

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 13 JANUARY 2014****14C-0001 – 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 13 January 2014.

**14C-0002 – ROLL CALL**

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

**14C-0003 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

**14C-0004 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge was recited.

**14C-0005 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

None.

**14C-0006 – PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Tom Brusch, 411 S. Prospect** – Brusch gave a report for 2013 as compared to 2014 for the Visitor Center. He reported the following figures:

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Lodging Occupancy	66.7%	71.1%
Welcome Center Visitors	25,900	25,900
Lodging Tax Revenues	\$454,000	\$486,000

Brusch urged the council to move forward with the work On Spring and Gear Streets. He is convinced that a great majority of Galenian's want that work done.

**Rick Pariser, 113 S. High Street** – Pariser voiced concern no one questioned spending \$4,000 to refurbish the council table. He feels the limits of spending have been reached on this project and recommended putting a lid on any future spending.

**CONSENT AGENDA CA14-01****14C-0007 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 23, 2013****14C-0008 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY THE STATE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY TO UTILIZE THE DEPOT PARKING LOT ON SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2014 FOR A FIELD TRIP TO GALENA****14C-0009 – APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER SUMMARY #3 FOR THE CITY HALL PROJECT**

**Motion:** Kieffer moved, seconded by Fach, to approve Consent Agenda 14CA-01.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**14C-0010 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE CITY OF GALENA POSITION ON THE SPRING STREET AND GEAR STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

Alderman Fach recused himself from discussions and the meeting.

**Motion:** Painter moved, seconded by Bernstein, to raise no objection to the current Illinois Department of Transportation plans for the Spring Street and Gear Street Reconstruction Project and we communicate this to the Illinois Department of Transportation.

**Discussion:** Painter stated she understands this is a great concern to some people; however, at the same time the plan addresses safety and storm water runoff to benefit the residents on Spring Street. The project will also benefit the neighborhoods on Gear Street. The City has worked with IDOT to come up with the best plan possible. She believes IDOT is at the end of the accommodations they are willing to do and the project needs to be able to go ahead.

Bernstein advised she has heard lots of comments both pro and con but she has concluded that the first and foremost matter is safety. The project will address that as well a runoff and will eliminate the box culverts.

Lincoln sated he is not on board with the widths of the sidewalks. He stated one problem he sees is having a path there with nothing to the East or West to attach it to. He would prefer to see the sidewalks reduced down to save a little bit more land along the corridor; however, he stated he would support the plan as it is in the best interest of the town.

Greene agrees the plan will help a lot of people but it is going to hurt a lot as well. The ones it will hurt are in the old part of town.

Renner stated he feels this is what is best for the good of the city as far as pedestrian safety and storm water runoff. He feels comfortable with IDOT’s answers to the city’s resolution.

Kieffer agreed with all comments made adding \$15 million dollars is a lot of money. He would like to go ahead with the project.

Painter feels the City has done all they can to address the concerns expressed. While it is not a plan that will work for everyone equally as well, it is in the best interest of the City.

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

The motion carried.

**14C-0011 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A RESOLUTION ON ZONING CAL. NO. 11A-04, AN APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF GALENA TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND THE STORAGE REGULATIONS FOR RECREATIONAL VEHICLES**

**Motion:** Bernstein moved, seconded by Painter, to approve the Resolution on Zoning Cal. No. 11A-04, an application by the City of Galena to revise the definition of recreational vehicles and the storage regulations for recreational vehicles.

**Discussion:** Renner noted from time to time changes need to be made to keep on top of things as times change. Lincoln stated he liked the idea that if a property doesn't meet the criteria, they have the option of applying for a special use permit.

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

The motion carried.

**14C-0012 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 0, SECTION 154.015 AND ARTICLE 4, SECTION 154.406 REGARDING THE DEFINITION OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND THE STORAGE REGULATIONS FOR RECREATIONAL VEHICLES**

**Motion:** Painter moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of an ordinance amending Article 0, Section 154.015 and Article 4, Section 154.406 regarding the definition of recreational vehicles and the storage regulations for recreational vehicles, item 14C-011.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**14C-0013 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ABATING CERTAIN TAXES HERETOFORE LEVIED BY THE CITY OF GALENA, ILLINOIS FOR THE 2010 SEWER BONDS**

**Motion:** Greene moved, seconded by Painter, to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of an ordinance abating certain taxes heretofore levied by the City of Galena, Illinois for 2010 sewer bonds.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**14C-0014 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ABATING CERTAIN TAXES HERETOFORE LEVIED BY THE CITY OF GALENA, ILLINOIS FOR THE 2012A BONDS**

**Motion:** Greene moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of an ordinance abating certain taxes heretofore levied by the City of Galena, Illinois for 2012A bonds.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**14C-0015 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ABATING CERTAIN TAXES HERETOFORE LEVIED BY THE CITY OF GALENA, ILLINOIS FOR THE 2012B BONDS**

**Motion:** Painter moved, seconded by Greene, to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of an ordinance abating certain taxes heretofore levied by the City of Galena, Illinois for 2012B bonds, item 14C-0015.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**14C-0016 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FISCAL YEAR 2015-2019 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

**Motion:** Fach moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the Capital Improvement Plan for 2015-2019, item 14C-0016

**Discussion:** Renner advised Council can take a look at this more when it comes to budget time.

Fach advised he has a lot of questions. He will talk to Mark Moran prior to the budget.

Lincoln advised in years past, when it came budget time Council would highlight the items they would like to see get done this year. He felt having the big list was helpful.

Moran advised if we were to receive the grant for Third and Rives, we are in the position to build it next season.

Moran reported Amtrak is still in negotiations with the host railroads. They are within 30 days of having that completed. They were unable to give any information as far as a schedule.

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

The motion carried.

**14C-0017 – WARRANTS**

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

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**14C-0018 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS**

**Capital Improvement Plan** – Lincoln stated he personally likes to see a bigger list presented. It shows we are thinking ahead vs. projects that just come up out of the blue. It is nice to see it thought out and to see each department thinking about what they need to enhance the town.

**Water Break** – Council commended all who were involved with the recent water break. A great job was done by all.

**Prospect Street** – Lincoln advised there is a large hole on Prospect Street that was dug over a month ago which he believes was dug by NICOR. He questioned if there was any word as to when it might be repaired. Moran advised he would follow up on it.

**Thank you** – Painter thanked all for their work on the water main break and dealing with the snow and cold weather. She is grateful to have those people and appreciates the work they do.

**14C-0019 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

**Budget** – Moran presented the budget schedule. He asked Council to review and let him know if there were any conflicts. He will be distributing expense budget worksheets to staff next week. The first work session is scheduled for March 10.

**Deer Committee** – The Deer Committee will meet at 8:30, tomorrow, January 14, 2014, to discuss the survey results. They will have a report for the next meeting.

**City Hall Project** – The City Hall Project continues to move along. The furniture will be delivered Wednesday. The carpet installation started today. We are looking to move in in late February.

**14C-0020 – MAYOR’S REPORT**

**Thank you** – Mayor Renner thanked the Public Works and Water Departments for their work during this nasty winter with ice and snow.

**14C-0021 – MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

- Pending, probable or imminent litigation, Section 2 (c) (11)
- 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 6:59 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:42 p.m.

**14C-0022 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PENDING LITIGATION**

**Motion:** Kieffer moved, seconded by Painter, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement aimed at settling Case No. 11MR-33 subject to finalization.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**14C-0022 - ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Painter moved, seconded by Kieffer, to adjourn.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde  
City Clerk