

City of Galesburg
Regular Council Meeting
Galesburg Community Center

Monday November 16th 2020 6:30 PM

Call to Order - 6:32

Attendance: **Mayor** – Judd Wilson **Auditor** – Kitty Showers

Council Members – Andy Elliott, Justin Wika, John Hopkins, Casey Eggermont

MINUTES:

October Minutes, Bills, Financial Reports

Motion to approve: C Eggermont 2nd J Wika All

New Business:

K Knudson - joined the meeting remotely via Zoom to propose to adopt a new home exemption for new home within the city limits, would be a \$1,600 savings for 2 years for the building resident. Council discussed the city limits and the issue of being rather landlocked for new homes. Council tabled the discussion till they get the verbiage from Traill County.

Utility Policy – A new Utility policy was decided on to reduce the delinquent bills, the new policy will be sent out in November's Utility Statement

Motion to approve: C. Eggermont 2nd J. Wika All

Multi –Hazard Mitigation Plan – J. Wika volunteered to attend the meeting in 2023

Old Business:

AE2S Engineering – Steve discussed the problems the city faces with the water which included lift station, asbestos pipes, color, taste, pressure (in short the system is old and in need of replacing). He also discussed some short term fixes such as passing by the cistern, and doing some flushing of the lines along with flushing the hydrants. After doing some research the estimated cost would be \$750,000 to 1,000,000 to replace the water lines within the cities but not to the houses. \$20,000 to \$30,000 for the lift station. Abby joined the meeting via phone to go over grant options. USDA Rural Development (water & sewer) & State Water Commission (up to 75% funding) are both for major projects & CBDG is for minor projects (hydrants, meters, etc.) Another option is to turn the water over to East Central Water District and relieve the city of the maintenance on the water lines. All above is being taken into consideration and the council motioned to approve a Request for Proposal

Motion to approve: J. Wika 2nd J. Hopkins All

Park Committee:

C Eggermont report an up & coming raffle in 2021 to benefit the parks playground Equipment

Auditors Report:

Timesheets for Salary Employees for adequate pay – council requested another month

Key Fobs – 1 accounted for, Kitty to track down the other one or just cancel it

Accounts – Kitty asked to have account charges signed for and description of what the charges was for

Suggestions – Suggestions placed in the suggestion box need to have a name & contact info on it so if we have questions we can ask. Reason being there was a page of suggestions submitted and was somewhat hard to decipher. It was discussed at the meeting and agreed if there is not a contact on the suggestion it will be discarded

December Meeting – in the direction Covid is taking us we discussed the remote option of ZOOM for the December meeting. A decision will be made no later than December 14th if the live meeting will take place or just a remote meeting. The decision & link for ZOOM will be posted on the website, facebook page & post office

Public Works report:

Kenny reported doing some maintenance and Insight was in town to see what was going to be needed for installation, now waiting on recommendations to contact electricians

Correspondence / Open Forum:

J Miller wanted to report the post installed by the alleyway by his property

Council Member Reports:

Announcements:

Adjournment: 7:25

Motioned by: C Egermont

2nd J Wika

All