

CITY OF GALESVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

December 14, 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, La Vonne Peterson, Tim Spahr, Sara Olson, Amanda Lydon, Jean Seely, Diane Thatcher, Randy Larson, Chad Jones, Kaitlyn Canar, Sarah Livermore, Richard Tolzman, Bruce Bender, Samantha Oliver, Nancy Horton, Scott Seely, Jim Riley, Eric Hudson

Mayor Howe led the Pledge of Allegiance

Open meeting laws have been met

There were public comments from Tim Spahr about fire chief and Sara Olson about alternate side parking.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve the special council meeting minutes from November 9, 2023; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve the regular council meeting & budget hearing minutes from November 9, 2023; seconded by Jean Wallner. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried

Motion by Tory-Kale Schulz to approve the special council meeting minutes from November 14, 2023; seconded by Tom Thatcher. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried

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

Motion by Tom Thatcher to approve the November 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.

Public Works Director Todd Peterson explained the city is required to take 10 samples from homes every 3 years for lead and copper and submit for testing. You are allowed 1 violation and this year there were 2. We are then required to take (2) samples from well 4, well 5 and a distribution (anywhere in the city), 2 weeks apart. Those tests all passed. The home that had a high level, sat for several months and since has passed the copper test, lead results are not back. In 3 years, we are required to take 20 samples. Older homes that have galvanized piping could have a gooseneck causing higher traces of lead. This was an isolated incident, however, if you concerned about your water, you can get it tested for \$40.

Diane Redsten reported that the Streets & Sidewalk committee met and discussed the engineering cost for the retaining wall and sidewalk on W Ridge Avenue. They compared 4 companies with various degrees of services. Point of Beginning (POB) will study the cause of the water pushing out the wall and designing a structure to replace the current wall to stabilize the area.

Motion by Diane Redsten to approve contract with Point of Beginning for Task B topographic survey & mapping and Task D for geotechnical investigation for \$9,040.00 with the funds to come from the

Streets Outlay account; seconded by Kelly Kreger. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

The feral cat issue will be addressed with educational information possibly posted on the website, notice in the paper regarding the responsibilities of feeding and harboring cats or a letter used by law enforcement to provide to present to offenders of the ordinance. Cats must be registered with proof of vaccination per the ordinance.

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.

Every 10 years the wells need to be redone. Well #5 was refurbished last year and well #4 is in the process of being completed.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve cost of change request of \$5,639 from Municipal Well & Pump for Well #4 with the money coming from the water cash account; seconded by Tom Thatcher. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to adopt the Business Authorization Resolution for business credit card account with TCM Bank, N.A; seconded by Diane Redsten. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

The MPIC quote for property renewal 2/1/2024 to 2/1/2025 will have an 8% increase vs the 7.5% budgeted increase with a nominal impact on the budget.

An additional engineering opinion showed that there is no evidence of infraction in the floor. There is a vibration in the floor which the steel beams will not correct.

Motion by Dave Carlson to allow Old Main to open as soon as the proof of insurance is provided to the city; seconded by Kelly Kreger. Vote: Schulz-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried. Thatcher-abstained

Motion by Jean Wallner to approve the Contribution Agreement for La Crosse Sign Group; seconded by Kelly Kreger. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried. Schulz-abstained

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve the appointment of election inspectors for 2024-2025 term; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried. Dave Carlson abstained.

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve the estimated carryover of vacation by employees to December 31, 2024; seconded by Tom Thatcher. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve the 2024 TID #2 budget; seconded by Kelly Kreger. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tory-Kale Schultz to have the Streets & Sidewalk committee take into consideration at their next meeting, the crosswalk to High Cliff Park and the time line for fixing the sidewalks downtown; seconded by Dave Carlson. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Tory-Kale Schultz wanted to give thanks to the large number of people Galesville, Trempealeau and La Crosse Fire Departments, Winona County Dive/Rescue, First Responders, Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office, La Crosse County Dive Team for their assistance with the incident on November 21st.

Motion by Tom Thatcher to table the discussion of full-time fire chief until the fire board makes a recommendation to the council; seconded by Jean Wallner. Ayes -4, Nays -2 (Carlson,Schulz), Motion carried

Motion by Kelly Kreger to approve paying the bills: General: \$58,925.48; Sewer: \$7,220.61; Water: \$4,833.70; Library: \$2,608.83; Total: \$73,588.62; seconded by Diane Redsten. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson 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 city land purchase in Ridgeview estates.

Pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes convene in closed session for the purpose of competitive or bargaining lease negotiations for property at 17662 North Main Street.

Pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(g) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Common Council will convene in closed session for the purpose of conferring with council rendering advice concerning legal strategy with respect to likely litigation against the lessor at 17662 North Main Street; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Kaitlyn Canar and Daniel Smith will attend the closed session. Vote: Thatcher-yes, Schulz-yes, Redsten-yes, Kreger-yes, Carlson-yes, Wallner-yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Dave Carlson to refer zoning of the property at Ridgeview Estates to the Plan Commission for the determination of appropriate zoning; seconded by Kelly Kreger. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve the agreement for assignment of proceeds of auction sales by Daniel Smith and Brookes Implement, LLC to the City of Galesville as discussed in closed session; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

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

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Jennifer Hess
City Clerk/Treasurer