

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 25 JUNE 2012

12C-0257 – 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 25 June 2012.

12C-0258 – ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Cording

12C-0259 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

12C-0260 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

12C-0261 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

None.

12C-0262 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Richard Forrester, 614 Gear Street – Forrester thanked the city and staff for their support in helping make the second annual “Tour of Galena” bike race a resounding success. It was an excellent event and is getting a wonderful reputation. It has become a nationally recognized event. The occupancy rates were much higher on that weekend than in previous years.

Nancy Breed, Executive Director, Galena History Museum – Breed urged the Council to act favorably on their request for a trolley loading zone in front of the Galena History Museum on South Main Street. They are requesting two spaces be dedicated on a trial basis from July to October. They have offered all three licensed trolley’s the same opportunity to partner to sell tickets for a modest fee.

Bill Karberg, 408 S. Main Street – Karberg advised he is a new member of the Galena/Jo Daviess County Historical Society Museum Board. He owns a business directly across the street from the spaces being discussed. He advised he would welcome it. He doesn’t feel it would hinder his business at all and might bring more attention to South Main Street. He feels a Main Street presence is very important for the museum and appreciates Tri-State Tours willingness to promote the museum and blacksmith shop.

CONSENT AGENDA CA-12

12C-0263 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 25, 2012 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

12C-0264 – APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT BA 13-01 FOR POOL REPAIRS/EQUIPMENT, SPEED SIGN, AND RETIREMENT DISTRIBUTIONS

12C-0265 – APPROVAL OF THE REAPPOINTMENT OF BILL NYBO TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FOR A TERM COMMENCING AUGUST 1, 2012 AND EXPIRING JULY 31, 2017

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Painter, to approve Consent Agenda CA-12.

Discussion: Lincoln requested item 12C-0264 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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

The motion carried.

12C-0264 – APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT BA 13-01 FOR POOL REPAIRS/EQUIPMENT, SPEED SIGN, AND RETIREMENT DISTRIBUTIONS

Lincoln stated he was upset when he read about the digital speed sign. He is concerned with adding more budget amendments four meetings into the new budget. If this is something we need, it should be budgeted for in the next budget process. Lincoln preferred to see the money saved until a real emergency arrives. This is something he feels doesn't need to be done right now to add more money to the budget.

Painter pointed out this would be paid for with excess money saved in the purchase of the new truck. Painter questioned the cost to run the signs. Moran advised the digital sign on the Highway was run off of Alderman Fach's electric. The signs do have batteries as well which require daily charging.

Renner stated he wasn't opposed to the solar powered sign but felt it should be put in next year's budget.

Fach advised the batteries only last half a day and the old signs are bulky and heavy for the officers to put out.

Motion: Murphy moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve Budget Amendment BA-13-01 for the pool repairs, ARC donation and the transfer to the Benefits Liability Fund.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

12C-0266 – MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (EMC)

Saylor presented the reports for April and May. Pictures of the digester tanks were included to show how the solids build up in them after a few years. The April report continues to show a decline in the water loss. The water loss for May was 13.27 percent.

Saylor advised with the SCADA system in place, he is able to walk across the hall to see what amount of water is being pumped. In the case of a fire like the Westwick Foundry, he is able to control the pumps to make sure there is a sufficient supply of water to fight the fire.

Extra water samples were required in the month of May testing for organic compounds in Wells 5 and 6. All came back OK. The extra tests were paid for by EMC.

Things are going great. The solar project has three rows installed and they are starting on the fourth row.

12C-0267 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY THE GALENA HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM FOR A BUS LOADING ZONE IN FRONT OF THE GATEWAY TO HISTORY, 403 SOUTH MAIN STREET

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Painter, to accept the request by the Galena Historical Society and Museum for a bus loading zone in front of the Gateway to History Museum at 403 S. Main Street, item 12C-0267.

Discussion: Painter felt it was a great idea and appreciates the fact that they are looking at it as a trial basis and are willing to modify their property if it is successful.

Renner voiced concern with the narrowness of the street in that area. He advised we will have to keep an eye on it and deal with any problems that arise. He also felt hours should be set so the stalls can be used for regular parking in the evenings when the trolleys aren't running.

Lincoln stated his first thought would be that it should accommodate motor coaches as well as there has been an influx of buses compared to other years. He feels the Council needs to give some thought as to what we can do for buses and the best area for them to load and unload.

Council agreed the hours should coincide with the business hours.

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

The motion carried.

12C-0268 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ZONING CALENDAR NO. 12A-02, A REQUEST BY KAREN AND NATHAN GREINER TO REZONE 809 SPRING STREET FROM LOW/MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Painter, to approve Zoning Calendar No. 12A-02, a request by Karen and Nathan Greiner to rezone 809 Spring Street from Low/Medium Density Residential to Neighborhood Commercial.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

12C-0269 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY FOR 809 SPRING STREET FROM LOW/MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Greene, to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of an ordinance amending the Zoning Map of the City for 809 Spring Street from Low/Medium Density Residential to Neighborhood Commercial District.

Discussion: None.

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

NAYS: None
ABSENT: Cording

The motion carried.

12C-0270 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON STREET PERFORMERS ORDINANCE

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Fach, to open discussion on item 12C-0270, Discussion and Possible Action on Street Performers Ordinance.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

Discussion: Painter felt it would make sense to put some limits around the ordinance. It appears to be wide open. There are no hours described, no limit on the number of times and \$25 covers an entire year.

Renner stated if street performers are allowed, we should agree to some time limits, number of days, locations where they can play and an increased fee. He was in favor of limiting the hours that music can be played and limiting the hours any one performer can play at the same location.

Fach questioned if the city really wants to continue this as it clearly violates the noise disturbance ordinance.

Murphy recommended abolishing the ordinance and abolishing street performers. He reminded Council music was just voted down for Gobbie's.

Lincoln recommended raising the fee to \$200 or \$500 per year. Greene agreed if the fee were raised high enough a lot of them wouldn't do it.

Lincoln stated he wouldn't mind keeping it but felt we should also allow music on private property.

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Fach, to close discussion.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Murphy, to discontinue the Street Performers Ordinance effective May 1, 2013 and that staff be instructed not to issue any more licenses this year.

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

The motion carried.

12C-0271 – SUBSTANDARD REPORT FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Duff Stewart gave a report on substandard buildings.

Painter stated she is concerned that maybe we need to step it up and put more teeth into it. She questioned if there was any way we could put leverage on the owner of multiple properties to sell one in order to fix up the others. Nack advised we can issue citations and take them to court. Court has the discretion to fine up to \$750 per day per occurrence. Another option would be to condemn or take back thru eminent domain.

12C-0272 – RENTAL HOUSING INSPECTION PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Duff Stewart gave a report on the Rental Housing Inspection Program. Lincoln encouraged Stewart to include single units as well a rental homes in the inspection program.

Moran advised one issue to consider is inspecting more than once every three years.

12C-0273 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE REGULATING WAGES OF LABORERS, MECHANICS AND OTHER WORKERS EMPLOYED IN PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS FOR THE CITY OF GALENA, ILLINOIS (PREVAILING WAGE ORDINANCE)

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Murphy, to approve the first reading of an ordinance regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in public works projects for the City of Galena, Illinois and waive the second reading.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

12C-0274 – WARRANTS

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

12C-0275 – ALDERPERSONS’ COMMENTS

Solar Powered Speed Sign – Fach stated he is thinking the action on the solar operated speed sign tonight was a little foolish. The machine was plugged into his outlet all summer long. It worked. He advised the high volume of traffic on the highway and the disregard of the speed limits is a scary thing. We have machines downstairs not being used because they are awkward and bothersome to handle. He questioned if the signs could be hardwired. The City could install meters at various places around town to allow them to plug it in and leave it there for two or three weeks.

Thank you – Painter thanked Cindy Pepple for a nice job done on her report on her meeting in Chicago adding she provided some great ideas.

Business License – Painter advised she would like to see if staff couldn't put something together with regard to a Business License. This would provide an opportunity for a new business to get all of the information they need at one time.

Public Restrooms – Painter referred to the letter from Allana Turner with regard to the problems with the public restrooms by the Market House. She advised that at one time the Historical Society talked about adding restrooms at the Galena Gateway Facility. She suggested staff look at long term and see if they have a place to add them.

12C-0276 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Recycling Containers – Moran advised staff is looking into adding recycling containers at Recreation Park. Staff has received comments from users out there that they would like to see them.

Electronics Recycling – Moran reported the electronics recycling is going well. We have already filled four bins!

12C-0277 – MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

12C-0278 - ADJOURNMENT

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

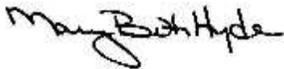
Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk