

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 14 OCTOBER 2013

13C-0382 – 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 14 October 2013.

13C-0383 – ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Fach

13C-0384 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

13C-0385 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

13C-0386 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

None.

13C-0387 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rick Pariser, 113 S. High Street – Pariser advised he lives on High Street and gets the drift of any noise at the park. This weekend he spent two days in front of his house listening to the music. It was pure bliss and much better than the battle of the bands. Driving thru town his impression of the amount of people in town was that whoever planned this event deserves a golden star. He commended those that helped plan the event.

Pariser advised this is the third or fourth time he has brought forward a concern with the canoe and kayak park. Three weeks ago he requested information. He understood it was being investigated. He feels this is getting complicated. He advised it is a public property and people surrounding that site have seen a for profit business using it almost exclusively. Council heard from them. It raises a concern. It is not a condemnation. Is there a lease? Is the city being compensated? Are there licenses issued and when do they run to? Pariser requested he be directed to where he can read the report.

CONSENT AGENDA CA13-19

13C-0388 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2013

13C-0389 – ACCEPTANCE OF AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2013 FINANCIAL REPORT

13C-0390 – APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT BA14-01 FOR CITY HALL PROJECT, ILLINOIS HISTORIC PRESERVATION AGENCY GRANT AND INSURANCE PAYMENTS

13C-0391 – APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF NEW COMPUTERS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

13C-0392 – APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR SECONDARY EMPLOYMENT BY TIM WUEBBEN

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve Consent Agenda 13CA-19.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

13C-0393 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE VACATING PART OF BRANCH STREET, ELM STREET, SLAUGHTER STREET AND AN UNNAMED RIGHT-OF-WAY TO SAM AND AMBER ROTI, 3935 N. COUNCIL HILL ROAD

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Painter, to approve the first reading of an ordinance vacating part of Branch Street, Elm Street, Slaughter Street and Unnamed Right-of-Way to Sam and Amber Roti, 3935 N. Council Hill Road.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

13C-0394 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PURCHASING 1.753 ACRES OF PROPERTY ALONG DEWEY AVENUE FROM SAM AND AMBER ROTI

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Bernstein, to take action to purchase 1.753 acres of property along Dewey Avenue from Sam and Amber Roti.

Discussion: Greene questioned why we would fence the property. Moran advised we are not planning to fence the property. Roti may fence it but the City would not participate in the cost.

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

The motion carried.

13C-0395 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RENEWAL OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH, DENTAL, LIFE AND DISABILITY INSURANCE POLICIES

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Painter, to approve the renewal of employee health, dental and life and disability insurance policies, item 13C-0395.

Discussion: Council felt the figures looked good.

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

The motion carried.

13C-0396 – WARRANTS

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Greene, to approve the Warrants as presented, item 13C-0396.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

13C-0397 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Events – Bernstein advised she is hearing that people still have concerns about the inequities in city fees for people holding events versus conducting ongoing business on city property. In fairness, Bernstein feels the city may want to consider revising the current policies.

Garbage – Bernstein advised she noticed a house on Gear Street who had six bags of garbage out and one that had four bags out. None of the bags were tagged and all were picked up. She suggested sending Montgomery Trucking a reminder of the pick-up policy.

Oktoberfest/Country Fair – Painter thanked the Lions Club for a very successful Oktoberfest and thanked everyone who made Country Fair a success.

Department Head Reports – Painter thanked the department heads for their reports. They help to keep everyone informed on what is happening.

New City Hall – Painter reported she had a chance to visit the new city hall. It is very cool and is coming along nicely. It is nice to see how much of the building was original. The addition of the skylights is a very nice addition.

Country Fair – Lincoln thanked Public Works, City Staff, Police Department and anyone who made this past weekend a success. The weather was great and a good time was had by all. There were lots of people and people were buying.

Kayak Park – Lincoln stated his view is if a business comes in and is using it, it is a good promotion of the town. They have the right to do that. Lincoln stated he personally doesn't see this being any different than an artist painting a picture on a city sidewalk and turning around and selling it. As long as they don't leave their vehicles there over night, Lincoln stated he has no problem with them using the area.

Country Fair – Kieffer commended the law enforcement personnel for doing a good job keeping the traffic moving over the weekend.

Water Tower – Greene questioned if we planned to screen and secure the water tower area.

Parking – Greene felt the volunteers in the police force did a nice job over the weekend. He felt some visitors left because they couldn't find a place to park.

13C-0398 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Pump Station – The pump station is complete and operational. The generator was installed two weeks ago. They did a wet run and it was incredible how much water was pumped through the system.

Street Paving – Street paving is continuing. The alleys are done on Elk Street. We are currently 1 year ahead of schedule on the alleys. Division and Hickory Streets will be done this week.

Electronics Recycling – Staff is currently working on a contract with a new company for electronics recycling. The recycling has been moved to the old Waste Water Treatment Plan site. The new company will take TV's. The company is out of the Rockford area and it is a free service. They will provide the container. Reports they have are that 60-65 percent of the weight they recycle is TV's.

Country Fair – Staff did a good job preparing for Country Fair. He added the real people that make it happen are Ron and Pat Smith. Nobody is more organized than them. Moran advised he has referred people planning events to Ron and Pat for advice on how to organize them.

13C-0399 – MAYOR’S REPORT

Oktoberfest and Country Fair – Both events were a great success. Mayor Renner thanked the volunteers who helped out with both.

Kayak Park – Mayor Renner stated he knows there has been concern expressed about the use of the west side boat launch by a private business. Staff has reviewed this issue in recent weeks and he read the following summary:

- Launching by Fever River Outfitters has occurred at the ramp for the past decade.
- We are not aware of any regulations that would prevent the business from using the launch.
- When complaints were received this summer, the city examined the operations against the code of ordinances. As a result, the city requested Fever River cease scooter training in the city parking lot, remove the sign and trailer from the Gazette lot, and move the vans and trailers from the city parking lot every 24 hours. Fever River complied with the requests.
- Fever River does not conduct transactions on city property. They have two business locations in the city where the transactions are conducted. Property tax and sales tax are derived from the business.
- If there is concern about the use of the boat launch and parking lot, the city council could review how the boat launch and/or lot is used by the public, including businesses, and create regulations to manage or prohibit certain uses.

13C-0400 - ADJOURNMENT

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

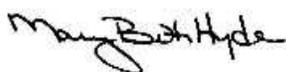
Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk