

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 10 MARCH 2014

14C-0079 – 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 10 March 2014.

14C-0080 – ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Painter

14C-0081 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

14C-0082 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

14C-0083 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Turner Hall Committee – Fach reported the Turner Hall Committee met on March 6th. Adam Jonson presented renderings of the addition of bathrooms, storage space and the relocation of the kitchen. The committee felt enthusiastic about the plans. City Engineer, Andy Lewis, recommended adding outdoor seating on the roof top of the addition with a baluster around to match the front balcony. The committee liked the idea.

Lincoln questioned if any thought has been given to how to market Turner Hall. Fach advised it has been brought up at the meetings. All renters are being asked to complete a questionnaire. This will give the committee some idea of shortcomings, etc. The majority of the marketing is through the website. There have been some talks of potentially getting VisitGalena involved.

14C-0084 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Fred Bonnet, 213 N. Main Street – Bonnet stated it would be great to get VisitGalena involved with Turner Hall. They would be happy to market it.

Bonnet reported VisitGalena has put out a posting for a new CEO. They have received 20 resumes. Interviews will be held in April. We finished up 9 percent last year. The beginning of this year is down. They will be starting a campaign in downtown Chicago in CTA bus stations marketing Main Street as the number one Main Street. A kiosk will be placed in Woodfield Mall as well. Bonnet commended Tonia Blair for doing a great job and advised they would be giving her assistance.

Beth Baranski, 1015 S. Bench Street – Baranski advised she is working with the League of Women Voters on conducting a naming contest for the natural spring on the Galena River Trail. Baranski requested this item be removed from the agenda. She advised she has been doing testing on the spring. There has been some questions that because the water is so pure, it could be an old abandoned well. She did find there was a building in that location in 1893. She would prefer to do a little more research to determine whether it is a spring or an abandoned well. She advised there has been concrete dumped in the area. She stated it would be helpful to have that the concrete removed to allow her to probe down to determine if there is a casing.

LIQUOR COMMISSION

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0085 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESCINDING A CLASS B LIQUOR LICENSE HELD BY BONNIE HAUSMAN, CHOCOLAT’, 229 S. MAIN STREET

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve rescinding the Class B Liquor License held by Bonnie Hausman, Chocolat’, 229 S. Main Street.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0086 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPLICATION FOR A CLASS B CORPORATION LIQUOR LICENSE FOR CHOCOLAT’ INC., 229 S. MAIN STREET, FOR A TERM ENDING APRIL 30, 2015

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the application for a Class B Corporation Liquor License for Chocolat’ Inc., 229 S. Main Street, for a term ending April 30, 2015, item 14C-0086.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA CA14-05

14C-0087 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2014

14C-0088 – APPROVAL OF REQUEST BY THE GALENA LIONS CLUB TO UTILIZE DEPOT PARK ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 AND SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve Consent Agenda CA14-05.

Discussion: None.

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

NAYS: None
 ABSENT: Painter

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

14C-0089 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS TO CONDUCT A NAMING CONTEST FOR THE NATURAL SPRING ON THE GALENA RIVER TRAIL

This item was withdrawn.

14C-0090 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CONTRACTS FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES

The following bids were received:

Facility	Mary Halstead Cost Per Month	Beautiful Restorations Cost Per Month
City Hall	\$450	\$800
Public Restrooms	\$450	\$675
South Recreation Park Restrooms	\$450	\$650
North Recreation Park Restrooms	\$450	\$650
Grant Park Restrooms	\$450	\$455

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Greene, to approve the contracts for janitorial services to Mary Halstead for all locations.

Discussion: Greene noted Mary Halstead was the low bidder.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0091 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDNG THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO PERMIT TOUR OF HOMES IN CERTAIN COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Greene, to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance to permit tour of homes in certain commercial and residential districts.

Discussion: Lincoln questioned item #3 under regulations regarding signs. He questioned if this would prohibit the use of sandwich boards saying this is the house. Moran advised no signage would be allowed on premise. All advertising would be done off premise.

Lincoln also questioned item #5 under regulations regarding times. He questioned why there was a two hour down time between 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Moran advised they were trying to be sensitive to the neighborhood by not having traffic all the way through the dinner hour.

Bernstein questioned the use of the name "tour of homes". She felt it will be confusing for people. She felt they may want to address the name and change it to make it a little more distinct.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0092 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CONTRACT WITH MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR PARK AVENUE ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve a contract with MSA Professional Services for Park Avenue Engineering Design Services in an amount not to exceed \$28,600.

Discussion: Lincoln questioned if this was going to be a complete redo of the sewer lines or just as needed. He felt it would be better to replace all of them.

Lewis advised they will be doing a camera of the sewer lines in the near future. If all of the lines are in poor condition, they will replace all of it.

Fach stated this would be a good opportunity to put in a brick street. If not brick, he would be favor of concrete.

Lewis advised he could add concrete as an alternate so we can get pricing.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0093 – WARRANTS

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

Discussion: Greene questioned if we have six squad cars. He was advised we do. Greene also noted it took \$2,200 to heat Turner Hall last month. He feels with a little work we can save money down there.

Moran advised the ceiling fans at Turner Hall have been installed. Andy Lewis is working on getting the internet connection to install remote monitoring so we can monitor what is going on in terms of HVAC from City Hall.

Fach questioned the bill for Holland Plumbing in the amount of \$2,000 for bathroom repairs. Moran advised this was for the new toilets and faucets at the pool.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0094 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Spring is here!

Police Officer – Bernstein stated she would like us to hire a new law enforcement officer that is fluent in Spanish. She feels it will improve communications amongst the Spanish living in our community.

City Hall – Bernstein stated she was in the new city hall today. It is very nice and something the city can really be proud of.

Welcome Back – Fach stated he was glad to see Shirley back at work.

14C-0095 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Spring/Gear Street – Moran advised it has been over a month since we adopted the resolution letting the Department of Transportation know that we are not opposed to the plans for Spring Street. The Illinois Historic Preservation Agency has not signed off on the project. They are considering an adverse effect on the plan. The Department of Transportation will be meeting with the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency in early April. We will be informed of what is going on after that meeting. Moran advised no matter what Gear Street will not be done next year and Spring Street will likely not happen in 2015.

Budget Worksession – The first budget work session is scheduled for Monday, March 17, 2014. It will be held at the New City Hall at 101 Green Street.

Moving Day – Moran advised City Hall will be closed on Friday for moving. The official opening of the new building will be Monday, March 17th if all goes well.

14C-0096 – MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Renner stated “the move is on”. All is excellent and spring has sprung!

14C-0097 - ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Fach to adjourn.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk