconded by Diane Redsten. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried. Thatcher abstained.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve Application for Temporary Operator's License for Marlene Crow Sherwin; seconded by Tom Thatcher. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve the Street Use Permits for Galesville Area Chamber of Commerce on December 16, 2023; seconded by Kelly Kreger. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve paying the bills: General: \$166,167.40; Sewer: \$21,539.87; Water: \$17,530.25; Library: \$2,513.53; Total: \$207,751.05; seconded by Diane Redsten. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson to recess the council meeting until after the conclusion of the Budget Hearing; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Mayor Howe called the 2024 Budget Hearing to order at 7:30 p.m.

Kelly Kreger reviewed the budget as proposed.

<b>Revenues:</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Percent of Change</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Proposed Budget</b>	
Taxes: Property Tax	780,736.00	775,938.00	-0.61%
Taxes: Other	24,000.00	24,500.00	2.08%
Special Assessments	0.00	0.00	NA
Intergovernmental Revenues	601,212.80	588,733.20	-2.08%
Licenses/Permits	7,700.00	7,825.00	1.62%
Fines/Forfeitures/Penalties	1,700.00	1,700.00	0.00%
Public Charges for Services	1,800.00	2,800.00	55.56%
Intergovernmental Charges	5,000.00	4,500.00	-10.00%
Miscellaneous Revenue	36,033.00	28,018.00	-22.24%
Other Financing Sources	0.00	0.00	0.00%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,458,181.80</b>	<b>1,434,014.20</b>	<b>-1.66%</b>
Cash Balance Applied	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Revenue/Cash Balance Applied</b>	<b>1,458,181.80</b>	<b>1,434,014.20</b>	<b>-1.66%</b>

<b>Expenditures:</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Percent of Change</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Proposed Budget</b>	
General Government	217,479.09	218,851.41	0.63%
Public Safety	466,945.96	531,643.99	13.86%
Public Works	205,812.81	248,274.34	20.63%
Health/Human Services	12,201.83	13,326.63	9.22%
Culture/Recreation/Education	94,016.71	106,834.92	13.63%
Conservation/Development	17,832.06	25,501.73	43.01%
Capital Outlay	109,131.15	33,030.00	-69.73%
Operating Transfers, Debt Service & Library	252,556.18	256,551.18	1.58%
Grant Expenditures	82,206.00	0.00	-100.00%
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>1,458,181.79</b>	<b>1,434,014.20</b>	<b>-1.66%</b>

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approved the 2024 Proposed Budget; seconded by Dave Carlson. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Thatcher to come out of the Budget Hearing; seconded by Diane Redsten. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

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

Motion by Tom Thatcher to convene into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes 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; seconded by Jean Wallner. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Kale-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve the wage increase that was presented by the personnel committee and discussed in closed session; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Kale-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. 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