

Galesburg City Council Special Meeting
City Council Chambers
55 West Tompkins Street, Galesburg, Illinois
September 11, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Called to order by Deputy Mayor Wayne Dennis at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call #1: Present: Council Members Bradley Hix, Wayne Dennis, Evan Miller, Dwight White, Heather Acerra, Sarah Davis, and Steve Cheesman, 7. Absent: Mayor Schwartzman, 1. Also Present: Interim City Manager John Schlaf and City Clerk Kelli Bennewitz.

Deputy Mayor Dennis declared a quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Bernie Cowan addressed the Council regarding the new railing and podium and asked if there was a possibility of moving the podium so it was off center from the railing to provide relief from people running into it. City Clerk Bennewitz announced that staff has looked into solutions; however, the area under the podium is concrete and moving the power would be very difficult.

Darla Krejci addressed the Council and noted that since there was no invocation, a moment of silence be observed instead, especially since it is the anniversary of 9/11.

Interim City Manager Schlaf did report that the Fire Department hosted a moment of silence and remembrance for first responders this morning.

Council Member Cheesman moved, seconded by Council Member Miller, to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:08 p.m. for the purposes of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), and approval of the executive session minutes from the September 5, 2023, meetings, (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21).

Roll Call #2:

Ayes: Council Members Hix, Dennis, Miller, White, Acerra, Davis, and Cheesman, 7.

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor Schwartzman, 1.

Chairman declared the motion carried.

During the Executive Session, Council Member Miller moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to return to the Special City Council Meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Roll Call #3:

Ayes: Council Members Hix, Dennis, Miller, White, Acerra, Davis, and Cheesman, 7.

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor Schwartzman, 1.

Chairman declared the motion carried.

There being no further business, Council Member White moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to adjourn the Special City Council Meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Roll Call #4:

Ayes: Council Members Hix, Dennis, Miller, White, Acerra, Davis, and Cheesman, 7.

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor Schwartzman, 1.

Chairman declared the motion carried.

Peter D. Schwartzman, Mayor

Kelli R. Bennewitz, City Clerk