City of Galesburg

Regular City Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 20th, 2024

Call to order at 6:33pm

Attendance: Mayor Casey Eggermont, Councilman Andy Elliott, Don Barcome, and Justin Wika. Councilman Jon Johnson and Auditor Kitty Showers were absent.

Public Attendance: Judd and Chrissy Wilson, Mackenzie Wilson and Jaxon Hoffmeyer

Additions & Deletions from the agenda: Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of "Snow Removal" topic by Elliott, seconded by Barcome, All in favor voted aye, motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Barcome to approve the minutes as distributed, seconded by Elliott. All in favor voted aye, motion carried.

Correspondence/Open Forum: None

Old Business:

AE2S: Chris Clausen from AE2S provided updates and motion requests for the projects in town. Motion for payment #6 for Neil Breidenbach in the amount of \$117,457.65 by Barcome, seconded by Elliott. All in favor voted aye, motion carried.

Motion for payment #1 for Naastad in the amount of \$226,800.00 by Barcome, seconded by Elliott. All in favor voted aye, motion carried.

The request was made to extend the deadline for the well house repairs due to long lead times for pumps. Motion by Barcome to extend the substantial completion date to February 15 and the final completion date to March 1 with the caveat that if the pumps arrive sooner to complete the project sooner, seconded by Elliott. All in favor voted aye, motion carried.

Motion for payment of AE2S invoice in the amount of \$6801.00 by Barcome, seconded by Elliott. All in favor voted ave, motion carried.

Brager Disposal: Showers relayed the resident input to Eggermont prior to the meeting. Majority of residents voted to keep residential garbage service at \$30.00 per month. Motion by Barcome to keep services as is at \$30.00 per month per resident, seconded by Wika. All in favor voted aye, motion carried.

Snow Removal: Elliott reported that the tractor rental would be exactly the same as last year. Motion by Barcome to enter the same agreement as last year with Valley Plains Equipment for tractor rental, seconded by Wika. All in favor voted aye, motion carried.

New Business:

Dogs: Wilson's attended the meeting to discuss their dog situation. Wilson's admitted their dogs do not have rabies vaccinations and they choose not to pursue those vaccinations. The question arose due to Wilson's rottweiler dogs escaping their enclosure and attacking a Galesburg resident while they were walking their own dogs on leash in August 2024. Per Galesburg City Ordinance, residents are to provide rabies vaccinations if they own pets in city

limits. Eggermont relayed that the Mayors of Traill County will be coming together to discuss dogs in general because this is a large ordeal across the county. Barcome motioned this topic be tabled until the Mayor's meeting, seconded by Wika. All in favor voted aye, motion carried.

Auditor's Report:

Delinquents: Showers provided in the packet the residences that had delinquent utility bills sent in to the property taxes as utility liens.

Credits Issued: To those residents who paid extra on their utility bills, Showers extended refund checks.

<u>Park Board:</u> Eggermont relayed the park board will be having movie nights in December, January, and February, there will be a pancake breakfast fundraiser again this year, and the Committee will be having Super Bowl raffle boards.

<u>Public Works:</u> Discussion of the roads in front of the post office/bank and the elevator were discussed. Eggermont will reach out to AE2S to see if they have suggestions or a plan to assist with the problem areas, and Wika will reach out to Kyllo for his input.

<u>Council Reports:</u> Wika relayed he talked with the State's Attorney about annexing property into city limits.

<u>Adjourn:</u> Motion by Wika to adjourn, seconded by Barcome. All in favor voted aye, meeting was adjourned at 7:09pm.