

CITY OF GALESVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 12, 2023

Mayor Vince Howe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council attending: Vince Howe, Tory-Kale Schulz, Thomas Thatcher, Tyler Truax, Linda Skwierawski, Jean Wallner, Kelly Kreger. Council Absent: None Others in attendance: Attorney-Dan Arndt, Public Works Director-Todd Peterson, Police Chief-Paul Evenson, Trempealeau County Times-Ben Pierce, Chad Jones, Keith Cook, Michelle Tolzman, Richard Tolzman, Bruce Bender, Library Director Laura Oanes.

Motion by Linda Skwierawski to approve the regular council meeting minutes from December 8,2022; seconded by Kelly Kreger. Ayes-6, Nays-0, Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve the December 2022 Treasurer's Report and Cash Accounts Balance; seconded by Jean Wallner. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Tyler Truax to approve the December 2022 Police Report; seconded by Tom Thatcher. Discussion on how many calls go to the High School and how they appear on the report. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Thatcher to approve the January 2023 Library Report; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Kelly Kreger reported that the Finance Committee reviewed and approved the bills, verified the Treasurer's report to the bank statements, went over the 4th quarter over time report, received an update on the status of the rental properties owned by the City and reviewed invoices from the attorney. The bills have been higher than average and if they continue, we could possibly go over in 2023.

Motion by Tom Thatcher to confirm the appointment of Kelly Kreger to the Parks & Sanitation Committee, Tom Thatcher to the Streets & Sidewalks Committee and Linda Skwierawski to the IT Committee; seconded by Jean Wallner. Discussion by Tory-Kale on meeting dates and attendance. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-no, Truax-no, Kreger-yes, Skwierawski-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

The DOT submitted the investigation for speed zones as requested by the Council. Based on the evaluation the recommendation is to make no change to the existing 35 mph speed limit.

Motion by Tory-Kale Schulz to approve the amending of the Order of Business to include the Pledge of Allegiance after the Roll Call; seconded by Tyler Truax. Thatcher-no, Schulz-yes, Truax-yes, Kreger-yes, Skwierawski-yes, Wallner-no. Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to temporarily closed High Cliff Park until our Public Works Director comes to use to let us know that we can change that; seconded by Jean Wallner. Ayes-6, Nays-0, Motion carried.

Discussion of safety of pedestrians using the crosswalks downtown. Motion by Tyler Truax to send to Streets & Sidewalks; seconded by Tom Thatcher. Ayes-6, Nays-0, Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve paying the bills: General: \$933,797.30; Sewer: \$9,651.99; Water: \$11,007.99; Library: \$3,516.06; ARPA: \$19,780.00; Total: \$977,753.34; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Truax-yes, Kreger-yes, Skwierawski-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to convene into closed session, pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of competitive or bargaining lease negotiations; seconded by Tom Thatcher. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Truax-yes, Kreger-yes, Skwierawski-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jean Wallner to allow Paul Evenson to stay in closed session; seconded by Kelly Kreger. Ayes-6, Nays-0, Motion carried

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

Motion by Kelly Kreger to extend the lease for Little Scholars Daycare by 90 days and abate the rent until April 30, 2023; seconded by Tory-Kale Schultz. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Truax-yes, Kreger-yes, Skwierawski-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tyler Truax to waive Jim Emerson's rent for the field next year for the troubles he had last year; seconded by Jean Wallner. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Truax-yes, Kreger-yes, Skwierawski-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

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

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Jennifer Hess
City Clerk/Treasurer