

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 24 FEBRUARY 2014

14C-0060 – 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 24 February 2014.

14C-0061 – ROLL CALL

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

14C-0062 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

14C-0063 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

14C-0064 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Turner Hall Committee – Fach advised the Turner Hall Committee would like to take a trip to Dixon, Illinois to tour their facility. He questioned if that would violate any laws. City Attorney Nack advised he would check into it and let him know.

14C-0065 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wendy Heiken, 1004 Park Avenue – Heiken urged the Council to act favorably on the text amendment to permit tour of homes in certain commercial and residential districts. She feels it will be valuable to add to the tourism of Galena. By being able to open for tours she can provide part time employment to another person which benefits her business as well as benefits the community.

CONSENT AGENDA CA14-04

14C-0066 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2014

14C-0067 – APPROVAL OF FILM PERMIT FOR STEPHEN FRANCO CONTRACTING TO FILM ON MARCH 1 (MARCH 2 RAIN DATE) FROM 1 P.M. TO 6 P.M. ON THE GREEN STREET STAIRS BETWEEN MAIN STREET AND BENCH STREET

14C-0050 – APPROVAL OF TURNER HALL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Painter, to approve Consent Agenda CA14-04.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

14C-0069 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ZONING CALENDAR NO. 14A-01, A REQUEST BY THE CITY OF GALENA FOR A TEXT AMENDMENT TO PERMIT TOUR OF HOMES IN CERTAIN COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve Zoning Calendar No. 14A-1, a request by the City of Galena for a text amendment to permit tour of homes in certain commercial and residential districts.

Discussion: Fach recommended changing the “T” on tour and the “H” on homes to lower case letters.

Anyone wishing to do tours must apply for a special use permit.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0070 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2014 SWIMMING POOL HOURS AND WAGES

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the 2014 swimming pool hours and wages, item 14C-0070.

Discussion: Painter appreciated the evaluation about staying open for the public on Friday nights vs. pool rentals. She feels staff made the right decision and questioned if pool parties would be marketed. Renner advised there has already been several requests for pool parties.

Painter also recommended looking into adult water aerobics.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0071 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST BY THE GALENA-JO DAVIESS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR RENEWAL OF REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT FOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND UTILITY EXPENSES

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Greene, to table item 14C-0071 until budget talks.

14C-0072 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RENEWAL OF AMERICAN WATER CONTRACT FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve going into negotiations for the renewal of the American Water contract for water and wastewater operations and maintenance.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0073 – WARRANTS

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the Warrants as presented.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0074 – ALDERPERSONS’ COMMENTS

Snow Plow – Painter stated she had an interesting experience riding in the big snow plow. She found it to be very interesting and she learned a lot. She would encourage those that haven’t thought about doing so to do it. She stated Brian Kuhn was a former kindergarten student of hers. She now has a renewed appreciation for their dedication and care of the community. We have a great team.

Deer – Kieffer questioned if we need to verify how we plan to do away with the deer. He feels people think we are going to go up and down the streets and shoot them. Renner advised we would go more in depth on that once we receive the information back from the DNR.

Water – Greene questioned if we should be advising people to run water. Renner recommended he talk with Jeff Saylor after the meeting.

14C-0075 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Water – Moran advised staff has talked about the issue of people running water. He advised it would be a complicated arrangement in terms of billing. An adjustment would have to be made individually to each account. He said it is advisable for people to run a trickle. In terms of forgiving that water usage, it would be challenging to make judgments.

Frozen Sewer – Moran advised the City has a frozen sewer main on Harrison Street. It looks like it may affect a couple of properties. Two residents have frozen service lines. Crews have been working to free that up.

Move – The tentative moving date is March 14th. We will still be here for one more meeting.

Budget – Moran reported he is currently working on the first draft of the budget. He will distribute at the meeting of March 10th.

Police Department Relocation – Moran reported he is working on the Police Department relocation to the upper level. He will present different options for the council to evaluate.

14C-0076 – MAYOR’S REPORT

No report.

14C-0077 – 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)
- Review of Executive Session Minutes, Section 2 (c) (21)

Discussion: None.

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

NAYS: None

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 6:50 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:06 p.m.

14C-0078 - ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Painter 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 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk