

CITY OF GALESVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING August 12, 2021

Mayor Vince Howe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on August 12, 2021, at the Community Room of the Public Library.

Alders Present: Kelly Kreger, Thomas Thatcher, Linda Skwierawski, Jean Wallner, Randy Larson
Alders Absent: Tyler Truax. Also present: Clerk/Treasurer Hess, Public Works Director Peterson, Police Chief Evenson, Attorney Matt Klos, Ben Pierce

Mayor Report

Vince Howe wanted everyone to be aware we are back to wearing face coverings in all City buildings.

Minutes

Kelly Kreger made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2021 Council Meeting. Seconded by Jean Wallner. Motion carried 5:0

Tom Thatcher made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting July 29, 2021 Council Meeting. Seconded by Linda Skwierawski. Motion carried 5:0

Treasurer's Report

Kelly Kreger made a motion to approve the July 2021 Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Randy Larson. Motion carried 5:0

Police Report

Linda Skwierawski made a motion to approve the July 2021 Police Report. Seconded by Jean Wallner. Motion carried 5:0

Library Report

Tom Thatcher made a motion to approve the August 2021 Library Report. Seconded by Jean Wallner. Motion carried 5:0

Public Utilities Committee

No meeting was held.

Police, Fire & Personnel Committee

Tom Thatcher reported that they reviewed various health insurance options. The current health insurance plan has a 2% increase so it was recommended to not change. Tom Thatcher made a motion to renew all the insurance listed with The Insurance Center. Seconded by Kelly Kreger, Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Recreation Committee

No meeting was held.

Parks & Sanitation Committee

Linda Skwierawski reported that they wanted to take advantage of money that was in the TID account to add to the playground equipment in Ridgeview Estates that was purchased a year ago. The bid that was received for the equipment is only valid for a month. The committee is hoping to get a meeting together to discuss future bridges for High Cliff Park. They hope to come back with a bridge that they are interested in presenting to the Council. They also discussed the budget for 2022 and felt strongly that a bridge would be in the near future and would like to put money into an outlay account. Randy Larson made a motion to approve the \$6,366.50 for the playground equipment out at

Ridgeview Estates using TID money. Seconded by Jean Wallner. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee

No meeting was held.

Finance Committee

Kelly Kreger reported that they reviewed and approved the bills and Treasurer's Report. Kelly made a motion to donate \$200.00 to the Galesville Area Chamber of Commerce Apple Affair. Seconded by Randy Larson. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

There was a discussion on revising the meeting date and time based on the amount of information that needs to be discussed at the meetings. There was no action that needed to be taken.

Tom Thatcher reported that MCS Networks suggested we make some upgrades to our computer system. The recommendation includes more storage and a local back up system. This would bring our municipality up to the same configuration as the City of Holmen and City of Onalaska. The backup is done remotely and locally allowing faster retrieval if something were to fail. Tom Thatcher made a motion to update our network as requested by MCS for a totally not to exceed \$4,000.00. Seconded by Kelly Kreger. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Tom Thatcher also reported that Suzanne's PC wouldn't power on so he took it to MCS Networks. They determined that the power supply or mother board are bad. It is 6 years old and it would cost more to repair it than the computer was worth. This is not an immediate need to replace so it will be put on the budget for next year. When we get a Deputy Clerk, this would allow them to work from home if necessary. The city is good for now with computers.

Temporary Appointment of Building Inspector

Vince Howe made a recommendation to appoint Todd Peterson as temporary Building Inspector until Joe Nordie is able to return. Randy Larson made the motion to approve. Seconded by Linda Skwierawski. Motion Carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Applications for Licenses

Linda Skwierawski made a motion to approve the Applications to Serve Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Alexander Wegner for the 3 dates presented. Seconded by Randy Larson. Motion carried 5:0

Jean Wallner made a motion to approve the Applications to Serve Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for David Carlson Jr for Tom's Bar. Seconded by Tom Thatcher. Motion carried 5:0

Jean Wallner made a motion to approve the Application for Temporary Class "B" and "Class B" Retailer's License for Old Main Historical & Community Arts Center for the 3 dates shown. Seconded by Linda Skwierawski. Motion carried 5:0

Application for Street Use Permit

Kelly Kreger made a motion to approve the Street Use Permit for the G-E-T High School Homecoming parade. Seconded by Jean Wallner. Motion carried 5:0

Handicapped Parking Signs on East Gale Avenue Crosswalk

Randy Larson made a motion to approve 2 spots for handicapped parking on either side of the crosswalk on East Gale Avenue. Seconded by Kelly Kreger. Motion carried 5:0

Engagement with People First as Human Resource Consultant

Tom Thatcher reported that they do such things as education for department heads and HR consulting. Our current handbook was looked at from a legal point of view but not an HR point of view. Tom spoke with Lyle Montgomery, a co-owner of People First, they have done work with other

cities in the area and are skilled in working with municipalities. Lyle said for \$2,250.00 he would review our personnel manual and look at the HR prospective. That would be considered a special request. The other option is to hire them for a year. This would be a budgeted item every month for 2 to 3 hours at \$150.00 a month. Instead of reviewing the manual as a special project they would review that under the monthly cost. This isn't a formal quote because they have not seen our handbook. We have never had our personnel manual reviewed. They are very flexible with how we would like to use them. This would cover some of the HR things that we haven't covered in the current manual. It was determined that this will be placed in the budget for 2022.

Approval of Bills

Kelly Kreger made a motion to approve the bills reviewed by the Finance Committee during the August 12, 2021 meeting: General \$66,326.92; Sewer \$9,711.65; Water \$15,055.24; Library \$5,458.26; Total \$96,552.07. Seconded by Randy Larson. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Adjourn to Closed Session

Kelly Kreger made a motion to adjourn to closed session. Seconded by Randy Larson. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Reconvene to Open Session

Kelly Kreger made a motion to reconvene to open session. Seconded by Randy Larson. Motion carried 5:0

Kelly Kreger made a motion to accept the agreed upon terms of the lease with James Emerson. Seconded by Tom Thatcher. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Adjourn Meeting

Randy Larson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Seconded by Jean Wallner. Motion carried 5:0

Mayor Vince Howe adjourned the meeting.

Jennifer Hess, Clerk/Treasurer