



TO: Gerald Smith, City Manager

FROM: Wayne Carl, Director of Public Works

DATE: November 22, 2022

SUBJECT: Timeline for Community Center/ Churchill

- **May 20, 2013** – Ordinance on 1st Reading to sell Community Center 150 E Simmons St. to Mark Kleine for Iron Spike for \$115,000. Residents spoke in opposition to the sale
- **June 3, 2013** – Ordinance on Final Reading to sell Community Center. Residents spoke out against the sale at the meeting or to have a suitable alternative available
- **April 6, 2015** – Agreement for community center services to be provided by the Boys and Girls Club at the Carver Center. 7 Yes, 0 No, motion approved.
- **September 6, 2016** – Carver Center fire
- **November 2, 2021** – City Council Work Session to review the proposed budget. As part of that meeting a memo was provided and discussed by the Council at the work session. The memo estimated operating expenses and possible uses in the building.
- **November 15, 2021** – Council hired Farnsworth to provide a code study of the building and determine estimates of costs for bringing the building into compliance with all building codes. 5 Yes, 2 Abstain
- **November 29, 2021** – City Council toured the Churchill building to get a general sense of its layout, space, and condition. This was a Galesburg City Council meeting and was therefore publicly noticed and open to the public.
- **March 21, 2022** – Request for direction from Council on acquiring the Churchill property. 4 Yes 3 No, motion approved
- **April 18, 2022** – Ordinance on first reading for IGA to purchase Churchill property
- **April 18, 2022** – Resolution placing an advisory question on the ballot “Should the City of Galesburg spend between \$5 million and \$10 million to convert the former Churchill Middle School into a community/activity center?” 3 Yes 4 No, Motion Fails



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- **April 28, 2022** – Ald. White and Ald. Smith-Esters held open house for Churchill for the public to walk through the building and provide comments. Members of the Youth Commission participated and helped give tours, approximately 45 citizens, plus a few school staff attended.
- **May 2, 2022** – Ordinance on final reading for IGA to purchase Churchill property. 4 Yes, 3 No, motion approved
- **June 20, 2022** – City Council approved agreement with Farnsworth for evaluation of alternative locations and options for the Community Center. To evaluate if better to renovate or build new. 4 Yes, 1 No, 1 Abstain, 1 Absent
- **June 23, 2022** – City Council work session to tour Rock Island Fitness and Activity Center and Rock Island Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center
- **September 26, 2022** – City Council work session to review proposed community center options with Farnsworth Group who provided a presentation on potential locations
- **October 23, 2022** – City Council work session. Community survey results were presented to the Council which included responses for the four Community Center questions that were asked as part of the Community Survey
- **November 14, 2022** – City Council work session provided overview of the City's finances and discussed selecting a location for the Community Center. A straw poll was taken of the Council and 4 voted in favor of the Churchill location and staff was directed to move forward with that option
- **November 21, 2022** – City Council considered a resolution to hold a Community Center Public Hearing to gather public input on the location for the proposed community center. 3 Yes, 3 No, motion failed