

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 29 MAY 2012

12C-0217 – 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 29 May 2012.

12C-0218 – ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Greene, Murphy

12C-0219 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

12C-0220 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

12C-0221 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

None.

12C-0222 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sarah Peterson, Executive Director, Galena Art and Recreation Center – Peterson updated the council on events and programming at the ARC and urged the Council to continue to support the ARC.

Mary Auman, 701 Young Street – Auman thanked the City of Galena and the Galena Police Department for installing the speed monitoring sign near Dillon's. It seems to have helped. Auman encouraged the Council to initiate a city wide safe driving program noting several years ago a resolution was passed to have police officers walk in the neighborhoods more. She feels it is time to get back to that.

Rick Pariser, 113 S. High Street – Pariser stated he understands in the near future there will be a transition in the Police Department. He questioned what will be looked at as far as qualifications, experience and skills and how the position will be constructed. He stated he would like to see some input from the Council and perhaps the public on what they envision for a police manager. While this is something that is the right of the Mayor, Pariser feels it is also a responsibility of the Council to confirm the appointment. He urged them to give this a well thought out process.

Joe Dillon, 304 Division Street – Dillon apologized for the unnecessary phone calls made to council members over the weekend.

Deb Malone, 757 Dewey Avenue – Malone requested council consider an alternative route for the Fever River Outfitters 9th Annual Adventure Triathlon in the event the Meeker Street Pedestrian Bridge is not completed prior to the event.

Greg Junge, 350 N. Pilot Knob Road – Junge advised the Galena Lions Club is requesting to remove a tree in Depot Park. The location of the tree causes issues with the setup of their tent. They would propose to plant two or three replacement trees elsewhere.

Ryan Dies, 412 Spring Street – Read a prepared statement and voiced concern with the high amount of insurance required for the Galena Ramp Jam.

Joan Murray, President of the ARC and Lynn Gaber, Board Member of the ARC – Both thanked the Council for the City’s past support of the ARC and urged the Council to contribute again this year.

CONSENT AGENDA CA-10

12C-0223 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 14, 2012 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

12C-0224 – ACCEPTANCE OF MARCH AND APRIL 2012 FINANCIAL REPORTS

12C-0225 – APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH MIKE AND NICK SPROULE CONSTRUCTION FOR \$5,103 FOR SIDEWALK AND CURB AND GUTTER IMPROVEMENTS

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Painter, to approve Consent Agenda CA-10.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12C-0207 – SECOND READING AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE ANNEXATION AGREEMENT FOR THE GALENA SCENIC MEADOWS SUBDIVISION

Motion: Cording moved, seconded by Fach, to approve the second reading of an ordinance authorizing the execution of the second amendment to the annexation agreement for the Galena Scenic Meadows Subdivision.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

12C-0208 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST BY THE GALENA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR CITY PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT GALENA MARKETING CAMPAIGN

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Cording, to approve the request by the Galena Area Chamber of Commerce for City Participation in Project Galena Marketing Campaign in the amount of \$1,500 with the funds to be taken from line item 01.41.840.01.

Discussion: Fach advised he was opposed at the last meeting and he has received no communication since.

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

ABSENT: Greene, Murphy

The motion carried.

12C-0209 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE THE ACCURACY OF THE TOUR GUIDE INFORMATION

Mayor Renner recommended the following appointments: Craig Brown (chairperson), Alderperson Sue Cording, Steve Repp, James Wirth, Andy Hillard and Noreen Brill.

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Painter, to approve the recommended appointments to the committee to evaluate the accuracy of the tour guide information.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

12C-0226 – POSSIBLE RECONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ZONING CALENDAR NO. 11A-03, A REQUEST BY DINO, SOPTIRI AND FOTIS RIGOPOULOS FOR A TEXT AMENDMENT TO PERMIT OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT IN THE DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Painter, to defer item 12C-0226 to the next meeting.

12C-0227 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON \$10,000 OF FUNDING FOR THE GALENA ART AND RECREATION CENTER

Motion: Cording moved, seconded by Painter, to approve \$10,000 of funding for the Galena Art and Recreation Center as they provide a service to the children in the community, especially with the summer program (amended to include) the City enter into a partnership with the ARC for the Summer Youth Program.

Discussion: Painter stated she appreciated hearing the wonderful list of activities the ARC provides. Renner agreed and recommended the City enter into an agreement with the ARC for the Summer Youth Program.

Amended

Motion: Cording moved, seconded by Fach, to add that the City enter into a partnership with the ARC for the Summer Youth Program.

Discussion: None.

Amended Motion

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

The motion carried.

Main Motion

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

The motion carried.

12C-0228 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY THE GALENA LIONS CLUB TO REMOVE A TREE FROM DEPOT PARK AND PLANT NEW TREES

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Fach, to approve the request by the Galena Lions Club to remove a tree from Depot Park and plant new trees.

Discussion: Painter requested that Public Works determine the site for the new trees. Cording recommended two larger trees rather than three smaller trees.

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

The motion carried.

12C-0229 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE U.S. GRANT HOME PATHWAY PROJECT

The following bids were received:

Ref #	Company	Base Bid \$	Addendum #1
1	Wienen Excavating and Concreting	47,110.00	500
2	Mike and Nick Sproule Construction (MNS)	31,873.00	120
3	Jackson Concreting	48,071.25	100
4	Louie's Trenching Service	32,495.00	200

Motion: Cording moved, seconded by Fach, to approve the construction contract for the U.S. Grant Home Pathway Project to Mike and Nick Sproule Construction in the amount of \$31,873 along with Addendum #1 in the amount of \$120.00.

Discussion: None

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

The motion carried.

12C-0230 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PURCHASE OF AN INFLUENT PUMP FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AT A COST OF \$10,150

The following prices were received:

Fairbanks Morris Pump	Zimmer and Francescon	\$10,150
Flygt Pump		\$19,654

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Cording, to approve the purchase of an Influent Pump for the Wastewater Treatment Plant from Zimmer and Francescon in the amount of \$10,150.

Discussion: Fach questioned the difference in price. City Engineer, Andy Lewis advised Flygt pump is manufactured in Scandanavia. The Fairbanks Morris pump is made in this country. We have used Fairbanks Morris pumps and they have worked fine.

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

The motion carried.

12C-0231 – APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL BY FEVER RIVER OUTFITTERS FOR THE 9TH ANNUAL ADVENTURE TRIATHLON FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2012, INCLUDING POSSIBLE STREET CLOSURE OF THE GREEN STREET PLAZA

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve the proposal by Fever River Outfitters for the 9th Annual Adventure Triathlon for September 15, 2012, including possible street closure of the Green Street Plaza and the proposed alternative route if the Meeker Street Pedestrian Bridge is not available.

Discussion: None

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

The motion carried.

12C-0232 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR GALENA RAMP JAM EVENT

Moran advised that staff met with Ryan Dies in February or March. At that time he was told he would need a million dollars of liability insurance with the City named as additionally insured. When staff received the summary of insurance it was forwarded on to the City's carrier, Illinois Risk Management Association, for their review of the policy. They quickly came back advising the amount of coverage was inadequate for an event such as this. They recommended bringing the coverage up to a total of 6 million dollars. Moran advised Dies is saying the additional coverage would be cost prohibitive for his event.

Nack advised on a day to day basis the City's insurance covers the skate park. In this case, it is an event conducted by a third party which the city is not involved in. It is important to have that event have its own insurance coverage. The requirement for additional insurance is coming down from our insurance company.

Dies advised the cost for the additional insurance would be approximately \$3,700.

Lincoln felt if the City is going to require the additional insurance coverage, the City should pay the additional cost of the insurance as it seems like it was an error on the City's party. Staff should have inquired about the limits prior to approving it. Fach agreed.

Renner pointed out Dies came before the Council on March 26. At that time he was advised the City would want to make sure all insurance was in place and proper fees were paid prior to the event. Staff didn't receive the insurance information until the middle of May.

Nack advised he would seriously caution the Council on spending tax payer money on a private enterprise.

Cording stated while she has tremendous sympathy for Dies, unfortunately because of a series of delays in moving the insurance forward, the City Council is now faced one week before the event with a deficit in the insurance. She stated she could not vote to use tax paper money to underwrite the insurance costs for this event. She preferred to see if VisitGalena might be able to pick up the additional cost.

Lincoln felt it was a mistake made on the City's part and was in favor of allowing the event to go forward with the amount of coverage he currently has. Renner disagreed stating the City didn't have the full information.

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve the initial insurance requirements made to Galena Ramp Jam of a \$2 million dollar liability policy.

Discussion: None.

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

12C-0233 – WARRANTS

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

12C-0233 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Citizen's Comments - Cording stated she felt Citizen's Comments were especially good tonight. She thanked those who come to give input and their sincere feelings. They participated well in city government.

Electronics Recycling – Cording announced electronics recycling is here. These items can now be dropped off at the Police Department. The list of items is available on the website.

Recognition Events – Painter advised she has recently attended two recognition events. One was for the Fire Department and the other was the Memorial Day event. Both were very well planned events. She thanked those who take the time to plan these events and encouraged other members to attend.

Solar Powered Speed Sign – Painter stated she would like to see the City Council consider a budget amendment for the purchase of a solar powered speed sign. She feels it is an important tool and a solar powered one would be great.

Highway 20 Speed – Painter advised a suggestion was made about reducing the speed on Highway 20 from Bouthillier Street to West Street. She questioned if additional information has been received.

Cemetery Walk – Painter advised the Historical Society will be doing a Cemetery Walk on June 9th and 10th.

Projects – Lincoln advised he would like to see city staff doing more of the projects like the one under item 12C-0025. He feels it looks like a job they could handle in future.

12C-0235 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Highway 20 Speed Limit – Moran advised a resident on 3rd Street requested that the speed limit on Highway 20 be lowered. An inquiry was sent to the Illinois Department of Transportation who directly responded to the resident that the reduction is not warranted based on their standards and will not happen at this time.

Insurance Issue – Moran advised the insurance issue is something the Council will probably need to take a look at. There are two other events, according to the insurers, that fall into the same risk category. He recommended establishing a policy going forward when we have events come to us. A standard agreement should be put in place with each event. Moran stated the Council may want to consider allowing the other two events to fall under the long standing policy of a million dollar policy for this year.

Bond Refinancing – Moran announced the City’s bond rating has been upgraded from an A+ to a AA-. This means we have a very strong capacity to meet financial commitments.

12C-0236 – MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Renner wished Alderman LaVerne Greene luck with his upcoming surgery.

Mayor Renner stated he is pleased to see the electronics recycling drop off in place.

12C-0236 – MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance, Section 2 (c) (1)
- Purchase or lease of real estate, Section 2 (c) (5)
- Review of Executive Session Minutes, Section 2 (c) (21)

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

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 7:41 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:41 p.m.

12C-0237 - ADJOURNMENT

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Beth Hyde". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk