

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 23 APRIL 2012

12C-0156 – 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 April 2012.

12C-0157 – ROLL CALL

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

12C-0158 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

12C-0159 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

12C-0160 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

None.

12C-0161 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mary Auman, 701 Young Street – Auman expressed her support of the recent letter to the editor in the April 11 edition of the Galena Gazette by Marie Simpson. Simpson’s letter expressed concern with the speeding on Franklin Street. Auman stated she feels there needs to be a consistent police presence on Franklin Street in order to get this under control. She suggested installing the electronic speed signs. Auman also thanked Mayor Renner, Alderman Greene and Alderman Lincoln for their quick action on the recent St. Patrick’s Day celebration on St. Patrick’s Day weekend.

Jane Holland, 626 Ridge Street – Holland reported the Galena Dog Park Committee has now partnered with the Galena ARC. They are currently working on fundraising efforts to help pay for the City of Galena Dog Park. Jim Baranski has presented a design for the new park.

Eldon Glick, 957 James Street – Glick gave a brief presentation on how the museum is funded. Glick referred to budget pages 22, 23 and 24. He urged the Council to request a copy of the museum’s financial statement, budget and/or audit reports. The reports should show the results of the auction as well as information on the estate they were recently named in as a recipient. Glick talked about economic development and its meaning and he feels the museum does not qualify for funding as it does not create economic growth.

James Wirth, 121 S. High Street – Wirth offered his help with creating standards for tour operators and tour guides. He asked Council to give him some type of direction the City would like to proceed on this project if adopted.

LIQUOR COMMISSION

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Murphy, to adjourn as the City Council and reconvene as the Liquor Commission.

Discussion: None.

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

NAYS: None

The motion carried.

12C-0162 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2012 TO APRIL 30, 2013

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Painter, to approve the renewal of liquor licenses for the period May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013.

The following licenses were approved: Log Cabin, Gobbie's and Grape Escape.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Murphy, to adjourn as the Liquor Commission and reconvene as the City Council.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA CA-8

12C-0163 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 9, 2012 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

12C-0164 – APPROVAL OF TOUR SERVICE LICENSE RENEWALS FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2012 TO APRIL 30, 2013

12C-0165 – APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE EXPLORATION OF AN EDIBLE SCHOOLYARD PROJECT IN GALENA

12C-0166 – APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PIPE AND TOOLF FOR REPAIRS TO THE RIVERSIDE DRIVE PUMP STATION

12C-0167 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY MIDWEST MEDICAL CENTER TO CONDUCT THE 8TH ANNUAL FUN WALK/RUN ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2012 ON THE GALENA RIVER TRAIL

12C-0168 – APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF THE REPLACEMENT MEEKER STREET PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

12C-0169 – APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1 TO OLD TRAIN DEPOT EXTERIOR MASONRY CONTRACT

12C-0170 – APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF MATERIALS AND LABOR TO COMPLETE SWIMMING POOL GRATE UPGRADES

12C-0170A – APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF KATIE WIENEN, 1628 FIELD STREET, TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM (ENDING SEPTEMBER 24, 2012) OF JERRY MURDOCK ON THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

A request was made to remove item 12C-0168 from the Consent Agenda.

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Painter, to approve Consent Agenda CA-8.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

12C-0168 – APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF THE REPLACEMENT MEEKER STREET PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Fach, to approve the purchase of the Meeker Street Pedestrian Bridge and approve the first payment of \$106,978.50.

Discussion: It was noted the bridge company has agreed to design the bridge to fit the existing ramps seamlessly with no additional cost.

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

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12C-0126 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FISCAL YEAR 2012-13 OPERATING BUDGET

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Greene, to approve the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Operating Budget as presented.

Discussion: Painter stated she would like to see the ARC and Galena History Museum donations put back in the budget. She feels these organizations provide significant city services to the city and deserve the city’s support. Fach and Cording agreed.

Moran advised while both donations have been removed from the expense side of the budget, the money will remain in the General Fund. The Council can come back at a later date after such time as an agreement is reached and make an amendment to the budget to put the expenses back in.

Renner stated he would prefer to make sure things are legal before making any commitment to the donation.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

12C-0171 – MONTHLY REPORT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (EMC)

Saylor presented February and March reports. The running total for water loss in the last 12 month category shows the loss continues to drop. It has gone down a little each month. February and March were good months. February had two water breaks on two separate days on Franklin Street. Saylor shared a picture of the new truck recently purchased which is now in service. The early spring allowed them to get out and do things like, mowing and hauling sludge. They have been able to start projects which ordinarily wouldn't have started until May or June.

Saylor explained the procedures for tagging houses during a water break for notification of boil orders, etc. Residents are able to sign up for the NIXEL notification alerts thru which these notifications could be sent as well; however, participation hasn't been very good on that.

12C-0172 – QUARTERLY REPORT BY VISITGALENA.ORG

Cording stated she noticed the upcoming budget proposal increased the amount of money dedicated to the website, Facebook, Twitter, etc. from \$60,000 to \$100,000. Forrester advised they put together a marketing advisory group. The input received from this group was that they wanted to see half of the budget spent on internet marketing. The mandate from partners is that this is where we need to spend money.

Forrester advised a committee has been appointed to work with the CVB on the website. The County and the CVB are moving ahead with creating a website on their own. They are currently looking at other ways to cooperate. Information is being shared on where each is spending their advertising dollars. The committee is working on and will monitor the progress. They are tracking results a lot better than they used to.

Cording questioned if half of the marketing dollars are spent in salaries. Forrester advised it was the same this year as it was the past year.

12C-0173 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PLAN OF OPERATION FOR GALENA DOG PARK

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Painter, to approve the Plan of Operation for the Galena Dog Park.

Discussion: Council agreed it was a long time coming and that it will be a great location.

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

The motion carried.

12C-0174 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST BY JIM DIGMAN FOR ACCESS ON THE WEST STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY TO HIS PROPERTY ON WEST STREET

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Murphy, to open discussion on a request by Jim Digman for access on the West Street right-of-way to his property on West Street.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

Discussion: Council discussed the issue and determined the property is a city right-of-way and that Mr. Digman should be allowed to use it to access his lot.

Motion: Cording moved, seconded by Murphy, to close discussion on a request by Jim Digman for access on the West Street right-of-way to his property on West Street.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

Motion: Cording moved, seconded by Painter, to permit Digman to access his property from Stagecoach on the first 300 feet of the existing gravel drive and require that he maintain the driveway as necessary.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

12C-0175 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE POSSIBILITY OF SCHEDULING A VOTER REFERENDUM TO INCREASE THE FOOD AND BEVERAGE TAX

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Murphy, to deny the request on the possibility of scheduling a voter referendum to increase the Food and Beverage Tax.

Discussion: Lincoln stated he was opposed to raising taxes of any sort at this time. While some of it would be paid by outside visitors, it still directly affects residents as well. He suggested exploring the idea of cutting some budgets by a percent or two.

Painter stated while she appreciates the intent of the suggestion, she has concerns about putting a referendum on the November ballot along with the school referendum issue. She feels in the community the school is the bigger issue and the City doesn't want to detract from that. She also stated it is her understanding that this tax could be raised without a referendum. She feels the intent to raise the tax in order to maintain city properties would be a better route to go rather than designating the tax specifically to the museum and ARC. Cording agreed.

Fach stated he felt this would be a way to get a feeling from the community to see whether or not they would give support.

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

The motion carried.

12C-0176 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CREATING STANDARDS FOR TOUR OPERATORS AND TOUR GUIDES

Motion: Cording moved, seconded by Painter, to approve forming a committee to evaluate the accuracy of tour guide information and report to the City Council with their findings.

Discussion: Lincoln questioned who would be trained and who would decide what should be said. He felt this would create too many restrictions.

Painter feels if the City is going to license tour guides, it is our responsibility to make sure they are providing accurate information. She felt each tour operator should submit a script for review. She felt they could be given a test on basic knowledge of Galena. Cording felt the city could define who the tour guides are and felt there should be some type of guidelines to make sure they are giving accurate information to our visitors.

Cording was in favor of appointing a task force to work with tour operators. She recommended Steve Repp and James Wirth serve on the committee along with the Mayor and Mark Moran. The Committee would meet with tour operators to see if their information is accurate.

Lincoln was opposed stating he doesn't feel the City should be getting into directing people on what to say.

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

The motion carried.

12C-0177 – APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH SERVPRO FOR MARKET HOUSE RESTROOM CLEANING, MAINTENANCE, AND PAINTING

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Cording, to approve the contract with Servpro for cleaning, maintenance and painting of the Market House Restrooms in the amount of \$5,415.08.

Discussion: Cording expressed her appreciation to the Mayor and Craig Albaugh for addressing the situation. The refurbishing will be very helpful and more inviting to our tourists.

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

The motion carried.

12C-0178 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FIRST READING OF A SURPLUS PROPERTY ORDINANCE TO DISPOSE OF LIGHT BARS AND A SIREN

Motion: Murphy moved, seconded by Greene, to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of a surplus property ordinance to dispose of light bars and a siren.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

12C-0179 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR SOLAR PROJECT (CHANGE RACKING SYSTEM AND GROUND COVER)

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Fach, to approve Change Order #1 for the solar project to change the racking system and ground cover.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

12C-0180 – APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR \$10,000 TO JO CARROLL ENERGY AND \$35,000 FOR DAIRYLAND POWER FOR THE SOLAR PROJECT

Motion: Cording moved, seconded by Fach, to approve the interconnection permit applications for \$10,000 to Jo Carroll Energy and \$35,000 for Dairyland Power for the Solar Project.

Discussion: Moran advised these are the worst case estimates. The figures could be less.

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

The motion carried.

12C-0181 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON UTILITY BILL WRITE OFFS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-12

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Fach, to approve the Utility Billing Write-Offs for Fiscal Year 2011-12 in the amount of \$1,918.56.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

12C-0182 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PARKING TICKET WRITE OFFS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-12

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Parking Ticket Write-Offs for Fiscal Year 2011-12 in the amount of \$9,570, item 12C-0182.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

12C-0183 – WARRANTS

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

12C-0184 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Gobbie's Live Entertainment – Lincoln stated he feels the Council was incorrect in denying the request from Gobbie's for outdoor music entertainment. He noted itinerant merchant licenses are

given to numerous people that are not paying food and beverage tax or paying property tax. He feels this item should be revisited and they should be allowed to do outdoor music.

Loading Zones – Lincoln advised he has been noticing a problem with some loading zones downtown. Semis are blocking the intersection at Hill and Main Street.

Building Cleaning – Lincoln questioned if the City has any authority to tell a landowner to clean their building. There are a number of buildings in the downtown with cobwebs and dirt all over the front. He feels it would be nice to try to do something. Painter agreed.

Volunteers – Painter advised a meeting will be held on Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. to organize volunteers to do volunteer monitoring of the bike trail.

Franklin Street – Painter advised she had read the letter from Simpson in the paper as well. She feels the City should look into monitoring Franklin Street in order to increase the attractiveness as a residential area.

Franklin Street – Cording stated she has great concern with the speeding on Franklin Street as stated in Marie Simpson's letter. She recommended placing the electronic speed signs on Franklin Street as well as an increased presence of police.

Dog Park – Greene stated he is glad the dog park issue is settled and looks forward to it opening.

Thank you – Fach thanked the ARC for partnering with the dog park.

Speed Signs – Fach recommended purchasing an additional digital speed sign if we need one.

12C-0185 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

State of the City – Moran advised on Thursday, May 3, 2012, he will be giving the "State of the City" speech at the Chamber meeting. It will be a summary of how we do business as well as projects that are planned.

12C-0186 – MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

12C-0187 – MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Cording, to recess to Executive Session to discuss the following:

- Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance, Section 2 (c) (1)
- Collective negotiating matters and deliberations concerning salary schedules, Section 2 (c) (2)
- Purchase or lease of real estate, Section 2 (c) (5)
- Review of Executive Session Minutes, Section 2 (c) (21)

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

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 8:12 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

The following action was taken following Executive Session:

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve a 3.25 percent increase for all non-union salaried employees.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve a .70 cent per hour increase for all non-union hourly employees.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

12C-0188 - ADJOURNMENT

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde, CMC
City Clerk