

City of Galesburg

Regular Council Meeting

Galesburg Community / Memorial Hall

Wednesday July 17th 2024 @ 6:30

Call to order: 6.30

Attendance: **Mayor** – Casey Eggermont **Auditor** – Kitty Showers

Council – Andy Elliott, Jon Johnson, Don Barcome, Justin Wika via phone

Attendance – Dan Overmoe, Chris Clauson, Rob Sanderson, Fred Vadnie, Jeremy Assen, Austin Rygg, Jim Miller, Neil Breidenbach, Gary Halverson

Addition/ Deletions: Blight & High Water Bill

Motion to Approve Agenda:

D Barcome

2nd A Elliott

All

Minutes:

June: Polarcomm 139.23, ND League of Cities 366.00, Hunter In 999.00, Office Max 32.15, Ottetail 784.20, ND Tax Commission 12.51, US Treasury 750.88 **Park:** Park & Play 2,668.00, F3 Construction 1471.72

July: Brager 800.00, ECRWD 3,689.20, Farmers Union, 118.92, Traill County Auditor 600.00, Hillsboro Banner 24.00, John Deere Financial 7.46, KRB Gravel 600.00

Approve June/July Bills, June Minutes, Special Meeting Minutes

Motion: D Barcome

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Old Business:

AE2S – Chris

Loan draw request from C Eggermont to be signed

Motion to Sign:

A Elliott

2nd J Wika

All

Motion to pay Breidenbach 398,811.51 & AE2S 28,583.60

D Barcome

2nd J Wika

All

Neil Breidenbach – Joined the meeting to discuss problems that they have been running into with switching service over to the new water lines & possible screens in faucets being some of the problem with residents having low pressure

A Elliott – Discussed curb stop height – N Breidenbach informed council that the curb stops are adjustable up to 18” or can be put at the height the residents want. J Wika to get a list together of heights residents would like their curb stops to be. Sidewalk discussion – N Breidenbach also informed the council that the sidewalks will be fixed at the end of the project.

Lagoon Maintenance – After concerns raised by K Showers of the lagoon with all the rain this year Dan Overmoe met with C Eggermont to inspect the lagoons. Dan Overmoe joined the meeting to discuss the condition of the lagoon and informed the council that the lagoons have not been maintained for many years and a lot of work needs to be done to get it up & running correctly along with being up to spec. A few things Dan mentioned: mowing, taking trees down, washouts need to be fixed, valve between cell 1 & 2 is closed, discharge is not correct, fence needs to be put around the lagoon with a gate and 4 signs, access road needs fixed. Overmoe mentions that all of these things can be part of the sewer project. Planning a reschedule for Overmoe to come and do a full evaluation to prepare for the construction request.

Sweeny Control App/Alarm System – C Eggermont, D Barcome & J Wika showed interest in having their name on the App for alarm to be set to. Andy to look in to how many names can be

added plus remove J Wilson from the list. A Elliott mentions that the pump is kept at the wellhouse should anyone need to get it.

Roof – K Showers reports that \$4,290.04 was paid to the city to fix the hall roof after a claim was filed 6/24/2022. She raises concern that it needs to be fixed as if more damage would occur a claim would not be accepted as it was never fixed before. D Barcome to get estimates

Motion: to get estimates on fixing & replacing the roof and table till August meeting.

D Barcome

2nd A Elliott

All

Furnace followup / Budget - J Wika reports the furnace replacement for the hall would be \$9,000 - \$12,000 thru FM Heating & Air. \$10,500 request in budget

Tractor/Pusher – A Elliott reports that the elevator gave the ok to still use the pusher for snow removal in the city. Discussion on leasing the tractor led to possible ownership. A Elliott to look into lease verses ownership & cost. Council agreed either way to allow \$4,500 in budget for tractor

Application – Fred Vadnie

Motion: was made to hire Fred Vadnie at \$18hr for mowing/maintenance

J Wika

2nd D Barcome

All

Wages / Budget – C Eggermont discussed the auditors wages and the fact she turned down a raise in Sept due to the fact of utilities being turned over to ECRWD but since construction is still not done the workload has not lifted, with that being said the workload has also increased with construction/engineering/loans/grants/state auditor/IRS to name a few.

Motion: was made to increase auditors wage to 1200.00 a month starting September 1st and for all wages to be revisited each year at budget time.

A Elliott

2nd D Barcome

All

Blight Ordinance - The blight ordinance has been discussed at quite a few council meeting and after more concern from residence the council is going to strive at cleaning up the town. C Eggermont would like to see the Mowing Policy updated and enforced.

Motion: to rescind the prior motion & mowing policy to now read grass at 12" limit, \$75hr (NOT PRORATED) + damages to equipment at property owners expense.

J Johnson

2nd Don Barcome

All

Residents that attended the meeting & council would also like to see other parts of the blight policy enforced city wide.

Motion: to give a 30 day tag notice (per vehicle / per object) to remove all vehicles that are a nuisance or nuisance objects from properties within the city at property owners expense.

A Elliott

2nd J Wika

All

Abandon Houses – Tabled till next meeting

High Water Bill – K Showers questions the high water bill from ECRWD due to construction company hitting water lines. C Clauson ensures all will be reimbursed

New Business:

Welcome new Council:

Casey Eggermont – mayor (2 year term 2024 -2026)

Don Barcome – council member (4 year term 2024 -2028)

Andy Elliott – council member (for another 4 years 2024 -2028)

Individual Council Member Portfolios:

Lift Station & Lagoon – C Eggermont / A Elliott

Emergency Management – J Wika

Auditor – C Eggermont

Signs – J Johnson

Streets – D Barcome

Signs / West Side – K Showers mentions how great the east side of town looks with all the street signs up and inquired about doing the same on the west side of town, J Johnson to take count of signs needed and get cost

Check Signer:

Motion: to removed J Wilson and add C Eggermont at the DHB

D Barcome

2nd J Johnson

All

Hall Closet – Tabled till August meeting

General Account/Funds – D Barcome inquired about how funds work within the general account, examples was provided by K Showers

Apartments: D Barcome is looking into a board meeting with the council of the apartments & reports they are of no responsibility of the city

Auditors Report: Kitty Showers

Agenda – K Showers asks that all agenda additions be sent to her the Friday prior to regular council meeting by 5:00

Final Bills – K Showers was under the impression that final bills could be sent out this month as the meters were to be switched over by July 12th but due to complications with hookups she will now be doing some final bills July 20th and the rest will hopefully get their final bills soon thereafter. She apologizes for any inconveniences this may cause with some higher utility bills.

Park Board: Casey Eggermont

Pork Butt – September 14th 2024

Public Works: Casey Eggermont / Andy Elloitt

Council:

Dog Complaint – J Wika reports of a dog off leash complaint

Adjournment: 9:09

Motion to adjourn: D Barcome

2nd J Wika

All