

Galesburg City Council Regular Meeting  
City Council Chambers  
55 West Tompkins Street, Galesburg, Illinois  
June 4, 2012  
6:30 p.m.

Call to order by Mayor Salvador Garza.

Roll Call #1: Present: Mayor Salvador Garza, Council Members Ken Goad, W. Wayne Dennis, Russell Fleming, Corine Andersen, Peter Schwartzman, Wayne Allen, and Jeremy Karlin 8. Also present were City Clerk Kelli Bennewitz, City Manager Todd Thompson, and City Attorney John Hanlon. The Chairman declared quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Pastor Mark Robinson, Fields Church, gave the invocation.

Council Member Goad moved, seconded by Council Member Dennis, to approve minutes of the City Council meeting from May 21, 2012.

Roll Call #2:

Ayes: Council Members Goad, Dennis, Fleming, Andersen, Schwartzman, Allen, Karlin, and Mayor Garza, 8.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

### **CONSENT AGENDA #2012-11**

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion.

#### **12-2022**

Approve Resolution 12-21 establishing prevailing wages.

#### **12-4057**

Approve use of City Lot B for Britishmania parking on June 23, 2012, subject to administrative guidelines.

#### **12-5008**

Receive Transit Audit Report for the state fiscal year ended June 30, 2011.

#### **12-5009**

Receive Comcast rate changes.

#### **12-6005**

Approve the following appointments to various boards and commissions:

Overall Code Review Commission

Joseph “Jay” Feely, term expires June 2013

Liquor Advisory Commission

Curt Kramer, term expires December 2015

Doris Medhurst, term expires December 2013

Darrin Quick, term expires December 2015

Public Transportation Advisory Commission

Joseph “Joe” Rafferty, term expires June 2015

Police Pension Fund Board

Randy Benson, term expires May 2014

**12-8010**

Approve bills in the amount of \$859,542.59 and advance checks in the amount of \$312,460.53.

Council Member Dennis moved, seconded by Council Member Allen, to approve Consent Agenda 2012-11.

Roll Call #3:

Ayes: Council Members Goad, Dennis, Fleming, Andersen, Schwartzman, Allen, Karlin, and Mayor Garza, 8.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chairman declared motion carried by omnibus vote.

**PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**12-1013**

Ordinance on first reading amending Appendix E and Appendix F, of Chapter 28 of the Galesburg Municipal Code, replacing existing yield signs on Maiden Lane at Lombard Street with stop signs.

**12-1014**

Ordinance on first reading approving the 2012 amendments to the Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan and Projects for TIF District No. III.

**12-1015**

Ordinance on first reading amending Section 1-5.14(c) of the Development Ordinance to add an aluminum castings manufacturing facility as a conditional use in the M-1, light industrial, zoning district.

Council Member Schwartzman expressed concern over the expansion and possible emissions and odors in relation to the close proximity of the Carver Center, Kid Care Station, Corpus Christi Church, etc. He will be forwarding a set of questions and concerns to Administration. City Manager Thompson stated that he would share those questions with Brett Markham, Aluminum Castings owner and plant manager.

Mr. Markham noted that since he purchased the business in 2010 he is unaware of any citations or concerns made by neighboring businesses. Since that time, the company has expanded their warehousing, installed \$1 million in equipment to modernize and automate production, and spent \$450,000 on a new production process last year. In total, the company has invested over \$2 million in the local facility, typically utilizing local contractors. Mr. Markham noted that plans include initiating a second shift and increasing employment to 35-50 employees while still producing a quality product.

Mike Kroll addressed the Council stating that he has owned a downtown business since 1997 and has always noticed the odors on a regular basis from the company. He added that he has never complained since the Aluminum Castings business predated his business. He suggested that the Economic Development Department help relocate the company to a better-suited location instead of the central business district.

#### **12-1016**

Ordinance on first reading rezoning from B-1, neighborhood business, to R-1B single family residential, the vacant lot formerly 616 Indiana Avenue.

#### **12-2023**

Council Member Karlin moved, seconded by Council Member Schwartzman, to approve Resolution 12-22 reversing the United States Supreme Court's "Citizens United vs. Federal Election Commission" ruling.

City Manager Thompson reiterated that it is not the practice of the City to adopt resolutions taking positions on matters that are not directly pertinent to City's services, deal primarily with federal or international issues, or that are partisan in nature. Administration recommends that the Council not approve this item for these reasons.

Council Member Schwartzman stated that he believes this issue justifies a discussion by the Council and that it does pertain to our community, regardless of the size of Galesburg. He also stated that this is a democracy and that the issue deserves consideration. He further stated that all governments are interconnected and that the decisions made by local government affect the state and federal governments as well. He thanked the supporters of the resolution for bringing it to the attention of the Council and community and for exercising democracy.

Mike Taylor addressed the Council in opposition to the resolution. He believes the discussion is a waste of time and that citizens need to be active and stay informed on campaign issues and candidates so that the issue does not affect them.

Jerry Ryberg addressed the Council thanking them for entertaining the resolution and discussion on the Council agenda. He added that our community is not insulated from these issues and that Galesburg should join the over 200 cities in approval of this resolution. He added that this issue is not going to go away and our community needs to tell lawmakers that we want major changes.

Joel Ward addressed the Council in agreement with Council Member Schwartzman. He added that strong-minded people who wanted a free society and the freedom to express their ideas freely founded Galesburg. He asked Council to remember our founders and their courage.

Terry Haywood addressed the Council in support of the resolution. He stated that Galesburg is not an island unto itself and that everything we do creates a ripple effect that affects all units of government and surrounding communities. He believes this is a legitimate issue to discuss and commended the Council for adding it to the agenda.

Rita Carlson addressed the Council stating that she moved to Galesburg from Texas and believes this issue is important in the way Galesburg is viewed by younger adults looking at our community as a place to invest. Approving this resolution will show we are a caring community that believes in important issues.

John Stout addressed the Council in opposition to the resolution. He stated that this issue is a big political statement and that if approved, groups and advocates of other political issues will ask to be heard by the Council and have resolutions or the like entertained. The Council should concentrate on matters pertaining to the City and not give their opinion on matters such as this resolution.

Mike Kroll stated that he is in favor of the resolution. He added that people have become cynical about the election process and that voters need to rethink their position in government and know that their vote matters. He stated that people and groups with issues should come before the City Council.

Roll Call #4:

Ayes: Council Members Dennis, Andersen, Schwartzman, and Karlin, 4.

Nays: Council Members Goad, Fleming, and Allen, 3.

Absent: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

## **BIDS, PETITIONS, AND COMMUNICATIONS**

### **12-3027**

Bids received from Gunther Construction Company (Galesburg) and Laverdiere Construction, Inc. (Macomb, IL), for Lake Storey Dam Improvements Phase II. Council Member

Schwartzman moved, seconded by Council Member Allen, to approve the bid from Gunther Construction Company in the amount of \$435,888.13.

Roll Call #5:

Ayes: Council Members Goad, Dennis, Fleming, Andersen, Schwartzman, Allen, Karlin, and Mayor Garza, 8.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

### **12-3028**

Bids received from Brown Excavation & Demolition (Alpha, IL), C.D.O. Trucking (Peoria, IL), and Phoenix Corporation (Port Byron, IL), for the demolition and clean up of four separate properties. Council Member Goad moved, seconded by Council Member Dennis, to approve the bid from C.D.O. Trucking, Inc. in the amount of \$59,000 for the demolition and cleanup of the following properties:

1. 84 North Elm Street
2. 668 North Broad Street
3. 525 West Grove Street
4. 1660 Grand Avenue

Roll Call #6:

Ayes: Council Members Goad, Dennis, Fleming, Andersen, Schwartzman, Allen, Karlin, and Mayor Garza, 8.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jim Jacobs addressed the Council thanking them for their demolition action on 1457 Williams Street that has been uninhabited for approximately eighteen years and had a fire at the location three years ago. The demolition has greatly improved the neighborhood.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **A. Approved Special Events:**

- a. Use of downtown area for Galesburg Railroad Days on June 21 – June 24, 2012.
- b. Use of Lake Storey Park for the Great Balloon Race on July 27 – July 29, 2012.
- c. Use of Galesburg Municipal Airport for National Stearman Fly-In from September 3 – September 9, 2012.

## **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (Agreements, Approvals, Etc.)**

### **12-4058**

Quotes received from Perfect Fit Plumbing, Inc. (Galesburg), Mechanical Service, Inc. (Galesburg), Neil Thomas Plumbing & Heating (Galesburg) and J.P. Benbow Plumbing & Heating (Galesburg), for the replacement of the water heater at Lakeside Water Park. Council

Member Karlin moved, seconded by Council Member Dennis, to approve the quote from J.P. Benbow, Inc. in the amount of \$5,413.

Roll Call #7:

Ayes: Council Members Goad, Dennis, Fleming, Andersen, Schwartzman, Karlin, Allen, and Mayor Garza, 8.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

### **12-4059**

Council Member Allen moved, seconded by Council Member Goad, to approve the application from Midstate Manufacturing of up to \$10,000 under the Water Infrastructure Grant (WIG) Program to install/extend a new water line at 100 West Fourth Street.

Shawn Pitman, Midstate Manufacturing, thanked the Council for their consideration. He stated that this property was purchased last year and that the company has been renovating the parcel for production, will have new equipment installed and is pursuing new opportunities with customers.

Roll Call #8:

Ayes: Council Members Goad, Dennis, Fleming, Andersen, Schwartzman, Allen, Karlin, and Mayor Garza, 8.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

### **12-4060**

Council Member Goad moved, seconded by Council Member Dennis, to approve demolition action on the following properties:

1. 676 West Tompkins Street
2. 334 South Pearl Street
3. 432 North Broad Street
4. Garage at 931 South Kellogg Street
5. 437 Clark Street
6. 294 North Whitesboro Street

Roll Call #9:

Ayes: Council Members Goad, Dennis, Fleming, Andersen, Schwartzman, Allen, and Mayor Garza, 7.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Council Member Karlin, 1.

Chairman declared motion carried.

## **TOWN BUSINESS**

Council Member Allen moved, seconded by Council Member Andersen, that the City Council sit as the Town Board. The motion carried by voice vote.

**12-9012**

Trustee Karlin moved, seconded by Trustee Fleming, to approve Town bills and warrants be drawn in payment of same.

<b>Fund Title</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Town Fund	\$11,420.64
General Assistance Fund	9,665.69
Social Security & Medicare Fund	2,163.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,249.38</b>

Roll Call #10:

Ayes: Trustees Goad, Dennis, Fleming, Andersen, Schwartzman, Allen, Karlin, and Mayor Garza, 8.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

**12-9013**

Trustee Dennis moved, seconded by Trustee Karlin, to approve Resolution 12-02 establishing prevailing wages.

Roll Call #11:

Ayes: Trustees Goad, Dennis, Fleming, Andersen, Schwartzman, Allen, Karlin, and Mayor Garza, 8.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Trustee Allen moved, seconded by Trustee Karlin, that the Town Board resume sitting as the City Council. The motion carried by voice vote.

**STATEMENTS BY COUNCIL OF GENERAL CONCERN**

Council Member Karlin stated that he had the pleasure of participating in the “Run Galesburg Run” over the weekend, which boasted over 600 racers and 2,500 attendees to the downtown area. He noted that the organizers (Dave Dunn and Nick Pigg) stated that the average attendance of a new race event is typically one hundred. He praised the organization of the event.

Council Member Allen announced that a great service was held on Memorial Day in honor of the men and women who serve our country at the Veteran’s Memorial. He thanked the Mayor for his contribution to the ceremony.

Council Member Schwartzman reminded citizens of the renewed Farmer’s Market in downtown Galesburg held on Saturday mornings. He noted that cooked food has been added to the market and that local farmers are working hard on providing healthy food that is reasonably priced.

Council Member Schwartzman also congratulated Lindsay Jameson, owner of All That Dance, on the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her dance recital held Friday evening at Galesburg High School.

Council Member Andersen applauded Knox College on their commencement ceremonies over the weekend and noted that families from all over the world attended. She also encouraged citizens to enjoy all the summer events and activities that Galesburg has to offer.

Council Member Dennis thanked the teachers and principal at Galesburg North (Rose Hoben Welch School) for their efforts and successes with their students and the recent graduation of 45 students.

Council Member Goad thanked the organizers of the Memorial Day Parade and the service held at the Veteran's Memorial last Monday. He reminded citizens of all the free activities that are available in Galesburg such as the recent Knox-Galesburg Symphony concert and the Farmer's Market. He also added that citizens over the age 65 could apply for a bus pass to ride the City's transit anywhere in the community at no charge.

Mayor Garza added that he was able to attend many of the Memorial Day events, as well as the Carl Sandburg College GED ceremony. He praised the community for their involvement in offering so many events in our City.

There being no further business, Council Member Goad moved, seconded by Council Member Dennis, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Roll Call #12:

Ayes: Council Members Goad, Dennis, Fleming, Andersen, Schwartzman, Allen, Karlin, and Mayor Garza, 8.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

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Salvador Garza, Mayor

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Kelli R. Bennewitz, City Clerk