CITY OF GALESVILLE

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

December 12, 2024

Mayor Tom Thatcher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Council attending: Dave Carlson, Randy Larson, Diane Redsten, Jesse Swing,
Council Absent: Bruce Bender, Ryker Todd
Others in attendance: Attorney-Bruce Hart, Public Works Director-Todd Peterson, Police Chief-Paul Evenson, Trempealeau County Times-Zach Rastall, 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 November 14, 2024; seconded by Jesse Swing. Ayes -4, Nays -0, Motion carried

Motion by Diane Redsten to approve the November 2024 Treasurer's Report and Cash Accounts Balance Reports; seconded by Randy Larson. Ayes -4, 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.

Mayor Thatcher, Chairperson of the Plan Commission, reported. No recommendations to the council and the minutes are included in the packet. Dave Carlson addressed the attorney about the power of the Plan Commission to address the issue of removal of political signs. After discussion it was recommended that Dave bring it back to the council in January.

Dave Carlson, Chairperson of the Streets & Sidewalks Committee, reported. The committee is waiting on feedback from Richard Tumaniec, Traffic Engineer from the DOT, on questions that were presented. The hope is it will be discussed at the January committee meeting with a date to be determined. Jesse Swing raised the question of the DOT's previous recommendation on the situation and Dave confirmed that Mr. Tumaniec denied that he had said no to anything. No recommendations to the council at this time.

Diane Redsten, Chairperson of the finance committee, reported. Minutes were handed out at the meeting.

Motion by Diane Redsten to approve Resolution 2024-018 Amending 2024 General Fund Budget; seconded by Dave Carlson. Vote: Carlson-yes, Larson-yes, Redsten-yes, Swing-yes Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve application for Temporary "Class B" Wine and Class "B" Beer license from Garden of Eden Preservation Society for February 7-8, 2025; seconded by Jesse Swing. Ayes -4, Nays -0, Motion carried

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve application for Temporary Operator's License for Tom Sherwin at Arnold House for February 7-8 2025; seconded by Randy Larson. Ayes -4, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Jesse Swing to approve carrying over vacation for employees listed on Flexible Time Off Activity Summary to be used by December 31, 2025; seconded by Diane Redsten. Ayes -4, Nays -0,

Motion carried. Dave Carlson questioned the amount of vacation that is allowed to be carried over and was referred to the Personnel Manual.

Motion by Randy Larson to appoint Diane Redsten as the Council Chamber Member, replacing Ryker Todd; seconded by Jesse Swing. Ayes -4, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve Tax Incremental District 2 Budget for 2025; seconded by Jesse Swing. Vote: Carlson-yes, Larson-yes, Redsten-yes, Swing-yes Motion carried.

The motion to table Ordinance 2-2-24 until the December meeting made at the council meeting on October 10,2024 was brought back. Dave Carlson rescinded his motion to adopt Ordinance 2-2-2-24. After further discussion with the council and attorney a motion was made be Dave Carlson to direct the attorney to take the discussion points from tonight's meeting and bring back substitute language for Ordinance 2-2-24 to consider hopefully in January; seconded by Jesse Swing. Ayes -4, Nays -0, Motion carried

Motion by Diane Redsten to approve paying the bills: General: $88,800.14; Sewer: $21,586.62; Water: $4,902.23; Capital Project Fund: $4,507.31; Library: $2,767.68 Total: $122,563.98; seconded by Randy Larson. Vote: Carlson-yes, Larson-yes, Redsten-yes, Swing-yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence and other reports

Motion by Dave Carlson to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Diane Redsten. Ayes -4, Nays -0, Motion carried.

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Jennifer Hess
City Clerk/Treasurer