

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 11 AUGUST 2014

14C-0314 – CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Renner called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Chambers at 101 Green Street on 11 August 2014.

14C-0315 – ROLL CALL

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

14C-0316 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

14C-0317 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

14C-0318 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Turner Hall Committee – Fach reported the committee met August 7th. The committee reviewed the bids for replacing the retaining wall, doors, sidewalks, metal stairs and metal walkways between Turner Hall and the Fire Department. White Construction came in as low bid at \$107,000. The committee agreed to accept the bid from White Construction including the other expenses for a total of \$135,000. The committee would like the City to submit a grant application to the Galena Foundation for 50 percent of the remaining \$43,000 with the City possibly funding the remaining 50 percent through possible surplus funds from video gaming revenues.

Renner advised he would prefer to see an entire package rather than “piece meal” it. The City could then adjust where necessary.

Fach advised the committee would like to get the windows done before winter.

14C-0319 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rick Pariser, 113 S. High Street – Pariser spoke with regard to possible changes to the Tour Operators Ordinance. He urged the Council to slow down on this issue. He feels the issue of expanding really needs some thoughtful deliverance and discussions. Pariser urged the Council to defer the current track in lieu of a public hearing and a possible committee that would be comprised of independent persons and not people with a vested interest. There is lots to discuss. Pariser questioned who is in charge of the trolleys to insure regulated inspections are enforced.

Amelia Wilson Roth, Amelia’s Ghost Tours, 307 S. Main Street – Roth advised there currently are a lot of businesses right now that are not being monitored that are running around town. These businesses aren’t being regulated by the City. She reminded Council she worked for 2 ½ years and spent \$5,000 to get a license. She stated she is appalled that they would act so quickly now to add a third license.

Lucy Mattinen, 437 N. High Street – Mattinen shared information with regard to medical marijuana facilities. She urged the Council to partner with her to bring a medical marijuana dispensary to Galena. The City could regulate the tax and provide security.

Bruce Kluckhohn, 320 Franklin Street – Kluckhohn agreed with the comments made addressing the third trolley license.

Steve Repp, 227 S. Dodge Street – Repp urged the Council to form a committee to review the whole trolley ordinance.

CONSENT AGENDA CA14-15

14C-0320 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 28, 2014 AND SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 4, 2014

14C-0321 – APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ON THE REVIEW AND POSSIBLE RELEASE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve Consent Agenda CA14-14.

Discussion: Fach stated he feels the City Council is making a mistake by withholding all Executive Session Minutes. He feels the public has a right to review the majority of those minutes.

Bernstein questioned if there were guidelines in place. Renner advised there are guidelines in place. The previous City Attorney reviewed some of those minutes and determined the need to keep them closed.

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

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14C-0296 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 114.04 OF THE GALENA CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF UNRESTRICTED TOUR OPERATORS LICENSES

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 114.04 of the Galena Code of Ordinances to increase the number of unrestricted Tour Operators Licenses.

Discussion: Bernstein stated based on all of the issues raised over the last few months and the fact that it seems to be becoming more complicated, she would prefer to postpone action until such time as the Council can review the entire ordinance and receive public input.

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Painter, to postpone indefinitely action on an ordinance amending Chapter 14.04 of the Galena Code of Ordinances to increase the number of unrestricted Tour Operator’s Licenses.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

14C-00322 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR THE FIRE TRAINING CENTER PROJECT

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Greene, to approve Change Order #2 for the Fire Training Center Project.

Discussion: Matt Oldenburg gave an overview of the change order. Oldenburg recommended delaying the asphalt pavement application until next spring/summer. This will allow the new road to go through a frost/thaw cycle over the winter, which will give us a better pavement result in the long run. The cost savings would be over \$50,000 that we can hold off until the next budget cycle in order to maintain the project budget for this year.

Approval of this change order puts the project \$18,000 over budget; however, subsequent change orders will be submitted to remove the blacktop and curb and gutter which will bring the project within budget.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0323 – WARRANTS

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0324 – ALDERPERSONS’ COMMENTS

Turner Hall – Fach advised the committee felt presenting a bulk figure for City Council approval was good. He doesn’t remember talking about the excavation of the back wall. He noted time is getting short for completion of the windows.

Town – Greene stated the town has been busy with lots of people.

Thank you – Painter thanked Matt Oldenburg for all of the work he has done on the Fire Department change order. Good job!

Trolley Route – Lincoln advised he too lives on the trolley tour route. He has not seen a problem with it. He questioned how many times we are going to change things. He suggested getting on it right away or getting rid of the trolleys all together.

Comments – Painter appreciated the comments made with regard to the situations with scooters, trikes, etc. She noted those issues can’t be addressed in the trolley ordinance.

Winery Lot – Painter asked for an update on the Winery Lot.

Trolley License – Bernstein stated one of her concerns in wanting to delay the decision on the third trolley licenses is the number of trolleys that it could theoretically add on the streets at any given time.

14C-0325 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Winery Lot – The payment box has been ordered and should be in soon. The signs have been made as well.

Market House – Terry Miller has secured funds to paint the Market House and the Market House Restrooms.

Well – Moran advised the well by the Middle School went down over the weekend. The motor went bad. Jeff Saylor obtained a new motor and has been working with a well company to get the motor installed. The City will be receiving a large bill for those repairs. The motor was \$14,000. Moran thanked Jeff and his crew for keeping the city informed on what was going on and taking care of the problem.

Park Avenue – Park Avenue is ready to go. The contractor thinks they will get it done by September 26th.

Unit 3 – Work started August 1st. They have a 90 day completion time frame.

Police Department – The bids went out this week and are due back September 2nd. The bid specs include demolition and remodeling. The Police Department is working on other quotes such as blinds, security system, etc. Moran hopes to have all prices back for the 1st meeting in September.

Gateway Park – Things are getting wrapped up. There are just a few minor issues. The grand opening will be held in September.

14C-0326 – MAYOR’S REPORT

Trolleys- Mayor Renner advised staff and the City Attorney will take a look at the ordinance as we have it now along with the list of possible changes. Once the ordinance is ready we will get it to the public for review.

14C-0327 - ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Lincoln to adjourn.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk