

CITY OF GALESVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

May 11, 2023

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

Council attending: Vince Howe, Tory-Kale Schulz, Thomas Thatcher, Jean Wallner, Kelly Kreger, Diane Redsten, Dave Carlson (arrived at 7:45). Council Absent: None Others in attendance: Attorney-Bruce Hart, Public Works Director-Todd Peterson, Police Chief-Paul Evenson, Trempealeau County Times-Ben Pierce, Keith Cook, Dick Sacia, Diane Thatcher, Megan Bear, Brad Simonson, Bruce Bender, Fred Hackett, Randy Larson, Jim Riley, Eric Hudson, George Brandt, Sarah Livermore, Wina Mortenson, and Eduardo Hernandez.

Mayor Howe led the Pledge of Allegiance

Open meeting laws have been met.

Dalton Berg from Xcel Energy was not present to speak about trimming and planting of trees.

The WisDOT Hwy project will begin on May 30 and is projected to be complete on October 30th. They will start in Galesville going to the Buffalo Cty line first. Once that is completed, they will go from Galesville to the La Crosse Cty line.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve the regular council meeting minutes from April 13, 2023; seconded by Tom Thatcher. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve the Organizational meeting minutes from April 18, 2023; seconded by Diane Redsten. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve the April 2023 Treasurer's Report and Cash Account Balance Report; seconded by Jean Wallner. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Thatcher to approve the Police Department Report for April; seconded by Jean Wallner. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Thatcher to approve Galesville Public Library Report; seconded by Diane Redsten. Ayes -5, 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.

Staab Construction was not able to complete some of the work at the sewer plant in 2021 and reimbursed the city \$5,750.00 for a quote from Nelson Diesel & Dozing LLC to complete the work. The money has been held in the sewer cash account.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approved quote from Nelson Diesel & Dozing LLC for \$5,750.00 for work that needs to be completed at the sewer plant; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Kreger-yes, Redsten-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

On June 21, 2022 we accepted a bid from Les Manske for \$14,750.00 and they came back and asked for an additional \$10,500.00. The council decided to hold off on the work then and nothing has been done on the High Cliff Park Trail.

A new bid has been submitted by Doc's Dirt Work & Excavating to fix the first and second washouts for \$4,990.00.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to rescind our original motion to have Les Manske do the work for \$14,750.00; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Kreger-yes, Redsten-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to accept Doc's Dirt Work & Excavating LLC for the proposed cost of \$4,990.00 to come out of the Environmental Impact Fund; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Vote: Thatcher-no, Schulz-yes, Kreger-yes, Redsten-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

The roof on city hall has been leaking into the third floor for several years and creating a lot of damage. The server is located in the room where the most damage is. There are holes in the roof leaking when the snow melts and there are heavy rains. The insurance company has been contacted and will be looking at the damage on April 18th. There is no guarantee that they will cover anything but we can't wait to repair it. By passing the resolution we can speed up the replacement process by not having to follow the bidding process.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to pass the Resolution declaring a public emergency for replacement of roof on city hall; seconded by Tom Thatcher. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Kreger-yes, Redsten-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Quotes were obtained from Ledegar Roofing for \$31,170.00 and Interstate Roofing for \$36,970.00. Todd Peterson made the recommendation to accept Interstate Roofing based on the fact that they were much more thorough in their inspection.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to accept Interstate Roofing's proposal for \$36,970.00 with the funds to come from the Prime Vest money market; seconded by Diane Redsten. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Kreger-yes, Redsten-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Jennifer has been reviewing the cash accounts verifying where the funds have come from and if they are still necessary. It has been determined that 3 accounts were for projects that have been completed and can be closed with the funds moving back to the appropriate cash account.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to close checking accounts for sinking fund, waste water treatment project and water utility improvements; seconded by Jean Wallner. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Kreger-yes, Redsten-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Reviewed the status report for outstanding debt from Ehlers. No action to be taken.

The DGBA would like to include "Pet a Calf" at the event in June for the event they were approved for in April.

The group requesting the rental of the street around the square is responsible for putting out the "No Parking" signs 48 hours prior to the event. The signs can be obtained from Todd Peterson if you are not supplying your own.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve the "Pet a Calf" addition to the Street Use Permit from DGBA for 6/15/23; seconded by Tom Thatcher. Ayes -4, Nays -0, Motion carried. Tory-Kale Schulz abstained

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve the Street Use Permit from Galesville Public Library for 8/8/23; seconded by Jean Wallner Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Thatcher to approve the Street Use Permits from Galesville Lions Club for 7/4/23; seconded by Diane Redsten. Ayes -4, Nays -0, Motion carried. Tory-Kale Schulz abstained

Jade would like to add an "Open" feather flag with a weighted base to her current permit for a sandwich board in front of her business.

Motion by Tory-Kale Schulz to approve the revised Sidewalk Use Permit for Jade Gilbertson; seconded by Tom Thatcher. Ayes-5, Nays-0, Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Thatcher to approve Application for License to Serve Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Joseph Schulze; seconded by Jean Wallner. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried

Brad Simonson from HSR Associates was contacted to do an analysis primarily of the third floor and entire structure of Old Main with their structural engineer. It is not 100% sure what was done when the third floor was added. The concern is the 27 ft span that is not supported under the stage on the third floor to meet capacities. It was suggested to look at it more and test it under load. The primary suggestion is come in with engineered lumber and sister that up to the existing joists. This would satisfy the 27ft span and solve the problem. The second option would be to install a row of columns in the second-floor room and create a beam line to reduce the span.

The capacity limit of 80 on the third floor came from the 2005 Historical Life Safety Analysis of the building that required the addition of a sprinkler system and capacity limit for a fire exit.

Until further information can be gathered the third floor will remain closed.

Brad Simonson will provide estimates to the city for structural engineering and the actual construction for the next council meeting.

We are 7 units short to the 90% participation requirement of our contract with Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling. They are willing to reduce our base units in return for an additional 2 years added to the contract.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to accept the Hilltopper contract extension with the lower base unit; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Kreger-yes, Redsten-no, Wallner-no, Carlson-yes. Motion carried.

A new ordinance 2-2-15 to allow public comment was proposed. It is an exact ordinance from multiple cities in the State of Wisconsin who welcome public comment only modifying the municipal name. This would allow a limited amount of time and a place for the public to speak. This would be at the beginning of the meeting and not during the meeting with no action to be taken on the comment.

Motion by Tory-Kale Schulz to move public comment 2-2-23 into our city ordinance. Motion died due to lack of a second.

There was no action to be taken on amending 2-2-15.

There was discussion about proposing an ordinance violation form to track complaints. No action was taken.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve paying the bills: General: \$81,978.96; Sewer: \$150,957.70; Water: \$10,131.06; Library: \$11,045.61; Total: \$254,113.33; seconded by Dave Carlson. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Kreger-yes, Redsten-yes, Wallner-yes, Carlson-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to convene 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 property owned by BCS-AIS; seconded by Dave Carlson. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Kreger-yes, Redsten-yes, Wallner-yes, Carlson-yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Dave Carlson to authorize the city attorney to negotiate with BCS according to the parameters expressed by the city council in closed session; seconded by Kelly Kreger. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Kreger-yes, Redsten-yes, Wallner-yes, Carlson-yes. Motion carried.

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

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Jennifer Hess
City Clerk/Treasurer