

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 12 MAY 2014

14C-0171 – 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 12 May 2014.

14C-0172 – ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Bernstein

14C-0173 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

14C-0174 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

14C-0175 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

No reports.

14C-0176 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eric Lieberman, 751 Dewey Avenue – Lieberman recommended Council consider offering an interim full tour license to Amelia's Ghost Tours that would allow her to operate only so long as Galena Trolley Tours is not allowed to operate. Lieberman urged the Council to sit down and work out this kind of resolution that would allow the City to take in amusement taxes and allow Amelia's to do business. Lieberman stated he would be available if anyone wished to sit down and discuss it. He recommended adding an item to the next agenda.

Joe Pinder, 14 Butternut Lane – Pinder voiced concern for the safety of the residents of Galena as well as the tourists of Galena. Pinder advised he worked for Galena Trolley Tours from 2011 to 2012. He has driven all of the vehicles being discussed. All of those trolleys were noted to have serious problems during the pre and post inspections by employees while he worked there. He advised the law states they must be taken out of commission until such time as they are fixed. The vehicles were never taken out of commission. All of the trolleys were failed by FMCSA in November of 2013. The vehicles have been out of commission for 7 months to date. FMCSA and IDOT have taken measures to shut down Galena Trolley Tours due to all of the trolleys being unsafe for travel. To date the City Council hasn't taken much action other than to say they will hold the license.

Marcel Didier, Tristate Historical Presentations, 9650 Buck Hill Road – Didier updated the Council on the most recent Civil War re-enactment. He understands there was some concern with the amount of cannon fire. They will attempt to mitigate the cannons to some degree.

Didier presented a display of the proposed archway for the celebration of Grant's return to Galena. The project is coming along well. The University of Wisconsin Platteville has agreed to be the engineering team on the project. Didier urged the Council to approve allowing the archway to be up for one month vs. one weekend.

Brad Petersburg, 5060 S. Blanding Road – Petersburg spoke in support of the extension of the Galena River Trail. He noted part of the effort of extending the trail is to get bike traffic off of Blackjack Road.

Steve Bard 32 Heather Downs Lane, Executive Director, Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation – Bard commended the City on the work to extend the Galena River Trail from its current terminus down to Aiken. Bard also congratulated the Council on awarding the contract for the access road, parking lot and trails at Galena Gateway Park. The JoDaviess Conservation Foundation has been a partner on that for many years supporting the acquisition of that area and also helping to secure grants to restore that area and helping write grants to bring us to this point. Bard announced the JoDaviess Conservation Foundation is currently working on plans for a fundraising campaign to raise money to develop an open Horseshoe Mound Preserve this September. Bard believes both preserves will become treasured community assets. He thanked the Council for their vision and commitment to parks. .

Mike Hillard, Tri-State Travel – Hillard stated he would concur with allowing Amelia’s Ghost Tours an interim license until such time as Galena Trolley Tours is allowed to operate. It would provide additional revenues for the city with the entertainment tax. Hillard feels it would be ludicrous for the City to not consider this when we don’t know what is happening with the other applicant who has been granted a license.

Anna Hem, 226 S. High Street– Hem urged the Council to reconsider the shooting of deer in Galena. Hem presented a petition signed by 200 citizens who are opposed to the shooting of deer in Galena. She noted only 5 percent of the citizens returned surveys. She advised there are ways of protecting your property from the deer rather than having the taxpayers take care of it.

Bill Grosshans, 418 Harrison Street – Grosshans urged the Council to reconsider and reverse its decision to apply to the DNR for a permit to control the deer population in Galena. He feels 92 responses to the survey is not enough to have a high level of confidence in the results. Grosshans feels deer hunting season itself will help control the population.

James Wirth 121 S. High Street – Wirth spoke with regard to item 14C-0160. Wirth questioned if what they really need is a loading zone rather than a handicapped parking space. He feels, according to the request, they wish to use it as a drop off site.

CONSENT AGENDA CA14-09

14C-0177 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 7 AND THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2014

14C-0178 – APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT FOR THE PERIOD MAY 13, 2014 THROUGH MAY 11, 2015

14C-0179 – APPROVAL OF CITY HALL CHANGE ORDER #7 (FINAL)

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve Consent Agenda CA14-09.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14C-0160 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST FOR A PARKING SPACE FOR THE HANDICAPPED IN FRONT OF ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH ON HIGH STREET

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Painter, to approve the request for a parking space for the handicapped in front of St. Matthew Lutheran Church on High Street, item 14C-0160.

Discussion: Council agreed to limit the time to church services.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

14C-0180 – PRESENTATION OF THE 2014 GALENA EARTH CARE AWARD BY GALENA GREEN TEAM

Peter Regez presented the 2014 Earth Care Awards by the Galena Green Team.

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| 1 st Place | Kristen Calvert, Megan Wills, Kassity Kaiser | "2050 Flowers" |
| 2 nd Place | Bailey Bautsch, Austin Long, Austin Swisher, Devon Westemeier, Tyler Woodward | "America" |
| 3 rd Place | Isabella Johnson, Kat Scharpf, Kaylyn Pinder, Emily White | "When will we see?" |
| People's Choice Award | Anna Vincent | "Wallflowers" |

14C-0181 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EXTENSION OF THE GALENA RIVER TRAIL

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the resolution supporting the extension of the Galena River Trail.

Discussion: Painter appreciates the work that went into making this happen.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0182 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY THE TRISTATE HISTORICAL PRESENTATIONS, INC. TO EXTEND THE TIMEFRAME FOR THE TRIUMPHANT ARCH FROM ONE WEEK TO ONE MONTH, JULY 31 TO AUGUST 30, 2015

Council discussed and agreed to deny the request until such time as engineered plans have been reviewed and approved.

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Fach, to deny the request at this time by Tristate Historical Presentations, Inc. to extend the timeframe for the Triumphant Arch from one week to one month, July 31 to August 30, 2015.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0183 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST BY THE TRISTATE HISTORICAL PRESENTATIONS, INC. TO CONDUCT A CIVIL WAR LIVING HISTORY AND RE-ENACTMENT APRIL 24-26, 2015 ON THE RIVERFRONT IN DEPOT PARK

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the request by Tristate Historical Presentations, Inc., to conduct a Civil War living history and re-enactment April 24-26, 2015 on the riverfront in Depot Park.

Discussion: Council recommended cutting down on the amount of cannon fire.

Fach stated he was opposed to the cannons being fired on Sunday.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0184 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO GATEWAY PARK

The following bids were received:

| Contractor | Base Bid | Alternates 1-6 | Alternates 7-13 | Alternates 14-18 | Totals |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| Fischer Excavating | \$134,553.41 | \$74,663.62 | \$28,758.02 | \$6,141.62 | \$244,111.87 |
| Louie's Trenching | \$ 92,120.00 | \$82,265.00 | \$22,315.00 | \$6,340.00 | \$202,940.00 |
| MNS Construction | \$ 89,965.00 | \$84,640.00 | \$25,549.00 | \$7,575.00 | \$207,729.00 |

In a memo to Council, Moran recommended omitting Alternate A1 in order to keep the project within budget.

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Greene, to approve the contract in the amount of \$135,940 with Louie's Trenching for improvements to Gateway Park.

Discussion: Moran advised the slab for the restrooms is included in the proposed bid; however, staff recommends not pouring it until we know what the design of the restroom structure is going to be.

Fach suggested the use of pit toilets to cut costs. Moran advised the grant was based on the ultimate design which included septic and water. Water pressure in the area should be adequate.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0185 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FIRE TRAINING CENTER CHANGE ORDER #1

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve Change Order #1 for the Fire Training Center.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0186 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE GALENA ART AND RECREATION CENTER FOR 2014

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve the funding agreement with the Galena Art and Recreation Center for 2014, item 14C-0186.

(Alderswoman Painter recused herself from discussions and voting on this item.)

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0187 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON POLICE DEPARTMENT REMODELING ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES CONTRACT

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve a contract in the amount of \$12,500 for Police Department remodeling architectural services to Baranski, Hammer, Moretta & Sheehy Architects & Planners (BHMS).

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0188 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST TO RESTRICT SEMI TRUCK PARKING ON THE EAST SIDE OF TECHNICAL DRIVE BETWEEN INDUSTRIAL DRIVE AND DANDAR STREET

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Fach, to approve the request to restrict semi-truck parking on the East side of Technical Drive between Industrial Drive and Dandar Street.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0189 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RENEWAL OF WATER AND SEWER OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN WATER

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Greene, to approve the renewal of the Water and Sewer Operations and Maintenance Contract with American Water.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0190 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT AND THE EXISTENCE AND FORMATION OF THE ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT ALARM SYSTEM BY INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Painter, to approve a resolution authorizing the execution of a Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement and the existence and formation of the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System by intergovernmental cooperation.

Discussion: Council agreed it is nice to have this in place should we ever need help here.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0191 – WARRANTS

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Painter, to approve the Warrants as presented, item 14C-0191.

Discussion: Fach questioned what pole Jo Carroll had to move. Moran advised it is a pole that will need to be moved for the Park Avenue project. Moving it will give us three more feet of width on the street.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0192 – ALDERPERSONS’ COMMENTS

Parking – Fach stated he would like the City to reconfigure the parking on Washington Street next to the Commerce Street lot. When the city did the study on parking, it was determined we could create an additional 12 parking stalls in there.

Guest House Parking – Greene advised there were 12 cars at one Guest House on Hill Street over the weekend. The cars were parked all over the neighborhood so residents couldn't even park in front of their homes. He feels the City needs to look at some way to eliminate parking up there.

Open House – Kieffer commended staff on the open house. It was a great success with lots of people.

Alfie Mueller Collection – Lincoln stated he had a chance to visit the Alfie Muller Collection. It was very nice and Daryl Watson made a nice presentation. Painter agreed adding they had 1,280 people that saw it.

Outdoor Music – Lincoln would like to see the Council revisit outdoor music downtown. He feels non-amplified acoustical music would be a nice enhancement to the downtown.

Thank you – Painter thanked Peter and Hendrica Regez for doing the earth awards.

Parking – Painter stated she would like to see the city get paid parking back at the winery lot. She feels the city is missing out on a lot of revenue.

Trolley License – Painter stated she feels Lieberman and Hillard made good points about the trolley situation. She feels the City needs to get the latest word from Attorney Roth as to what the situation is with the Galena Trolley license. She felt the interim license was a reasonable compromise.

14C-0193 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

LED Street Lights – Moran advised he has received a written summary of Jo Carroll's position with LED Street Lights. Unfortunately, they have agreed only to do LED replacements where lights have actually failed. Staff will continue to look on lights the city owns.

14C-0194 – MAYOR'S REPORT

Open House - Mayor Renner stated the open house went well.

Meeting - The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 due to the holiday on Monday.

Trolley License - Mayor Renner agreed Council should relook at the trolley license.

14C-0195 – MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- Selection, appointment, performance, discipline or removal of a public official, Section 2 (c) (3)
- Review of Executive Session Minutes, Section 2 (c) (21)

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 7:45 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:12 p.m.

14C-0196 - ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Lincoln to adjourn.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk