

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 23 SEPTEMBER 2013

13C-0363 – 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 September 2013.

13C-0364 – ROLL CALL

Upon roll call the following members were present: Bernstein, Fach, Greene, Kieffer, Lincoln, Painter, Renner

13C-0365 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

13C-0366 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

13C-0367 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

None.

13C-0368 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rick Pariser, 113 S. High Street – Pariser commented on the antique fair held at Depot Park over the weekend. Pariser stated he remembers when the sponsors of the antique fair came before the Council to request permission for the fair. A few questions were asked and they were eventually granted permission. They paid a hefty fee to rent the property, put in port-a-potties and provided insurance. He advised across the river there is another for profit business (kayak rental) who never came before the Council to operate this business. Pariser feels this could be a very innocuous situation. He questioned the two sets of standards. One had to go through hoops and pay a fee while the other looks like it is subsidized by the city. Pariser advised over two months ago a group of citizens came before the City Council and raised questions about this kayak/canoe park operation and whether or not it was licensed. They questioned why they were allowed to operate without permits. Pariser urged the Council to answer those questions.

Tom Brusck, Interim Director, Visit Galena – Brusck gave an update on Visit Galena and upcoming events in the area.

Jerry Murdock, 1005 Campbell Street – Murdock stated it is nice to see people using the river. People are using it, not for a personal person to make money, but for the betterment of Galena. He would be in favor of allowing more things to bring people to Galena. He gave the Council credit for pushing to get the park done.

CONSENT AGENDA CA13-18

13C-0369 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

13C-0370 – APPROVAL OF THE GALENA ART AND RECREATION CENTER PARKING VEHICLES AND COLLECTING PARKING FEES DURING COUNTRY FAIR WEEKEND AT THE WINERY PARKING LOT

13C-0371 – APPOINTMENT OF KIM COOK TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FOR THE TERM ENDING JULY 31, 2014

13C-0372 – APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER 2 FOR THE DOWNTOWN STORM WATER PUMP STATION PROJECT

13C-0373 – ACCEPTANCE OF JULY 2013 FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Greene, to approve Consent Agenda 13CA-18.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Fach, Greene, Kieffer, Lincoln, Painter, Bernstein, Renner
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13C-0356 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUIRING RECYCLING AT ALL CITY PERMITTED EVENTS

City Administrator, Mark Moran, presented a Special Events Cleanup and Recycling Policy.

Painter felt the proposed containers would be easy to store and easy to move around to different events. She felt it was a reasonable way to go.

Lincoln agreed he would like to see this happen; however, he felt it would be better to make it effective after May 1, 2014 so the cost of purchasing the containers and bags could be included in next year's budget.

Greene stated he was in favor of recycling; however, he feels we need to take care of recycling in the downtown area before anything else.

Bernstein questioned if the fees we might possibly bring it would cover the costs so we wouldn't have to postpone it until May. Moran stated he agreed with waiting until May. He recommended the Council consider raising the permit fees to include the recycling fee in order to offset the cost of the portable recycling containers. Most of the events scheduled between now and the end of the year have already received their permits.

Council agreed to implement the policy next year and to check into recycling for the downtown.

NEW BUSINESS

13C-00374 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE DEER POPULATION CONTROL COMMITTEE

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Painter, to follow the recommendations from the Deer Population Control Committee to institute a survey.

Discussion: Bernstein stated she would like to see a question added about how citizens feel about calling in sharpshooters.

Painter thanked the committee for putting the information together. She felt it was complete, interesting and very educational.

Roll Call: AYES: Kieffer, Lincoln, Painter, Bernstein, Fach, Greene, Renner
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

13C-0375 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BACKFLOW INSPECTION CONTRACT

The following bids were received:

GeoStar Mech./Backflow Specialists	\$40/per unit
Mechanical, Inc.	\$70/per unit
Nelson Carlson Mechanical Contr.	\$39/per unit

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Greene, to award the Backflow Inspection Contract to Nelson Carlson Contractors in the amount of \$39 per unit.

Discussion: Lincoln questioned if this was a two year contract. Nack advised it was a one year contract. Regulations state contracts can only go one fiscal year.

Roll Call: AYES: Lincoln, Painter, Bernstein, Fach, Greene, Kieffer, Renner
NAYS: Lincoln

The motion carried.

13C-0376 – WARRANTS

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the Warrants as presented with the addition of a warrant to the Galena Foundation in the amount of \$21,486 which will be repaid at a later date.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Painter, Bernstein, Fach, Greene, Kieffer, Lincoln, Renner
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

13C-0377 – ALDERPERSONS’ COMMENTS

Antique Fair – Bernstein stated the antique fair was a very nice event and she hopes they made lots of money. It would be nice to see it again next year if they are so inclined. Kieffer agreed they did a great job on it and he too would like to see it come back.

Leaf Burning – Bernstein advised she had someone approach her about the leaf burning issue who was concerned about the best way to make a fire. Piling a bunch of wet leaves up and throwing gas on them is not a good idea. When information is put out about open burn, she recommended perhaps the Fire Department could explain the best way start a fire in a reasonable manner. Lincoln recommended adding it to the article in the Gazette about open burn.

Deer Committee – Bernstein thanked the Deer Committee for their work. It was very informative and she learned a lot.

Wireless – Lincoln advised he has talked to Mark Moran with regard to the wireless in the downtown. He hopes we can get some upgrades to the wireless and cellular use on the Main Street area.

Restroom Cleanliness – Fach advised he has been speaking with Mark Moran about the cleanliness of our public restrooms. Fach requested an item be added to an upcoming agenda to discuss ideas on contracting the restrooms out. He recommended some kind of standard cleanliness that should be upheld by contractors doing this.

Police Department Phone Lines – Fach advised he spotted a stray dog on the highway the other day. When he tried to call the Police Department to notify them, the line was busy. He thought they had call waiting. He felt there should be some kind of permission where people don't get the busy signal.

Open Burn – Greene questioned if it is windy and raining during the week long open burn if it would be extended.

13C-0378 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Open Burn – Moran advised he would put the open burn information on the website and would try to get more information on how to build a fire.

Wireless Issue – Moran advised he has been working with Sand Prairie Wireless who provides the internet service to public buildings. With the demands of the internet use today the speeds are slow. They are receptive to working with us and improving the equipment.

Street Paving – The street paving is on schedule for the first or second week of October.

City Hall Project – Moran advised he added a summary of the timeline on decision making for the City Hall Project to the website. It is located under the news and announcements section.

Magazine Street Wall – Moran advised the Magazine Street wall is complete except for the fence. The fence pieces are being manufactured at Westwick Foundry.

Best Small Town – Moran announced Galena has been honored as being the 4th Best Small Towns in America by Executive Travel Magazine.

13C-0379 – MAYOR'S REPORT

Antique Fair – Mayor Renner agreed they did a nice job on the antique fair.

Kayak/Canoe Park – Mayor Renner advised things are being investigated down there legally and otherwise. Once the investigation is complete results will be forthcoming.

13C-0380 – MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance, Section 2 (c) (1)
- Review of Executive Session Minutes, Section 2 (c) (21)

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Lincoln, Painter, Bernstein, Fach, Greene, Kieffer, Renner
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 7:01 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:21 p.m.

The following action was taken:

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Kieffer, as the Management Committee, to uphold the decision of the Mayor and City Administrator in regards to the disciplinary action taken against Officer Don Barklow.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Kieffer, Lincoln, Painter, Bernstein, Fach, Greene
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

13C-0381 - ADJOURNMENT

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

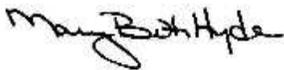
Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Lincoln, Painter, Bernstein, Fach, Greene, Kieffer, Renner
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk