

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 09 JANUARY 2012

12C-0001 – CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Terry Renner called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Chambers at 312½ North Main Street on 09 January 2012.

12C-0002 – ROLL CALL

Upon roll call the following members were present: Cording, Fach, Greene, Lincoln, Murphy, Painter and Renner

12C-0003 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Mayor Terry Renner announced a quorum of Board members present to conduct city business.

12C-0004 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

12C-0005 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

None.

12C-0006 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA CA-01

12C-0007 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 27, 2011 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Motion: Murphy moved, seconded by Painter, to approve Consent Agenda CA-01.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Fach, Greene, Lincoln, Murphy, Painter, Cording, Renner
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12C-0519 – SECOND READING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 153 “SUBDIVISIONS” OF THE GALENA CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL SUSTAINABLE SUBDIVISION PRACTICES IN NEW SUBDIVISIONS

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Fach, to approve the second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 153 “Subdivisions” of the Galena Code of Ordinances to require additional sustainable subdivision practices in new subdivisions.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Greene, Lincoln, Murphy, Painter, Cording, Fach, Renner
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

12C-0008 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CONTRACTING WITH ROBERT W. BAIRD AND CHAPMAN AND CUTLER FOR BOND REFUNDING SERVICES

City Administrator, Mark Moran, advised the City has the opportunity to refinance the 2003 bond which could provide a good savings potential over the next ten or eleven years. Moran stated he has received some interest from other firms. After hearing some of the numbers, he feels a competitive bid may do quite a bit better for the city and the taxpayers. He recommended Council make a motion to competitively bid the underwriting of the refunding of the 2003 bonds.

Motion: Cording moved, seconded by Painter, to put out for bid refunding of bond services.

Discussion: Fach questioned if there is a true savings with the cost of \$80,000 for refunding the bonds. Moran stated they expect interest rates to be significantly lower which should reduce total payments significantly enough to provide a good savings.

Roll Call: AYES: Lincoln, Murphy, Painter, Cording, Fach, Greene, Renner
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

12C-0009 – WARRANTS

Motion: Murphy moved, seconded by Fach, to approve the Warrants as presented.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Murphy, Painter, Cording, Fach, Greene, Lincoln, Renner
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

12C-0010 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Website – Painter pointed out an article in the Illinois Municipal League magazine with regard to using websites to grow jobs and tax revenues. Since the City is in the market for someone new to take over the maintenance of or website, she feels this might be a good time to look at making some changes to the website such that it is more user friendly for attracting new businesses.

Electronic Agendas – Cording thanked Moran for the information on the possibility of paperless agendas. She feels it is an excellent idea. While not everyone may be comfortable with electronic media, she feels it is a very easy adaptation once trained on it. It will save a lot of money and will also support our efforts to go green. Lincoln agreed.

Andy Lewis – Cording wished Andy Lewis the best and thanked him for continuing to attend to the duties he was able to as he was recovering from his injury.

Sympathy – Fach expressed his sympathy to Eric Hefel for the damage he incurred. He wished to send him a word of thanks for being there for Galena.

12C-0011 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Solar Project – Moran advised Andy Lewis has been working on the project from Wales and has been preparing the bid documents. They anticipate getting the bids out around January 20. We have received 11 prospective firms on the list of bidders.

ISO Rating – Moran reported he is continuing to work on bringing the ISO Rating down. He, Mike Simmons and Jeff Saylor have been making progress. The early conclusion is that it will be tough to improve the rating basically because we have a volunteer fire department but it is not out of the question.

Legislators Meeting – The legislators meeting will be held at the DeSoto Hotel at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2012.

12C-0012 – MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Renner advised we had a police officer get injured on the job. He will be off for a couple of months.

11C-0013– MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Murphy moved, seconded by Fach, to recess to Executive Session to discuss the following:

- Purchase or lease of real estate, 2 (c) (5)
- Review of Executive Session Minutes, Section 2 (c) (21)

Roll Call: AYES: Painter, Cording, Fach, Greene, Lincoln, Murphy, Renner
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 6:49 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:09 p.m.

12C-0014 - ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Murphy moved, seconded by Painter, to adjourn.

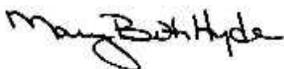
Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Greene, Lincoln, Murphy, Painter, Cording, Fach, Renner
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde, CMC
City Clerk