

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 09 DECEMBER 2013

13C-0462 – 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 09 December 2013.

13C-0463 – ROLL CALL

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

13C-0464 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

13C-0465 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

13C-0466 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Turner Hall Committee - Charles Fach reported the Turner Hall Committee met on December 5. The committee made a motion to hire Adam Johnson for architectural services for an addition to Turner Hall.

Further discussion on: exterior masonry water penetration, debris behind stage, window and wall repair, storm windows, doors and exterior project, kitchen and storage area/fire escapes, ceiling fans, remote access thermostat control, motion detectors in rest rooms, lighting study by Crescent Electric, Giese to look at dampers on gravity roof vents, automatic heat tape control, close off the fly loft, interior repair and painting project, supervision of building during events, lighting controls.

Lengthy discussion on possibility of grants for Turner Hall and Landmarks Illinois has some good information on The National Trust for Historic Preservation, and The Jeffris Family Foundation.

13C-0467 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Nybo, 345 Spring Street – Nybo stated that he had given Mark Moran, City Administrator erroneous information that was given to him he apologized for this.

Steve McGuire, 413 S. West Street – McGuire read that ironically when this project was initiated it was to provide flood protection to homes and businesses along Spring Street in 2003. We the members of the “Save the Entrance to Historic Galena” group are petitioning you the City Council to exercise your power to protect the integrity of the historic corridor of Spring Street/Highway 20 west. What is happening now in the present plan is that our properties along with irreplaceable historic elements up and down Spring Street are being confiscated by the State of Illinois and we still face the prospect of future devastating rain events. We gain nothing and lose much in the process. They are requesting the Illinois Department of Transportation to narrow the scope of the present Highway 20 plan through the west corridor of Galena to include: Two 13 foot wide lanes with three feet shoulders for a total of 32 feet of roadway plus 5 foot sidewalks and a storm water management system.

Tom Brusch, 411 S. Prospect Street – Brusch spoke on the visitor center usage last year was 1700 thru November and this year thru November was 2100. Occupancy rate for January – November up 5% from 2013, May down 1%, and September down 1.5%. Brusch stated that he sees that on Spring Street safety/water issues are problems that need to be addressed as well as the turning lanes and the bike/hike sidewalks are a real need.

Sherry Bunyer, 204 Black Hawk Drive – grew up at 407 Spring Street, it was built by her great-great - grandfather in 1858. There was a natural limestone curb and gutter in front of the house, and an old iron hitching post. These things are all gone now replaced with cement and new improvements. With the new proposal five feet of the yard in front of this house will be lost. There could be a three lane highway with cars passing and speeding. Please consider the proposed changes on Highway 20 very carefully. IDOT should and can solve the water problems and other problems with other means. Please do not vote for the proposed improvements they are not in the best interest of families, homes, or other historical integrity of Galena.

Ed Duplessis, 153 Rocky Hill Road – stated that he came here over thirty plus years ago because of its beauty. When Duplessis first saw this plan on Spring Street he thought this is not what is needed here. He does not want the new plan it does not fit, please keep it to two lanes and he cannot encourage the bike trail, please forbid the bikes and leave it as it is.

Bill Nybo, 345 Spring Street – was told years ago the proposed highway project would have little impact to his property, this year all that changed and he may lose seven feet. Please request IDOT to show sensitivity to the historic elements and to the citizens living along Spring Street by narrowing the scope of this project to an acceptable level. He does not want to stop this project.

Joan Wallace, 703 S. Bench Street – there is lots of history and architectural landscape on Spring Street, B & B's, and with the three lane road going thru visitors may not want to stay at these places with noise and pollution and this could cause a rippling effect. She is requesting to not do anything to Spring Street.

Tim Wedward, 535 S. High Street – he is concerned about Gear St. and the prospect of having it repaired and the sidewalk replaced. He is in favor of the projects. Is it worth three to five feet of extra sidewalk to forsake of getting a very dangerous Spring Street done and a dangerous Gear St. done.

Bobby Hahn, 9545 Jupiter Drive – he recommends to work with the state and pass the resolution. Hahn would hate the City to lose out; don't let this project get away.

Carmen Ferguson, 900 Alexander Street – sounds like you should compromise and not lose five feet.

LIQUOR COMMISSION

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Painter, to adjourn as the City Council and reconvene as the Liquor Commission.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

13C-0468 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPLICATION FOR A CLASS A CORPORATION LIQUOR LICENSE BY BRIAN MONTGOMERY, RENEE MONTGOMERY, AND DORIS HAHN (DILLON'S HM), DBA DILLON'S TAVERN, 701 FRANKLIN STREET

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the application for a Class A Corporation Liquor License by Brian Montgomery, Renee Montgomery and Doris Hahn, Dillon's HM Inc., at 701 Franklin Street.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

13C-0469 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPLICATION FOR CORPORATION MANAGER’S LIQUOR LICENSE FOR JANICE RICKE FOR DILLON’S TAVERN, 701 FRANKLIN STREET

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve an application for Corporation Manager’s Liquor License for Janice Ricke for Dillon’s Tavern, 701 Franklin Street.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Bernstein, to adjourn as the Liquor Commission and reconvene as the City Council.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA CA13-23

13C-0470 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 25, 2013

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Painter, to approve Consent Agenda 13CA-23.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13C-0455 – SECOND READING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE 2013 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE FOR TAXES TO BE COLLECTED IN 2014

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the second reading of the Tax Levy Ordinance for taxes to be collected in 2014 in the amount of \$1,403,060.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

13C-0471 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPEAL BY MARK MONTGOMERY, 208 VAN BUREN STREET, OF A RECOMMENDATION BY THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION REGARDING THE TYPE OF SIDING TO BE INSTALLED

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Kieffer to approve the recommendation by the Historic Preservation on the type of siding to be installed.

Discussion: Lincoln advised not to make the house look like an old house according to the letter from Mike Jackson of IHPA in Springfield, IL. Lincoln also stated that from a distance one would not be able to tell what type of material was used, he is going along with what the home owner wishes to install.

Painter stated that she wishes to support the HPC however, there is new information from the IHPA and she supports the home owner.

Bernstein agrees with the new information from the IHPA and supports the home owner.

Fach stated that he has used cement board with texture and from the road it looks good.

Greene stated that he wonders why we have the HPC if we do not listen to them.

Kieffer stated that he agrees with Lincoln you won't be able to see what it looks like from the street.

Painter asked what the width of the siding would be and she was informed that it would be four over four.

Mark Montgomery home owner asked if he could speak. The City Council asked him to come forward.

Mark Montgomery home owner of 208 Van Buren stated that he is requesting that the City Council take a vote tonight so that as winter approaches he can get the exterior siding on his home.

Painter asked Montgomery to explain why he objects to cement board fiber. Montgomery stated that originally it was accepted; however he walked around his neighborhood and noticed that most of the houses had wood grain in their siding so that is what he wanted plus it is a green product. It is a product that is sustainable and stronger. This product is the most compatible with his neighborhood.

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

The motion failed.

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Painter, to approve the material by Mark Montgomery to use the LP smart lapping cement board siding to be used on 208 Van Buren Street.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

13C-0472 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CITY OF GALENA POSITION ON THE SPRING STREET AND GEAR STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Greene that the City Council approve a resolution to be sent to IDOT asking for written clarification regarding the concerns outlined in the resolution Section 1 item a-f.

Discussion: Bernstein stated that this would be a very useful tool in getting additional clarification for us.

Painter stated that this project has been in the works for years and has been redefined and refined, it is very appropriate to go back and work with IDOT to see if we can't work out a solution. It is a safety issue and just needs some adjusting.

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

The motion carried.

13C-0473 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST BY THE JO DAVIESS COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU TO ESTABLISH THE EVENT COURSE FOR THE 2014 GALENA TRIATHLON AND DUATHLON ON MAY 17, 2014

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Painter, to approve the request by the Jo Daviess County Convention and Visitors Bureau to establish the event course for the 2014 Galena Triathlon and Duathlon on May 17, 2014 as presented.

Discussion: Lincoln stated that there have been some bumps in the road but he believes that everything can be worked out with the County Sherriff's Dept. and the City of Galena Police Dept.

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

The motion carried.

13C-0474 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT WITH ADAM JOHNSON FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR AN ADDITION TO TURNER HALL

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Bernstein to approve the contract with Adam Johnson for architectural services for an addition to Turner Hall.

Discussion: Lincoln stated that the project two design fee seems a little steep and wonders if it is in line with the scope of the work to be done. Renner thought they would be working from the ground and work up from there; this large addition is a pretty big jump. Fach stated that the committee feels that a kitchen and storage area is needed and other areas so the committee needs someone to come in and get the design complete.

Greene stated that in a few years the Galena Winery parking lot will be paid off then perhaps some of the money could go into the kitchen at Turner Hall.

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

The motion carried.

13C-0475 – WARRANTS

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the Warrants as presented, item 13C-0475.

Discussion: Bernstein asked what Feld Fire new SCBA CID to Gear for \$29,532.80 was for. Renner stated that it was self-breathing apparatus for the Fire Department.

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

The motion carried.

13C-0476 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Lincoln – the Spring Street project is one of the projects that we all probably will be close to agreeing on. It was good to see all the citizens that live there being here tonight and commenting on the project. The Gear Street project being in line with the Spring Street project would be a good time to look at adding the bike/hike trail to Gear Street.

Painter – agrees with Lincoln it is good to have the input. She appreciates Mark Moran and Andy Lewis putting together the resolution for Spring Street

13C-0477 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Moran – on the Spring Street resolution he was asked if IDOT will acknowledge receiving he explained that he will be meeting with Deputy Director Paul Lode at the annual Legislature's meeting and will present it to him.

Andy Lewis and Moran are reviewing the Safe Routes to School Grant Program and may be proposing a part of Gear Street that is across from the Galena State Bank, bits and pieces in front of the school and in front of the First Community Bank. The Grant is for \$160,000.00. Moran is working with Sharon Pepin on the Third and Rives Sewer application.

Moran stated that City Hall is moving along and they are painting the inside, mid-January the new furniture should arrive, and early February we could be moving in.

13C-0478 – MAYOR'S REPORT

Renner – hoping that everyone can come to an agreement on Spring Street.

13C-0379 – MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance, Section 2 (c) (1)

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 7:40 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:49 p.m.

13C-0480 - ADJOURNMENT

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Johnson
Recording Secretary