

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 26 NOVEMBER 2012

12C-0482 – 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 26 November 2012.

12C-0483 – ROLL CALL

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

12C-0484 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

12C-0485 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

12C-0486 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

None.

12C-0487 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Richard Auman, 701 Young Street – Auman urged the Council to reconsider their decision not to capture the new growth in the community with the tax levy. He feels it is critically important for the city to capture all of it.

James Wirth, 121 S. High Street – Wirth urged the Council to pass the ordinance which would prohibit people from going in the cemeteries after dark.

Rick Pariser, 113 S. High Street – Pariser recommended hours be set for the cemeteries. He suggested closing them at 8:00 p.m. in the summer and 4:30 p.m. in the winter. If anyone wished to seek a variance of those hours, they should be required to go before the council.

Mike Scholz, 11405 Route 20 West – Scholz advised the current liquor license holder at the Ramada purchased the new liquor license in March. He questioned if any consideration could be given to him with regard to the upfront licensing fee since the current license was purchased a short time ago.

Amelia Roth, Amelia's Ghost Tours – Roth stated she understands we don't want people in the cemeteries after dark messing around; however, she feels consideration should be given to tour companies with a controlled environment.

Holly Werner, 15 W. Arrowhead Drive – Werner advised she is a tour guide for Amelia's Ghost Tours and offered to answer any questions the Council might have with regard to the tours. She advised they would not allow anyone to do anything disrespectful in the cemeteries.

Steve Repp, 227 S. Dodge Street – Repp urged the Council to consider closing the cemeteries at 5:00 p.m. in the winter and 8:00 p.m. in the summer.

CONSENT AGENDA CA-20

12C-0488 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2012 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

12C-0489 – APPROVAL OF BA13-04 FOR LEVEE ACCREDITATION PROJECT, DONATION, POLICE TRAINING AND GATEWAY PARK

12C-0490 – SECOND READING AND APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND SWIMMING POOL PROPERTY SURPLUS

12C-0491 – APPROVAL OF REQUEST BY SERGEANT CHARLES WERNER FOR SECONDARY EMPLOYMENT

12C-0492 – ACCEPTANCE OF SEPTEMBER 2012 FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Fach, to approve Consent Agenda CA-20 as presented.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12C-0445 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPEAL OF A DECISION BY THE GALENA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION BY MARGARET DWORAK, 129 S. DODGE STREET

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Cording, to uphold the decision made by the Galena Historic Preservation Commission on the request by Margaret Dworak, 129 S. Dodge Street, item 12C-0445.

Discussion: Painter advised the Historic Preservation Commission came back with a halfway point that would allow the applicant to remove the yankee gutters while maintaining the metal roof.

Cording felt there wasn't a whole lot of difference in cost for the asphalt and tin with the gutters removed. She noted the vote was a unanimous vote by the Historic Preservation Commission and felt, for that reason, it was reasonable to uphold their request.

Fach questioned if the City would have the ability to offer some type of no interest loan on the difference. He advised he would be more comfortable voting in favor of the motion if we could back it up with a no interest loan. Nack cautioned the Council on loaning money to private individuals as there is no procedure in place.

Dworak advised it would cost approximately \$4,000 to \$5,000 to do the tin roof. She advised the Historic Preservation Commission voted to maintain the metal roof without the yankee gutters. She stated it was her understanding they wanted to stay with the metal so she did not get an updated price on the asphalt without the gutters. Dworak stated she would be willing to do the metal roof should the council decide to uphold the decision. She thanked city staff for all of their help.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

12C-0493 – QUARTERLY REPORT BY VISITGALENA.ORG

Richard Forester presented the quarterly report by VisitGalena.org.

12C-0494 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 96.04 OF THE GALENA CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO CLOSING TIME OF PARKS AND CEMETERIES

Motion: Painter moved seconded by Cording to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 96.04 of the Galena Code of Ordinances pertaining to closing time of parks and cemeteries, 12C-0494.

Discussion: Council felt it would be reasonable to allow tours to conduct them from outside of the fence after dark. They felt for enforcement purposes it would be better to set specific dates and times for summer and winter hours. Moran advised he will add more specific language to the ordinance.

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

The motion carried.

12C-0495 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CREATING A NEW LIQUOR LICENSE FOR HOTELS WITHOUT RESTAURANTS

Motion: Cording moved, seconded by Greene, to open discussion on the possibility of creating a new liquor license for hotels without restaurants.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

Discussion: Council discussed the initial fee and whether or not it should apply to an existing business. In the end it was agreed a new classification would be made for hotels without restaurants or bars. The annual license fee will be set at \$625 per year with an initial fee of \$3,125.

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Murphy, to close discussion on the possibility of creating a new liquor license for hotels without restaurants.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

Motion: Cording moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve creating a Class P Liquor License for hotels without restaurants or bars with an annual fee of \$625 and an initial fee of \$3,125.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

12C-0496 – FIRST READING ON THE 2013 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE

Motion: Murphy moved, seconded by Fach, to approve the first reading on the 2013 Tax Levy Ordinance.

Discussion: Cording felt council should reconsider the original motion made to keep the levy at the same rate as last year. She noted several large price items included in the capital improvement plan as well as the need for a new roof on City Hall which isn't in the plan. She feels it is in the best interest of the people of Galena to move the levy up so we can continue to provide the services citizens deserve.

Painter felt the City Administrator did a fine job of explaining what happens if we don't go for the maximum amount this year. She pointed out in 10 years the City has lost almost a half million dollars. While she agrees no one likes to see new taxes, people do expect services. While it may not be popular to vote for it, she feels the Council needs to look at the long and short term well-being of the city. In looking at the needs of the community as a whole, Painter stated she can't imagine that people would not agree to pay \$2.16 per month to provide good streets, water retention, etc. She pointed out Ptell came about because of a referendum. At that time the citizens said it was ok for the city to do this. Painter was in favor of taking the maximum amount.

Lincoln was opposed stating people are tired of paying more taxes every year.

Renner was concerned we need to be careful. As expenses continue to go up, things could get tight and things may not get done. Renner was in favor of capturing at least a portion of the new growth.

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

The motion carried.

12C-0497 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES

The following bid was received:

Equipment Cost			
Contractor	End Loader	Dump Truck	Skid Steer
Louie's Trenching Service	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$90.00

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Greene, to approve the bid for emergency snow removal services from Louie's Trenching Services for the amounts stated above.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

12C-0498 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION BY STRAND ASSOCIATES FOR THE DOWNTOWN FLOOD PUMP PROJECT

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Fach, to approve a contract amendment for construction supervision by Strand Associates for the Downtown Flood Pump Project for an amount not to exceed \$15,900.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

12C-0499 – WARRANTS

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Fach to approve the Warrants as presented with the addition of a warrant to Illinois Municipal League Risk Management in the amount of \$185,322.81.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

12C-0500 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Parks – Greene commend the Public Works Department for a fabulous job cleaning up the parks this fall.

12C-0501 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Street Performers – The Street Performers Ordinance will be on the next agenda.

Historic Society Lease – The lease for the Historic Society will be on the next agenda.

12C-0502 – MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

12C-0503 - ADJOURNMENT

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk