

CITY OF GALVA)
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The City Council of the City of Galva met in regular session Monday, May 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Debbie VanWassenhove serving as City Clerk. Mayor Rich Nordstrom presided with the following Aldermen in attendance: Gary Armel, Jayme Hopping, Beverly Everett, and Dwren Boston. Alderman Deahl and Alderman Glisan were noted as being absent.

MINUTES

Alderman Everett made a motion and was seconded to approve the April 25, 2016 council meeting minutes. The vote was 4 yeas and no nays.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Alderman Boston moved and was seconded that the bills and claims be approved as presented and the City Clerk is instructed to issue orders on the Treasurer's account for the several amounts. The vote was 4 yeas and no nays.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Nordstrom reported that the City had received the State of IL February Income tax check for \$16,192.13, April MFT check for \$5,892.08, April Personal Property Replacement Tax check for \$7,121.53, February Sales Tax check for \$12,601.89, and April Video Gaming Tax check for \$591.96.

First on the agenda was a Masonic Lodge presentation given by Adam Jaquet. Adam presented \$200.00 to the city to help pay for the lighting of the memorial stone at Veteran's Park. He also announced that the Chamber of Commerce will be having their annual summer concert on June 3rd at 6p.m. The cost is only \$5.00 per person which includes a cookout meal and entertainment by the Plain Jane Band. He also announced that the first Dinner in the Park for the season will be on June 8th, hosted by the Cub Scouts. Mayor Nordstrom asked if there were any updates on the trashcans for downtown, Adam replied that they are already fabricated and they are just waiting on paint now.

Next on the agenda was the presentation of the 2016 MFT program. Greg Peterson of Bruner Cooper & Zuck, announced that the area that will be worked on will be smaller this year, we will be working on an area of town with a 3 year sealcoat rotation. The roads that will be concentrated on are SE 1st St, NE 2nd St, NE 3rd St, SE 3rd Ave from SE 1st St to NE 2nd St, and SE/NE 5th Ave from Route 34 to NE 3rd St. The estimated cost for the project is \$41,725.00. Mr. Peterson suggested appropriating \$45,000.00 to cover the cost and leave us a little room for any extra expenses. Alderman Armel motioned to approve the \$45,000.00 for the project and was seconded. The vote was 4 yeas and no nays.

Next on the agenda was the 4th of July parade route **resolution 322**. Mayor Nordstrom read the resolution and Alderman Everett motioned for it to be approved and was seconded. The vote was 4 yeas and no nays.

Last on the agenda was the Fire Department Consolidation presentation given by Fire Chief Denny Tarleton. Denny stated that he would like the council to get in touch with the district about having the city pass along the Fire Dept. to the District. He stated that they are in great need for a new building for the Fire Dept. and thinks that this would be the best way to do it. They replaced all of their bunker gear in 1998 and now it needs to be replaced every 10 years. The firemen have been able to purchase a lot of their loose equipment with fundraisers and grants, however they are in need of more help. The Department was able to get their fire rating down to a 5 and they are very proud of that, and would like to work on getting it down to a 4. The City's tax rate is at .075% and so the city can only pay for so much because of this. The District's tax rate is set at .30% so consolidating with the district would make it much easier to pay for the things the Fire Dept. needs. The citizens of Galva would have to vote for the consolidation and the district's tax rate also, so that would not be on the council. Mayor Nordstrom asked what the process would be to get that on the ballot. Denny replied that he has been talking to Clover Valley about the process and he may be able to get them come to Galva to talk about how they did this, although their situation was a little different. For right now he would just like the council to talk to the district about all of this though. In the long run Bishop Hill may want to join with the district too. City attorney Dan Alcorn asked if the geographic limits of the district are the same as the city. Denny replied that the city would just get absorbed into the district. He also stated that the district would be having a meeting next month if the council could talk to them before that. Mayor Nordstrom stated that they would talk to them, and could possibly have it on the ballot for the April election, he will look into it.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg Thompson, director of public works, stated that they have replaced all water lines to the restrooms and pavilion. He is trying to get Steve's Nursery in to put sod down but they cannot get to it until June 15th. He checked on prices and said that they could do it themselves for about \$1000.00. We would need to do about 20' on the south side of the pavilion, 11' on the north, and 16' on the west. The pavilion will be painted tomorrow and the new picnic tables will be in this week. He also stated that they are trying to get the new pump house going. The EPA finally approved well 5 and the new piping and discharge pump is good to go. He is trying to coordinate it so that no well is down for very long. They are also working on getting brush picked up and the town looking good before the Holiday weekend. Next month he will have more on the NW 3rd Ave water main construction project. They will also be flushing hydrants on June 13th and will have it in the newspaper for 2 weeks, and he is hoping to have well 4 done by the 4th of July.

City Administrator's Report

David had nothing at this time.

Mayor Nordstrom announced that clean up week will be June 20th-June 25th. The maintenance yard will be open to all Galva residents to bring items to dispose of for free. Proof of residency is required this year. June 20-23 the maintenance yard will be open from 7:00a.m.-5:00p.m., June 24th it will be open from 7:00a.m.-3:30p.m., and June 25th will be open from 7:00a.m.-12:00p.m. Items not accepted include: anti-freeze, LP tanks, yard waste, or any hazardous material. Tires will be accepted for a fee.

Mayor Nordstrom asked if the aldermen had anything else. Alderman Everett stated that she has noticed people are still blowing their grass clippings in the road. Alderman Boston said that the new picnic tables look very nice and asked if there will be enough of them for both parks. Richard Plummer replied that there would be and that the new tables will not be available to loan out, they are saving some of the old tables for that.

After no further discussion Alderman Everett made a motion and was seconded to adjourn the meeting. The vote was 4 yeas and no nays.

MAYOR _____

ATTEST: _____

City Clerk.