

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 23 JANUARY 2012

12C-0015 – 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 23 January 2012.

12C-0016 – ROLL CALL

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

12C-0017 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

12C-0018 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

12C-0019 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Bridge Committee – The Bridge Committee met last week and will have another meeting on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 3:30.

12C-0020 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Shannon Strobusch, General Manager, Best Western Designer Inn and Suites – Strobusch advised Best Western Designer Inn and Suites would like to apply for a restricted liquor license. They have done extensive remodeling and are building Fantasy Suites. With the suites, guests often want packages to go along with the suite. The packages include items such as local wine, chocolates, bath salts, sparkling juice, balloons, cookies, etc., most of which is purchased locally. Strobusch urged the council to consider offering some form of restricted license allowing them to offer wine packages with their room rentals.

CONSENT AGENDA CA-2

12C-0021 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 9, 2012 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Murphy, to approve Consent Agenda CA-02.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

12C-0022 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY THE BEST WESTERN QUIET HOUSE FOR THE CREATION OF A NEW LIQUOR LICENSE FOR RESTRICTED WINE SALES ASSOCIATED WITH ROOM RENTAL

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Lincoln, to open discussion on the request by the Best Western Quiet House for the creation of a new liquor license for restricted wine sales associated with room rentals.

Discussion: None

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

The motion carried.

Discussion: Moran advised there is currently no class of license that this request would fit into. The current Class D license is for restaurants and hotels which is a full price license that allows for any kind of alcohol sales.

Council discussed and agreed to give staff time to review the license prior to the next meeting to determine if this request could be included with an existing license or if a new license should be created.

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Painter, close discussion on this item and directed staff to review the license prior to the next meeting to determine if this request could be included with an existing license or if a new license should be created.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

12C-0023 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE VII, CHAPTER 75.11, PUBLIC INTOXICATION, OF THE GALENA CODE OF ORDINANCES

Motion: Cording moved, seconded by Fach, to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Title VII, Chapter 75.11, Public Intoxication, of the Galena Code of Ordinances, item 12C-0023.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

12C-0024 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE INSTALLATION OF WARNING LIGHTS AT US 20 AND NORRIS LANE AND US 20 AND GOLF VIEW DRIVE

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Murphy, to open discussion on the installation of warning lights at US 20 and Norris Lane and US 20 and Golf View Drive.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

Discussion: Greene agreed with the installation of the lights but feels the City should be working in partnership to get it done without the city picking up the whole thing.

The lights will be solar powered. The cost per light would be \$2,070.

Council was in favor of installing the lights and directed staff to work with other entities on the possibility of them sharing the cost with the City.

Motion: Murphy moved, seconded by Cording, to close discussion on the installation of warning lights at US 20 and Norris Lane and US 20 and Golf View Drive.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Cording, to explore the possibility of Midwest Medical Center, Golf View Estates, the Galena Golf Course, Rawlins Township and Jo Daviess County putting forward some resources to help fund the installation of two warning lights.

Discussion: The City has permission for the installation of up to four lights. Council was in favor of seeking funding but didn't want to delay the installation. Council discussed adding a third light if funding is received from other entities.

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

The motion carried.

12C-0025 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT WITH IIW ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR PHASE 3 OF THE GALENA RIVER TRAIL

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Fach, to approve the action on a contract with IIW Engineers and Surveyors for design services for Phase 3 of the Galena River Trail at a cost of \$17,600, part of which is already available for that purpose and the rest under a budget amendment.

Discussion: Moran advised this section requires structural engineering and cannot be done in house. One other proposal was received which was more than twice the price.

The money will come from the General Fund which currently has a surplus of approximately \$21,000. There are sufficient funds to keep all funds in balance and make this expenditure.

Roll Call: AYES: Lincoln, Painter, Cording, Fach, Greene, Renner
NAYS: Murphy

The motion carried.

12C-0026 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2013-2017

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Painter, to approve the First Draft of the Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2013-2017, item 12C-0026.

Discussion: Moran advised the Capital Improvement Plan is a guide used as we get into the budgeting process. He will be making a few revisions to the plan. Staff has been working on the flood pump project trying to improve the option more. The Spring Street Project will also be revised.

Lincoln questioned the Prospect Street Alley being in the five year Street Improvement Plan. He thought the last time it was discussed we were going to prioritize all of the alley's in town. He stated it was his understanding that most of the property on that alley is owned by the property owners. Moran recommended if alley's were a concern they should be discussed prior to approval of the final draft.

Moran noted there are projects listed that have been listed before and are still not done. This document is important for us to keep track of projects to make sure Council and the public are aware of these projects with the hopes that at some point there will be funding.

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

The motion carried.

12C-00027 – WARRANTS

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

12C-0028 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Turner Hall Windows – Fach stated he was disappointed to see that the Turner Hall storm windows were scratched from the Capital Improvement Plan.

Capital Improvement Plan – Painter complimented all who worked on the Capital Improvement Plan.

Trail – Lincoln advised locals use the trail as well as tourists. Murphy stated he knows that but for every one that is using it he could find four or five that aren't.

Aldersperson Responsibility – Murphy feels it is the alderpersons responsibility to spend taxpayer money from the citizens that is best served for all of Galena and not just a few. He added we also need to learn that, just because we don't spend something, it doesn't hurt to bank it.

12C-0029 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Turner Hall Storm Windows – Moran advised the Turner Hall storm windows are in the plan this budget year for next budget. An energy audit of the building will take place in the next couple of weeks.

Budget schedule – The budget schedule was distributed.

Solar Project – The bids on the solar project will be put out this week. There has been a lot of interest shown in the project with 13 bidders on the list.

12C-0030 – MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Renner thanked the Department Heads for their work on the Capital Improvement Plan and complimented the Public Works Department on a job well done with getting the snow removed.

11C-0031 – 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 motion for Execution was withdrawn. The incorrect reasons for entering into Executive Session were cited. No Execution Session was held.

12C-0032 - ADJOURNMENT

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde, CMC
City Clerk