

Galesburg City Council Regular Meeting
City Council Chambers
55 West Tompkins Street, Galesburg, Illinois
March 6, 2017
6:30 p.m.

Call to order by Mayor John Pritchard.

Roll Call #1: Present: Mayor John Pritchard, Council Members Angela Bastian, 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 Bradley Nolden. The Chairman declared quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Bob Clark, First Christian Church, gave the invocation.

Council Member Dennis moved, seconded by Council Member Bastian, to approve minutes of the City Council meeting from February 20, 2017.

Roll Call #2:

Ayes: Council Members Bastian, Fleming, Dennis, Andersen, Schwartzman, Allen, and Karlin, 7.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Galesburg Area Chamber of Commerce Tourism Council Presentation from Jessica Linder, Galesburg Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, and Bill Morris, Convention & Visitors Bureau Director. A copy of the presentation will be added to the official records.

CONSENT AGENDA #2017-05

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

17-3003

Approve bid submitted by CDW-G in the amount of \$22,705.50 for the purchase of various Microsoft Windows licensing for the City.

17-3004

Approve bid submitted by Superior Asphalt Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$9,250.01 for the sealing of Parking Lots N, O, and I.

17-3005

Approve bid submitted by Gunther Construction, a Division of UCM, Inc., in the amount of \$169,682.39 for the annual seal coating contract.

17-4023

Approve the original quote from Key Equipment & Supply Co. for the purchase of a 2017 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper in the amount of \$207,425 with no trade-ins. The City of Abingdon would like to purchase the two older sweepers for the trade-in values quoted by Key Equipment & Supply Co. in the amount of \$18,000.

17-4024

Approve the annual City Financial Policy.

17-4025

Approve the adoption of a Title VI Plan that prohibits discrimination in the City's Transit Program. This is a requirement of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and IDOT regulations.

17-5003

Receive December 31, 2016, Investment Schedule.

17-8004

Approve bills in the amount of \$444,967.96 and advance checks in the amount of \$303,046.44.

Council Member Karlin moved, seconded by Council Member Dennis, to approve Consent Agenda 2017-05.

Roll Call #3:

Ayes: Council Members Bastian, Dennis, Fleming, Andersen, Schwartzman, Allen, and Karlin, 7.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chairman declared motion carried by omnibus vote.

PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

17-1010

Ordinance on first reading setting the parameters for the sale of 2017 General Obligation Refunding Bonds to replace the 2008 Revenue Bonds.

The redeeming date for the City's 2008 series will be determined based on the sale of the bonds provided that the present value debt service savings resulting from the sale of the bonds and the refunding of the prior bonds will not be less than 4 percent, or an approximate savings of \$350,000. The life of the bonds will remain the same and mature in 2033.

Council Member Allen moved, seconded by Council Member Karlin, to suspend the rules and place agenda item 17-1010 on final reading.

Roll Call #4:

Ayes: Council Members Bastian, Dennis, Andersen, Allen, and Karlin, 5.

Nays: Council Members Fleming and Schwartzman, 2.

Absent: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Council Member Allen moved, seconded by Council Member Andersen, to approve Ordinance 17-3540 on final reading setting the parameters for the sale of 2017 General Obligation Refunding Bonds to replace the 2008 Revenue Bonds.

Roll Call #5:

Ayes: Council Members Bastian, Dennis, Andersen, Schwartzman, Allen, and Karlin, 6.

Nays: Council Member Fleming, 1.

Absent: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

17-1004

Council Member Bastian moved, seconded by Council Member Allen, to approve Ordinance 17-3541 on final reading creating Section 30.07 of the Galesburg Municipal Code relating to the disposal of City-owned real estate.

Roll Call #6:

Ayes: Council Members Bastian, Fleming, Dennis, Andersen, Schwartzman, Allen, and Karlin, 7.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

17-1005

Council Member Dennis moved, seconded by Council Member Bastian, to approve Ordinance 17-3542 on final reading amending Appendix T of Chapter 77 of the Galesburg Municipal Code restricting parking during school hours on the south side of Fifer Street from Seminary Street to the east for a distance of 250 feet.

Roll Call #7:

Ayes: Council Members Bastian, Dennis, Fleming, Andersen, Schwartzman, Allen and Karlin, 7.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

17-1006

Ordinance on first reading amending Chapter 112 of the Galesburg Municipal Code to regulate Transportation Network Companies, such as Uber or Lyft. The ordinance would require Transportation Network Companies to obtain a license at a cost of \$1,500 but does not require individual drivers to secure a license.

Ken Springer, President of the Knox County Area Partnership for Economic Development, addressed the Council in support of this ordinance. He stated that Transportation Network companies are a growing industry and will continue to see growth in larger communities. When these companies are interested in our community, he believes having an ordinance in place will be valuable, and appreciates the Council's consideration.

17-1007

Ordinance on first reading amending Sections 50 and 51 of the Galesburg Municipal Code to move from a quarterly billing cycle for water, sewer and refuse to a monthly billing cycle.

17-1008

Ordinance on first reading amending Section 95.31(D) of the Galesburg Municipal Code to reduce the number of bass fish that can be removed by a person each day, as well as the size of the bass that must be returned to Lake Storey and the Lincoln Park Pond. This recommendation is being presented by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

17-1009

Special Ordinance on first reading authoring the sale of two used street sweepers to the City of Abingdon in the amount of \$18,000.

Council Member Karlin moved, seconded by Council Member Allen, to suspend the rules and place agenda item 17-1009 on final reading.

Roll Call #8:

Ayes: Council Members Bastian, Dennis, Andersen, Schwartzman, Allen, and Karlin, 6.

Nays: Council Member Fleming, 1.

Absent: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Council Member Bastian moved, seconded by Council Member Karlin, to approve Special Ordinance 17-561 on final reading authorizing the sale of two used street sweepers to the City of Abingdon in the amount of \$18,000.

Roll Call #9:

Ayes: Council Members Bastian, Dennis, Fleming, Andersen, Schwartzman, Allen, and Karlin, 7.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

17-2003

Council Member Schwartzman moved, seconded by Council Member Dennis, to approve Resolution 17-05 supporting the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Lead-based Paint Hazard Control program grant application.

Roll Call #10:

Ayes: Council Members Bastian, Dennis, Fleming, Andersen, Schwartzman, Allen, and Karlin, 7.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

BIDS, PETITIONS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

17-3006

Council Member Allen moved, seconded by Council Member Andersen, to approve the bid submitted by MTI Distributing in the amount of \$38,169.45 for a Toro Greens Master 3400 Tri-Flex mower for the Golf Division. It was noted that the Golf Course is open and staff is continuing to evaluate opening the course earlier based on weather for the next season.

Roll Call #11:

Ayes: Council Members Bastian, Dennis, Fleming, Andersen, Schwartzman, Allen, and Karlin, 7.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

17-3007

Council Member Allen moved, seconded by Council Member Bastian, to approve the bid submitted by Gunther Construction, a Division of UCM, Inc., in the amount of \$603,073.70 for the reconstruction of Jefferson Street from North Street to Losey Street. The Contractor's additional cost to salvage, clean, palletize, and haul the bricks to the storage site would be an additional \$195,431.76.

Roll Call #12:

Ayes: Council Members Bastian, Andersen, Schwartzman, Allen, and Karlin, 5.

Nays: Council Members Dennis and Fleming, 2.

Absent: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Peterson, Chairman, Public Transportation Advisory Commission, addressed the Council regarding comments made by Council Member Schwartzman on improving public transportation. He stated that since being on the Commission, the group and its mission has become his number one priority. He has met with several organizations in the community regarding public transportation, such as the Chamber of Commerce, The Partnership, CVB, Heart & Soul, and many others. He gave specific statistics on ridership and added that Kraig McCluskie and Dedra Mannon are both great managers. He invited anyone to attend the regular PTAC meeting on the second Wednesday of each month, 1 p.m., at the Transit Facility.

Council Member Karlin inquired on the contract with the Prairieland Animal Welfare Center (PAWC) and the recent complaint brought before the City Council. He noted that reports of complaints within the last few years were sent to him for his review. He would strongly recommend that PAWC staff have training in the current laws of our city and state and the responsibilities of a PAWC animal control officer in regards to those laws. He is concerned over the number of complaints that have been lodged, as well as the liability issues, with providing a service on behalf of the City.

City Manager Thompson noted that they have met with PAWC officials and have urged them to receive training, possibly at the City's expense if needed. Council had a discussion on recent incidents and requested that PAWC provide reports on the facts as they were reported to them.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Special Events:

- a. Use of Lake Storey Park for a wedding on May 13,2017

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (Agreements, Approvals, Etc.)

17-4026

Council Member Fleming moved, seconded by Council Member Dennis, to approve the bus transfer location from Sandburg Mall to Target for the fixed route bus system and creating a dial-a-ride service to Sandburg Mall. It was noted that there will not be a bus shelter available but instead a bench at the Target location.

Roll Call #13:

Ayes: Council Members Bastian, Dennis, Fleming, Andersen, Schwartzman, Allen, and Karlin, 7.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

17-4027

Council Member Andersen moved, seconded by Council Member Bastian, to approve an upgrade to the existing leased machine and replace it with a MX 5070 color copier in order to accommodate utility billing needs. The cost per utility bill would be \$0.0288.

It was noted that information on the new monthly billing will be marketed to the community highlighting ACH payment and ePay. The water deposit will also be reduced to approximately \$70.

Roll Call #14:

Ayes: Council Members Bastian, Dennis, Andersen, Schwartzman, Allen, and Karlin, 6.

Nays: Council Member Fleming, 1.

Absent: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

17-4028

Council Member Fleming moved, seconded by Council Member Andersen, to approve the quote submitted by Sullivan Door Company in the amount of \$5,625 to replace the seal on the top of nine hangar doors at the airport.

Roll Call #15:

Ayes: Council Members Bastian, Dennis, Fleming, Andersen, Schwartzman, Allen, and Karlin, 7.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

TOWN BUSINESS

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

17-9005

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

Fund Title	Amount
Town Fund	\$7,969.57
General Assistance Fund	\$766.85
IMRF Fund	\$2,343.69
Social Security/Medicare Fund	\$2,041.30
Total	\$13,121.41

Roll Call #16:

Ayes: Trustees Bastian, Dennis, Fleming, Andersen, Schwartzman, Allen, and Karlin, 7.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

17-9006

Trustee Allen moved, seconded by Trustee Dennis, to approve a contract with DevNet in the amount of \$13,000 plus an optional \$3,000 annually for maintenance and training. This program will replace the one currently being used by the City Assessor for parcel information.

Roll Call #17:

Ayes: Trustees Bastian, Dennis, Fleming, Andersen, Schwartzman, Allen, and Karlin, 7.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

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

CLOSING COMMENTS

Council Member Schwartzman thanked John Peterson, PTAC chairperson, for his comments and apologized for his comments if they were misconstrued. He was not suggesting anything negative regarding the quality of service provided by Galesburg Transit and by no means meant them as a reflection of service or staff. He stated that he has heard comments about adding Sunday service and extending the daily hours to accommodate more people.

Council Member Schwartzman also provided the following statement for the record:

One idea that I have been pushing for several years now relates to how we can enhance revenues by spending our resources locally in more strategic and intentional ways. The effects of such an effort could be tremendous. Let me explain how.

In its simplest form, the idea is that residents of Galesburg do what they can to spend their dollars at businesses that are most likely to keep their profits local as well. These businesses are ones that are owned by local people and ones that provide goods and services made or delivered locally. Extensive studies of many US cities (done by Civic Economics) show that independent businesses recirculate revenue at a rate 3.5 times greater than that of national chains; similarly, locally-owned restaurants outdo their chain competitors by 2.1x (www.civiceconomics.com/indie-impact.html). This suggests that every \$10,000 spent in locally-owned businesses results in over \$4,700 being respent in the local economy—this benefit is called the multiplier effect—whereas, the same amount spent in “chains” would result in only \$1,360 being respent locally. Multiply this amount by 1,000s of people and purchases and it is easy to see how big an impact such spending choices can have. Since local taxes are beneficiaries of all of this spending and respending, city revenues benefit greatly from these local transactions (\$9 million were raised in sales tax revenue in 2015, for instance). Sadly, with Internet sales going up and more and more chain stores dominating (or displacing) local businesses here and elsewhere, sales taxes inevitably suffer. This makes it more pressing that we reprioritize local spending now.

And, there is no better place to start than on food. Why? According to Ken Meter, of the Crossroads Resource Center, Galesburgers spend ~\$91 million a year on food. Wow! And, if we each spent just \$5 per week on locally-grown food, that would inject \$8 million into our farm community. What a welcome sight that would be. While the ability to do this is challenging, there are an increasing number of local restaurants who offer locally-grown food and farmers offering eggs, popcorn and vegetables (at some of our locally-operated grocery stores, CSAs (community supported agriculture), and the Galesburg Farmers’ Market, which runs from May-October each year)!

But spending money on “stuff” is just one way to enhance the local economy. Another big way is to invest in locally-run banks and credit unions. Credit unions (CUs) are not-for-profit and every

member is an owner. Thus, local folks benefit from the CU's investments. They also typically are invested more in local ventures and thus more connected to our community. Since these financial institutions represent our collective resources, it is important that we support these whenever possible. Thankfully, we have several locally-owned and operated banks and credit unions to choose from.

And lastly, we should invest our charitable gifts (both dollars & hours) locally. In this area, Galesburg is doing well but it doesn't hurt to remind all of us of the hundreds of local non-profits that do so much for/in our community!

With all this in mind, I ask the City of Galesburg and collaborating business partners to do what it can to communicate the positive impacts that a shift in spending and investment would have on our City's revenues and on our city in general. We need to find ways to enhance revenues without raising taxes. These new revenues could be used to support rising pensions, increasing police community engagement, improved public parks, etc. Focusing our local dollars better might just do the trick! Look for additional resources on my Alderman Facebook page.

Council Member Allen stated that he had the opportunity to visit Midstate Manufacturing and view parts they are now manufacturing for a rock quarry. They will soon begin producing parts for escape tunnels for mining companies. Council Member Allen added that recruiting businesses is important but that the retention of current ones is critical as well.

Council Member Karlin invited the public to attend the next Galesburg On Track Community Summit scheduled for Saturday, March 25, 2017, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at the Central Fire Station.

Mayor Pritchard stated that he believes the Council and City administration have worked hard to support local business, such as the initiation of the Galesburg Promise program, which continues to help with local work force. He also added that great strides have been made in the private/public partnerships, such as the recent partnership between Pegasus, SMTCL and Galesburg High School. Mayor Pritchard indicated the rise in Galesburg's assessed valuation, housing development, and added retail, have all been an indication of investments into our community.

There being no further business, Council Member Dennis moved, seconded by Council Member Allen, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Roll Call #18:

Ayes: Council Members Bastian, Dennis, Fleming, Andersen, Schwartzman, Allen, and Karlin, 7.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

John Pritchard, Mayor

Kelli R. Bennewitz, City Clerk