

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 12 NOVEMBER 2013

13C-0419 – 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 12 November 2013.

13C-0420 – ROLL CALL

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

13C-0421 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

13C-0422 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

13C-0423 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Turner Hall Committee – Fach reported the Turner Hall Committee met on November 7th. Tracy Furlong joined the meeting and the committee had a discussion on the comprehensive questionnaire being prepared. The committee discussed the idea of sending out a “Thank You” card to renters of the hall after their events with the questionnaire included or with a request for them to take a minute to fill it out on line.

The committee also discussed having supervision at the hall during events. They feel there could be a liability issue without it.

The committee discussed hiring Adam Johnson to develop sketches of an updated kitchen and storage area so that primary pricing could be obtained.

The committee further discussed the following: Remote access thermostat control, caulk windows, motion sensor lighting controls in restrooms, debris behind stage, dampers on the two old gravity roof vents, automatic heat tape, and the fly loft.

13C-0424 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Brusch, 411 S. Prospect Street, Interim Director, VisitGalena – Brusch spoke in favor of the request by the Convention and Visitors Bureau to return to Rec Park for the triathlon/duathlon. He feels it is a good idea for the City of Galena, Jo Daviess County, the Convention and Visitors Bureau and VisitGalena.

CONSENT AGENDA CA13-21

13C-0425 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 28, 2013

13C-0426 – APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER SUMMARY #3 FOR THE NEW CITY HALL PROJECT

13C-0427 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY MIDWEST MEDICAL CENTER TO USE THE GALENA RIVER TRAIL FOR THE 2ND ANNUAL SPRINT INTO SPRING 5K/10K RACE ON APRIL 12, 2014

13C-0428 – APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF FURNITURE FOR NEW CITY HALL

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Greene, to approve Consent Agenda 13CA-21.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

13C-0429 – ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE GALENA COMMUNITY GARDEN

Jean Vose, Treasurer, Galena Community Gardens, presented the annual report for the gardens. She introduced Nat Ewers, Chairman for the Galena Middle and Galena High School garden. The garden has 102 lots. Eight lots are donated to the food pantry and eight lots are donated to the schools. Over 900 pounds of fresh produce was donated to the food pantry. Many gardeners planted an extra row in their gardens which they donated to the food pantry. The schools planted potatoes which were also donated to the food pantry. Everyone is on board and trying to help with a good cause. The garden is financially self-sufficient. They receive a \$25 donation per lot. They received a grant from the Country Fair as well as Wal-Mart. They also provide a tilling service for which they receive donations.

Renner stated he hears nothing but good things about the garden. The garden is well kept and everyone is doing a fine job.

Vose shared a congratulatory letter received from Congresswoman, Cheri Bustos, addressed to Nat Ewers, thanking her for her work with the kids and the community garden.

13C-0430 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST BY THE JO DAVIESS COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU TO UTILIZE RECREATION PARK FOR A TRANSITION ZONE AND FINISH OF THE 2014 GALENA TRIATHLON AND DUATHLON ON MAY 17, 2014

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Greene, to write a resolution of support for the event stating the City would be happy to supply the park for the finish of the 2014 Galena Triathlon and Duathlon (amended to include a request that the city must approve the route for the race and the group will recycle).

Discussion: Bernstein stated she would like the City to approve the route.

Amended

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Painter, to amend the motion to include a request that the city must approve the route for the race and the group will recycle.

Discussion: None.

Amended

Motion

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

The motion carried.

Main
Motion

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

The motion carried.

13C-0431 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TABLE 154.403.1 “PERMITTED LAND USES”, CHAPTER 154.015 “DEFINITIONS” AND CHAPTER 154.406(D)(8)(A)(5) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GALENA

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve the first reading of the ordinance amending Table 154.403.1, Permitted Land Uses, Chapter 154.015, Definitions, and Chapter 154.406(D)(8)(A)(5) of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Galena.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

13C-0432 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF 2.20 ACRES OF REAL ESTATE AT 11410 ROUTE 20 WEST, GALENA, FOR A FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING FACILITY

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Painter, to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of an ordinance approving the purchase of 2.20 acres of real estate at 11410 Route 20 West, Galena, for a Fire Department Training Facility.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

13C-0433 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING 2.20 ACRES ADJACENT TO THE GALENA INDUSTRIAL PARK

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Painter, to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of an ordinance annexing 2.20 acres adjacent to the Galena Industrial Park.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

13C-0434 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CRITICAL INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAM AGREEMENT

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve a resolution approving the Critical Incident Response Team Agreement, 13C-0434.

Discussion: Lincoln feels this improves mutual aid type agreements and is a good asset to the city and the county.

Renner reminded Council when officers are called out of our jurisdiction, the City of Galena still covers them as far as overtime, workman’s comp, etc. Lincoln noted likewise other communities would be doing the same.

Lieutenant Salzman advised the CERT Team is within Jo Daviess County. As of this time, Galena is the only municipality not involved. Galena would have a set number of people to send out. At no time would the city ever be unprotected. There will be one officer per shift on the CERT Team. The most that would be called out would be two officers.

City Attorney Nack advised the Illinois State Police are also joining as a member. They would be a member of the same agreement within the county and would lend resources as well in the event of an emergency.

Fach questioned if the City would be required to pay overtime if the officer was called in on his regular day off. Salzman advised the CERT Team is currently discussing overtime pay. Nothing has been decided at this time.

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

The motion carried.

13C-0435 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RENEWAL OF BLACKSMITH SHOP USE AGREEMENT

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve the renewal of the Blacksmith Shop Use Agreement leaving in the language in paragraph 54 that a blacksmith must be properly insured and properly trained.

Discussion: Fach questioned the removal of the language in paragraph 54 which states the museum will provide documentation that each blacksmith is properly insured and properly trained.

Moran advised there is no certification program for a blacksmith to measure whether or not they are properly trained. Fach stated he would prefer to keep the training requirement in the agreement.

Council discussed and agreed to leave the language that a blacksmith must be properly insured and properly trained in the agreement.

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

The motion carried.

13C-0436 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION MINIMUM/MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of an ordinance authorizing the execution of the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement.

Discussion: Moran noted the Minimum/Maximum Program is a great reminder for us to limit our liability. Regular training for staff is important as worker's comp claims are hard on rates over time.

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

The motion carried.

13C-0437 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT OF THE 2013 TAX LEVY TO BE COLLECTED IN 2014

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Painter, to establish the amount of property taxes the City of Galena expects to levy in 2014 at \$1,403,060.

Discussion: Lincoln stated the City took a good stand last year and didn't raise the levy. He doesn't believe we have to raise it to the max every year but feels this year we can stand to raise the dollars collected a little more.

Renner noted the tax levy rate will be \$1.27 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

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

The motion carried.

13C-0438 – WARRANTS

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

13C-0439 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Galena Community Garden – Fach congratulated the Community Garden for the wonderful thing they are doing for the community.

Blacktopping – Greene noted the streets are better with the recent blacktopping.

Galena Community Garden – Greene commended the Galena Community Gardens adding they have done a wonderful job for a lot of years.

HGTV Magazine – Kieffer noted that Galena received a distinction in HGTV Magazine as having one of the most charming Main Streets.

Council Meetings – Lincoln stated he liked having the meeting on Tuesday night.

Galena Community Garden – Painter congratulated the Galena Community Garden on another successful year.

Winter Farmers Market – Painter announced there will be a winter Farmers Market held at the Galena Middle School on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. She thanked the people in the community for seeing a need, getting it organized and moving ahead.

Turner Hall Committee – Painter thanked Charlie Fach for his work with the Turner Hall Committee. They have set goals which are exactly what we need. Bernstein echoed those thoughts.

Pedestrian Underpass – Bernstein advised she has received complaints about a low spot in the sidewalk when you go through the underpass under the Highway 20 Bridge. Because of the lay of the land the sidewalk is designed in a low spot and water always freezes on it. She questioned if that could be addressed.

Highway 20 – Bernstein stated she has been receiving calls about Highway 20. She has been directing them to the open house on November 20th.

13C-0440 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Historic District Boundary – Moran announced the Historic District Boundary changes have been approved. The new boundary is smaller than the old one.

Leaf Pickup – Moran advised tomorrow will be the first day of the trial leaf pickup. The pickup begins at 6:00 a.m. and will run throughout the whole town.

Open House – Moran advised there will be an open house for the Spring Street/Gear Street project on November 20th at the Galena Middle School.

13C-0441 – MAYOR’S REPORT

Thank you – Mayor Renner thanked the Galena Community Garden.

Moving Forward – Mayor Renner is happy to see the Fire Department is moving forward and the Police Department will be joining a new group. All are working together.

Highway 20 Meeting – Mayor Renner reminded everyone of the Highway 20 meeting on November 20th.

13C-0442 - ADJOURNMENT

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk