

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 11 MARCH 2013

13C-0073 – 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 11 March 2013.

13C-0074 – ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Painter

13C-0075 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

13C-0076 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

13C-0077 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

None.

13C-0077B – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Egon Wolff, 200 N. Bench Street – Wolff voiced concern with the design of the new City Hall. He doesn't feel it fits the legacy of Galena. He added the restrooms built by the state at Market House Square were amiable and were designed to fit the design of the adjacent buildings.

Brian Beadle – Sports Program Director, Galena ARC – Beadle advised he will be overseeing the sporting activities at the ARC. Their plan is to move everything from Wiene Fields to Rec Park. They are looking to upgrade the existing lights and add a fence for the outfield. They are working to get the adult leagues back out there as well as little league baseball/softball for girls. They plan to do a men's league on Friday nights and a kings/queens league on Sunday night. The ARC will be responsible for all field maintenance. They would also like to use the horseshoe pits for a horseshoe league as well as the shuffleboard courts for a shuffleboard league with the hopes of getting seniors involved in that. The intent is to get everyone active. They would also like to get sand volleyball going again. Beadle also plans to bring in archery and utilize the new tennis courts.

Sara Peterson, Director, Galena ARC – Peterson advised they would like to make Rec Park a true family destination all summer long. Their intent is to make Galena more active by creating more leagues.

CONSENT AGENDA CA13-05

13C-0078 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 25, 2013 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

13C-0079 – ACCEPTANCE OF JANUARY 2012 FINANCIAL REPORT

13C-0080 – APPROVAL OF 2013 ZONING MAP

13C-0081 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY THE ANTIQUE TOWN RODS AND GALENA BOY SCOUT TROOP 95 TO USE THE 101 GREEN STREET PARKING LOT FOR FOOD SALES ON BOY SCOUT WEEKEND

Motion: Cording moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve Consent Agenda CA13-05 as presented.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

13C-0082 – VISITGALENA.ORG QUARTERLY REPORT

Richard Forester gave a presentation on the VisitGalena.org quarterly report. He announced VisitGalena.org received an award at the Illinois Governor’s Conference on Tourism for “Best Website” for organizations with budgets under \$700,000.

Forester advised in an attempt to increase private revenue, they are looking to expand membership outside of the county. He advised those that have a business in Galena are automatically a member and are allowed one free ad on the website. Members outside of Galena pay a \$250 membership fee which includes one listing. Each additional listing is \$250. Lodging outside of Galena pays a \$250 membership fee plus \$5 per room for their listing. Forester advised they are looking at major tourism attractions such as the Diamond Joe Casino and the Mississippi River Museum. He advised lodging establishments outside of Jo Daviess County will not be eligible. They are looking at a membership fee of \$500 for out of county memberships and \$350 for any additional listings on the website.

13C-0083 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PROPOSAL BY XXX RACING AND VISITGALENA.ORG TO HOST THE THIRD ANNUAL TOUR OF GALENA, JUNE 7-9, 2013

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve the proposal by xXx Racing and VisitGalena.org to host the third annual Tour of Galena, June 7-9, 2013.

Discussion: There were no problems with the race for the past two years and they propose to use the same race routes.

Renner advised the Police Department felt everything went well, they were easy to work with and were very organized.

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

The motion carried.

13C-0084 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING THE CLASS O CRAFT DISTILLER’S LIQUOR LICENSE AS IT RELATES TO PRODUCT SAMPLING AND SALES OF SPIRITS BY THE GLASS

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Greene, to approve the first reading of an ordinance modifying the Class O Craft Distiller’s Liquor License as it relates to product sampling and sales of spirits by the glass.

Discussion: It was noted this change mimics the State Statute.

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

The motion carried.

13C-0085 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PROPOSAL BY THE GALENA ART AND RECREATION CENTER TO UTILIZE RECREATION PARK FOR SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Lincoln, to open discussion on the proposal by the Galena Art and Recreation Center to utilize Recreation Park for summer activities.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried

Discussion: Greene stated he would like to see staff sit down with the ARC to work out an agreement. He voiced concern there may be a parking problem in the summer. He suggested it may be time to look at a Park Board in order to do this.

Albaugh advised the lights need approximately \$4,000 worth of repairs.

They plan to have a concession stand selling prepackaged items. The pool concession stand will be open during pool hours if anyone wants to purchase hot food.

The primary activities will be on Friday and Sunday nights. The rest of it would be during the week. There may be an occasional tournament on a Saturday. They have no committed dates yet. They will be doing 5th-8th grade instructional ball during the day and Pre-K – 4th grade in the early evening.

Murphy questioned if there might be a way to put up a temporary fence vs. putting the money into a permanent fence.

Moran advised there is a surplus in the general fund to do something like this. Last year the City had an agreement with the ARC for youth programming for \$10,000. This year they are asking for \$11,000 in capital improvements at our facility but are not asking for any other funds.

Council directed staff to work up a use agreement.

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Fach, to close discussion on the proposal by the Galena Art and Recreation Center to utilize Recreation Park for summer activities.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried

Motion: Cording moved, seconded by Fach, to approve the proposal by the Galena Art and Recreation Center to utilize Recreation Park for summer activities, 13C-0085.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried

13C-0086 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON IMPROVEMENTS TO RECREATION PARK INCLUDING LIGHTING UPGRADES AND THE INSTALLATION OF AN OUTFIELD FENCE ON THE BALL FIELD

Motion: Murphy moved, seconded by Cording, to table item 13C-0086 until such time as the City Administrator and the Galena Art and Recreation Center determine a plan and cost of operations.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried

13C-0087 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PURCHASE OF SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Murphy, to approve the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus for the Fire Department.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

13C-0088 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PROPOSAL BY THE GALENA FOUNDATION TO CONTRACT WITH ADAM JOHNSON ARCHITECTURE FOR THE GRANT PARK GAZEBO RESTORATION PROJECT

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Cording, to approve the proposal by the Galena Foundation to contract with Adam Johnson Architecture for the Grant Park Gazebo Restoration Project in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

Discussion: Moran advised the Galena Foundation is going to ask for a 50/50 split on the project. The estimated cost is approximately \$40,000. They hope to have the project completed by August 14. The timing of the restoration of the project has to be worked out as the Gazebo has been rented out for events.

The Gazebo will be dedicated at Country Fair in October.

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

The motion carried.

13C-0089 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE REIMBURSEMENT OF JIM AND KATHY ANDERSON FOR EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE MAGAZINE STREET RETAINING WALL PROJECT

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Murphy, to open discussion on the reimbursement of Jim and Kathy Anderson for expenses associated with the Magazine Street Retaining Wall Project.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried

Discussion: Moran advised the wall was rebuilt in 2000. The wall is in need of repairs again. When the wall was redone in 2000 the Anderson's purchased the decorative railing on the top of the wall. Their proposal is to have the City pay for the removal and reinstallation of the fence. They will store the fence on their property.

Greene voiced concern if they were to remove the fence and the wall would collapse the city would be liable. City Attorney Nack stated it would better for the City to hire someone to remove the fence.

Council agreed to go out for bid for the Magazine Street Retaining Wall Project. Cording stated she preferred to wait until after the budget process to make a decision.

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Murphy, to close discussion on the reimbursement of Jim and Kathy Anderson for expenses associated with the Magazine Street Retaining Wall Project.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Fach, to go out for bids for the Magazine Street Retaining Wall Project, item 13C-0089.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

13C-0090 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2013 SWIMMING POOL FEES AND WAGES

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Cording, to approve the fees and wages for the swimming pool for 2013.

Discussion: Fach felt everything was well expressed, well researched and looks good.

Cording felt the improvements looked great, especially the individual season pass to help clarify things. She was pleased to see the season ran from Memorial Day to the weekend after school starts.

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

The motion carried.

13C-0091 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AMENDMENT ONE TO FACILITIES SPACE LEASE WITH US CELLULAR

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Cording, to open discussion on Amendment One to the Facilities Space Lease with US Cellular.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

Discussion: Fach questioned if the fee is commensurate with other communities. Moran advised the amount shown is just the increase. The actual monthly rent is \$1,800. Moran feels the City is doing very well with this amount. He advised the City went from no leases or rent 10 years ago up to \$80,000 per year right now. This will not prevent the City from adding another antenna to the tower.

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Cording, to close discussion on amendment one to the Facilities Space Lease with US Cellular.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve the amendment to the Facilities Space Lease with US Cellular.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

13C-0092 – DISTRIBUTION OF PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2013-14 OPERATING BUDGET

Moran distributed the proposed Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget and reminded everyone the first budget meeting will be held Monday, March 18, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

13C-0093 – WARRANTS

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

13C-0094 – ALDERPERSONS’ COMMENTS

Accident – Fach reported an ammonia tanker went off of the Highway at Spring and High Streets a couple of months ago. A wrecker was needed to get the truck out. He questioned if we could direct the state to install a guardrail.

Bartell Farm – It was noted things haven’t gotten worked out for dam for retention pond on the Bartell Farm. A question was asked if there is any way the City can come up with enough dirt out of the pond itself to dam it up again as people downstream are suffering because this thing is sitting there not repaired.

Financial Report – Fach complimented Cindy Pepple on doing a wonderful job with her report.

Washout – Greene advised there is a large washout at Buckhill and Dewey Avenue. He recommended letting the township know.

Public Works – Cording commended the Public Works Department on doing a great job during all of the snows we have been having. They are out very early cleaning up the streets.

Concern – Lincoln voiced concern that they City seemed to have problems getting funding for the proposal for Rec Park but when we got to the project at Grant Park where we don’t know how much money we are going to have to kick in, we had no problems approving to get the drawings made up. He felt it seems like we are wasting time.

Business Expo – Lincoln stated the Chamber of Commerce had a Business Expo at the Convention Center. It was well attended.

13C-0095 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Website – Moran advised he is working on the new website. They are shooting for June to have it up and running in order to take advantage of the grant obtained for that project.

13C-0096 – MAYOR’S REPORT

No report.

12C-0097 – MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- Purchase or lease of real estate, Section 2 (c) (5)
- Collective negotiating matters and deliberations concerning salary schedules , Section 2 (c) (2)

- Review of Executive Session Minutes, Section 2 (c) (21)

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 7:45 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:25. The following action was taken:

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Greene, to approve the Union Contract for the Public Works Department for 2013-2017.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

13C-0072 - ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Cording moved, seconded by Lincoln to adjourn.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk