

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 14 APRIL 2014

14C-0125 – CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Terry Renner called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Chambers at 101 Green Street on 14 April 2014.

14C-0126 – ROLL CALL

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

14C-0127 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

14C-0128 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

14C-0129 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

No reports.

14C-0130 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Noreen Brill, Galena Trolley Tours – Brill read a letter in regards to a recent request for an extension for a tour operators license. Brill was opposed to adding a third license.

David O'Donnell, Galena Taxi Cab – O'Donnell requested Council consider implementing some type of guidelines for transport people such as taxi cabs and tour services. Currently the City has nothing for taxi cabs or charters. He advised while he is allowed to transport people to Freeport, Rockford and Moline, he is not allowed to pick people up there as he does not have the required stickers to do so. O'Donnell feels there are a lot of other people coming into Galena and taking the revenues. They should be required to show proof they have everything they need to operate in Galena. He recommended issuing decals to be placed on vehicles.

Amelia Wilson, 307 S. West Street – Roth advised she is requesting a full tour license vs. a restricted license. She has outgrown her license and has the ability to create more jobs, tours and revenue. She has run year round without complaint which creates more revenue for the city. She advised she lives here, is a tax payer here and is present in her tour business on a daily basis. She advised she is 100 percent licensed properly with the state and city. She recently committed to the purchase of a hybrid bus. She urged the Council to act favorably on her request.

Tammy Kumbera, Log Cabin Guest House – Kumbera advised she has received good reviews on all trolley tours. She has never received any complaints. She doesn't see any problems.

Bobby Hahn, 9545 Jupiter Drive - Hahn stated he disagrees that it is illegal to give money to the ARC. The City has done it for years. The ARC takes care of the kids in Galena. They provide after school care, gyms, baseball, t-ball, etc. They are a not-for-profit organization who depends on help from the townships and the city. Hahn urged the Council to rethink that in the budget. He stated we may want to consider forming a Park District somewhere down the line.

Rick Pariser, 113 S. High Street – Pariser stated while he was away he kept abreast of the news going on at home. Every week the news was about snow and more snow. He stated the Public Works Department did a tremendous job. A lot of people appreciate what the street crew has

done. Pariser advised a few residents pitched in quarters and nickels as a token of appreciation for the street crew.

LIQUOR COMMISSION

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0131 – APPROVAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2014 TO APRIL 30, 2015

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the liquor licenses as listed for the period May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA CA14-06

14C-0132 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 24, 2014

14C-0133 – APPROVAL OF SWIMMING POOL WAGE CHANGE AND POLICY CHANGE FOR INFANT ADMISSIONS

14C-0134 – APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH JACKISON CONCRETE FOR SWIMMING POOL CONCRETE SURFACE REPAIRS

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve Consent Agenda CA14-06.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

14C-0135 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ACCEPTANCE OF BID FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE GALENA FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING FACILITY

The following bids were received:

Contractor	Total Bid
M & N Sproule Construction	\$612,733.50
Schemehorn Construction/Galena Builders	\$707,569.00
Tricon Construction	\$713,483.00
WHP Trainingtowers	\$727,435.00
Conlon Construction	\$735,875.00
Montgomery Timmerman	\$742,693.00

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Painter, to approve the bid from M & N Sproule Construction in the amount of \$612,733.50.

Discussion: Greene stated he would like to see the bid held at this price with no add-ons.

Moran advised the actual training center is a packaged building. A sub-contractor will be assembling the buildings. The costs should be fairly stable and any changes would come back to the City Council for approval.

Matt Oldenburg advised WHP Training Towers out of Kansas City will be providing the materials and a sub-contractor to assemble the structures. This is included in the bid price. The Fire Department has gone through a list of questions with M & N Sproule Construction and they answered all questions to the department’s satisfaction. They are awaiting one question with regard to the retention pond and clarification on the outlet that would release the overflow before negotiating that portion.

City Staff will oversee the project. WHP Training Towers does provide service whereby they would come up in the beginning, middle and end to do an inspection. They will teach the contractor how to install various portions. They are looking to begin construction in May with substantial completion by late October or early November. Final completion would be the end of November.

Oldenburg advised the project will include a fence around the retention pond. Landscaping will suffice for required buffer yards and to help with the aesthetic value of the property. The buildings will be appealing enough that they shouldn’t require masking from the highway. Equipment will be stored in the existing barn. The training towers are empty buildings that can be secured by locks on the doors.

Fach stated he hopes this isn’t an instance where we get a low ball figure and end up with a lot of change orders which ends up being higher than the higher bids received. Oldenburg advised the big difference was in the labor costs. The alternate options were all very similar. The Fire Department asked questions on areas of concern. They feel the bid was indeed what they intended. Everything has been documented in the form of a memorandum and a written response has been submitted.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0136 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY AMELIA ROTH, AMELIA’S GHOST TOURS, INC., TO AMEND THE GALENA CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 114.04, TO EXPAND THE NUMBER OF TOUR OPERATORS UNRESTRICTED LICENSES FROM TWO TO THREE

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Kieffer, to deny the request by Amelia Roth, Amelia’s Ghost Tours, Inc., to amend the Galena Code of Ordinances, Chapter 114.04, to expand the number of Tour Operators Unrestricted Licenses from two to three.

Discussion: Green stated we hear enough complaints without adding more.

Painter recommended tabling the item until such time as Council has had a chance to look into the facts of the statements made this evening. Bernstein agreed stating she also has some questions and would like to give it a little more thought.

Lincoln stated he would like to see it expanded. He doesn’t know why we should not allow a business that is doing well to expand. He feels it would be wrong to limit someone who has proven they can do a good job.

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

The motion was denied.

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Lincoln, to table item 14C-01236 in order to allow the council time to look at additional information.

14C-0137 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GALENA-JO DAVIES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF UTILITY AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Painter, to approve an agreement with the Galena-Jo Daviess County Historical Society for reimbursement of utility and maintenance expenses in the amount of \$5,000 for Fiscal Year 2014-15.

Discussion: This money will be used to help defray utility costs.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0138 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR BOAT ACCESS AREA DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR THE GALENA CANOE AND KAYAK LAUNCH

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the agreement with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for a Boat Access Area Development Grant for the Galena Canoe and Kayak Launch.

Discussion: The grant is in the amount of \$80,000. The total project cost will be \$111,000. The Community Development Fund of Galena has agreed to fund the remaining \$31,000.

Moran advised they had planned to replace the water main under the parking lot along with the Gear Street Project. That may be something the City might wish to add as a separate piece to do now.

Moran advised he hopes to put this out to bid this season. He reminded Council they have the ability to back out or terminate the grant if the bids come in too high.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0139 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 OPERATING BUDGET

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Painter, to approve the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Operating Budget with the proposed changes to Draft 1.

Discussion: Fach stated the flood gates are starting to rust again. He noted it has only been two years since they were last painted. He feels painting should be budgeted for as soon as possible. Greene reminded Council we need to get approval before we can paint them.

Painter wished to have it clarified that any video gaming revenues above \$28,000 will go back to Turner Hall. The first \$28,000 will go toward new computers for the Police Department in the amount of \$23,000 and \$5,000 will go toward the replacement of street signs throughout the community.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0140 – WARRANTS

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

Discussion: Bernstein questioned what the \$81,000 payment to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency was for. Moran advised it was a loan payment for the water tower in Industrial Park, Well No. 7 and the pump house restoration by Well No. 5 at the Middle School.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0141 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

LED Street Lights – Fach questioned what was happening with the LED Street lights. Moran advised we did receive a letter from the outfit that retrofits the existing light shields with LEDs. He noted one of the lights outside of City Hall has been retrofitted for demonstration purposes. Moran will bring back a report from Jo Carroll Energy and their response. It appears they are waiting for technology to ramp up for our lights.

American Water Contract – Kieffer questioned where we are as far as the contract with American Water. Moran advised staff has met with them. They seemed receptive to the questions. They will be bringing back a new contract possibly at the next meeting.

City Hall – Lincoln stated the new city hall looks great. It shows what planning does. Mayor Auman was sitting at the table when the building was purchased. From the start they were looking at it for a future city hall. Lincoln thanked the previous administration for thinking ahead.

Fire Department Training Center – Lincoln thanked the Fire Department for their patience in the process. It was a long time in coming.

Announcement – Lincoln announced Olivia will be a “Big Sister” in October!

Alfie Mueller Collection – Painter thanked and congratulated the members of the Center for the Arts on the Alfie Mueller Collection. She advised they have done an incredible amount of work. It is an incredible exhibit. The exhibit runs through May 11.

Gobbie’s Courtyard – Bernstein stated she has been approached by a musician who would like to play in Gobbie’s courtyard. She questioned if the Council should look at this issue. She feels the use of a decibel reader may be an option.

Food Pantry – Bernstein stated she had the opportunity to walk thru the Food Pantry before clients came in. It is a remarkable service to the city and county. She learned while there that Wal-Mart has been donating \$1,500-\$2,000 worth of food each time the pantry is open. This is a generous donation and wonderful use of food that might otherwise end up in the dumpster.

Green Pledges – Bernstein thanked Mark Moran and Matt Oldenburg for the work they have done to get green pledges up and running.

14C-0142 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Gateway Park Project – The bids for Gateway Park will be going out next week and will be back in time for the first meeting of May.

Third and Rives Streets – A Public hearing will be held at the second meeting in May.

Grant – Moran announced the City has learned we are the recipient of a \$1.3 million dollar grant for the final phase of the trail from the end to Aiken. We will not be in the position to build this summer but hopefully next summer and the trail will finally be done.

14C-0143 – MAYOR’S REPORT

Thank you – Mayor Renner thanked each and every council and/or Mayor who sat at the table that were saving for projects such as City Hall.

International Travel Agents of the World – Mayor Renner stated he had the opportunity to meet with International Agents of the World who took a trip to Galena. They loved the town and want to promote it.

14C-0144 – MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- Purchase or lease of real estate, Section 2 (c) (5)
- Pending, probable or imminent litigation, Section 2 (c) (11)
- Review of Executive Session Minutes, Section 2 (c) (21)

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:34 p.m.

14C-0145 - ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Bernstein to adjourn.

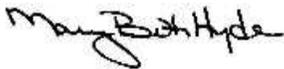
Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk