

Galesburg Downtown Development Authority
Galesburg City Hall
September 11, 2025
6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Amanda Hawes, Mayor Linda Marble, Linda Carlton, Art Green, Kim Enders

ABSENT: Andrea McCubbin, D'Shay White, Jerry VanderWheele, Lorence Wenke

ATTENDEES: NONE

Called to Order/Roll Call 6:02 p.m.

AGENDA:

New Business added to the Agenda: Shed and Debit Card. Motion by Green; Support by Carlton to approve Agenda with additions. All Ayes.

MINUTES:

Motion made by Carlton; Support by Marble to approve the Minutes. All ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion by Enders; Support by Green to approve Treasurer's report for August 2025. All ayes.

Old Business

6. Website/Facebook page. No Action.

7. Veterans Board. Enders presented sample plaque signs which are an acrylic-plastic material. Discussion on how to attach the signs to the Wall or on the plexiglass currently on the Wall. Enders presented a few sizes and costs of the plaques. Current plaques are 1x3 and the Board decided to keep the same size with 3 lines specifically name, rank and branch. Green suggested possibly putting a sealer on the plaques to help keep them from deteriorating in the weather. There was discussion of changing the name of the Wall to Wall of Honor and placing the name on a sign along the top of the Wall. There was further discussion on what names should be placed on the Wall. It was suggested that anyone that resided in the Galesburg-Augusta School District would be eligible for a plaque and that the names would be of Veterans who have served and not currently serving. Suggestions were made to advertise the Wall in the City Newsletter, the School newsletter and the GA Ram Announcer. There was also discussion on payment for the plaques. It was thought that the current existing plaques that are on the wall should be replaced at no cost to the owners of the plaques. There will be additional discussion at the October meeting.

8. Tax Increment Revenue Pass-Through Agreement-129 E. Michigan Avenue. No discussion at this time.

9. New Business welcome packet. Table to October meeting.

10. Social District. VanderWeele did not attend meeting, so no discussion.

11. Fall Décor. Hawes stated that she and others are getting the corn stalks. Wrifton Graham has given the DDA 6 bales of straw and they have been placed in front of Shafter's statue. Hawes stated she would ask Graham for additional bales. The DDA will purchase twine for the corn stalks. McCubbin is getting the pumpkins, gourds etc. Hawes said she would let the Board know when it was time to put the decorations up.

12. DDA Open House. It was decided with the multiple projects that the DDA has scheduled, not to have a DDA Open House.

New Business:

13 Shed. The Board took a trip out in back of City Hall to see where Josh Raney had measured the area off with flags to show where the Board could place the new shed. Carlton provided the Board with information and pictures of a couple of 12'x20' sheds. The "Lofted" Shed was chosen. Marble received information on a "cement" person to contact to pour the pad. The Lofted Barn was listed at \$8,522.90 which includes delivery. Carlton made a motion to not go over \$20,000 for the cost of the shed and pad. Green supported. All ayes.

14. Debit card. Hawes suggested that the DDA get a Debit Card so that when ordering expensive items such as the rope lighting for the Christmas decorations, a debit card could be used. Marble stated that she would go to Consumers Credit Union and request a credit card. A motion by Carlton, Support by Green to get a debit card for the DDA. All ayes.

Board Comments:

Carlton brought the City Banners to the meeting and they are ready for the DPW to put on the posts around the City.

Carlton stated that she had talked to Superintendent Raney about the dead tree in front of the Cycle place. He thought the DPW could yank it out. Green stated that he would stop at the Cycle business to let the owners know that they needed to remove the lavender planted around the tree before Wednesday, September 17th. Marble said that she would contact Josh about the tree.

A reminder that October 21, 2025 was scheduled for the Board members to meet and work on the Christmas lights. Hawes said that she would get in touch with Josh and decide which of the decorations that would be chosen to be put up this year.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Linda Marble, Secretary