

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 25 AUGUST 2014**

**14C-0328 – 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 25 August 2014.

**14C-0329 – ROLL CALL**

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

**14C-0330 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

**14C-0331 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge was recited.

**14C-0332 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Turner Hall Committee** – Fach reported the Galena Foundation met last Friday and are on board with a grant for Turner Hall. Fach advised the timing on these improvements is proving to be kind of problematic in the way of storm windows. The Committee set out in the spring to make sure they were installed by winter. We are now in August and are just now making improvements to the wooden frames. It is the committee's hopes that we can order the storm windows and get them installed before winter. The Galena Foundation has \$78,000 they are holding from the Save Turner Hall Fund which could be used immediately. The Committee estimates the windows to be \$20,000 with \$10,000 of prep work for a total of \$30,000.

Fach stated, as for a bulk price to look at this project realistically with an addition, we are looking at \$1 million dollars. We aren't ready to deal with that. We are ready to deal with some of the features before any addition comes along. The total for all of that would be \$140,000 to \$150,000. The first \$78,000 would come from the Save Turner Hall Fund with the remaining balance being split 50/50 with the City and the Galena Foundation.

**14C-0333 – PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Dave Decker, 309 N. Pilot Knob Road, Director, Galena Art & Recreation Center** – Decker explained their proposal to add fitness apparatus along the Galena River Trail.

**CONSENT AGENDA CA14-16**

**14C-0334 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 11, 2014**

**Motion:** Lincoln moved, seconded by Painter, to approve Consent Agenda CA14-16.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**14C-0335 – PRESENTATION OF VISITGALENA.ORG FISCAL YEAR 2015 OPERATING BUDGET**

Chris Hamilton, Director of VisitGalena.org made a presentation on the VisitGalena Fiscal Year 2015 Operating Budget. The marketing budget has been increased by about \$20,000 this year. Salaries and benefits are about 34 percent of the budget.

Painter questioned what they were basing the lodging tax projections on. Hamilton stated they were mainly based on history. He noted there was a projected increase added to it.

Fach questioned what percentage the maximum carryover is. Lincoln advised it was 30 percent. Fach questioned what the carryover ended up being this year. Hamilton advised he has projected a carry over for the next budget which is 2 months operating expenses. This amount would be below the percentage stated in the agreement.

**14C-00336 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON GALENA RIVER FITNESS TRAIL PROPOSAL**

**Motion:** Greene moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the proposal for the Galena River Trail, item 14C-0336.

**Discussion:** Greene advised Belmont, Wisconsin has had this type of equipment for several years and it gets quite a bit of use. It can be used by people of all ages.

Painter felt anything to increase fitness was a great idea. She questioned if the equipment was being placed in an area where it will be used and questioned if there was any programming in place to incorporate the use of the equipment. Decker advised they do have programs in place to educate and run classes out of the ARC. The hospital has shown an interest as well. The equipment is all about interval training. There will be a course set up that one can follow.

Painter questioned if they had talked to the schools to see if they might utilize the equipment. Decker advised as 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade football coach, it is intention of have an off season program that would utilize it.

Renner felt it was a great idea; however, he was concerned with the placement of the piece of equipment below the Gazette due to flood waters. He felt as they get into the project, they may want to place that one differently. Decker advised it will not be placed until the Canoe Park is complete. Midwest Medical Center has agreed to by that piece of equipment and it can be placed once the park is finished.

Fach voiced concern with the bars being low and black. He felt they could become a trip hazard.

Lincoln questioned once they are purchased and placed on City property would they become the responsibility of the City? Decker advised they would; however, they would be pretty much maintenance free.

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

The motion carried.

**14C-00337 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON STREET CLOSURES AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS FOR THE 2014 HALLOWEEN PARADE, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2014**

**Motion:** Painter moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the street closures and parking restrictions for the 2014 Halloween Parade, Saturday, October 25, 2014, item 14C-0337.

**Discussion:** This will be the same as last year.

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

The motion carried.

**14C-00338 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ZONING CALENDAR NO. 14A-02, AN APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF GALENA FOR A TEXT AMENDMENT TO PERMIT OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT IN THE DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL DISTRICT BY SPECIAL USE PERMIT**

**Motion:** Lincoln moved, seconded by Painter, to approve Zoning Calendar No. 14A.02, an application by the City of Galena for a text amendment to permit outdoor entertainment in the Downtown Commercial District by Special Use Permit.

**Discussion:** Lincoln feels this can be easily monitored and any problems could be easily corrected. He feels it will be nice for locals and visitors.

Oldenburg advised the decibel restriction was based on the restrictions outlined in the Street Performers license.

Painter questioned if a keyboard could be allowed. She advised it is electronic and is amplified but it wouldn't be excessive. Oldenburg advised it was not specifically addressed. The language was taken from the Street Performers ordinance which doesn't allow for amplification or speakers of any kind. He felt it will really come down to decibel level.

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

The motion carried.

**14C-0339 – WARRANTS**

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

**Discussion:** Bernstein questioned what the bill to Creative Masonry for inlet repairs was for. Moran advised these were repairs to catch basins along the curb on Hill Street.

Bernstein questioned what the bill for \$43,000 was for to MNS Construction. Moran advised it was for the Fire Department Training Facility.

Bernstein questioned the purchase of deck chairs. Moran advised these are for the pool. Staff purchases them at the end of the season when they are on sale.

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

The motion carried.

**14C-0340 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS**

**Thank You** – Bernstein thanked Matt Oldenburg for his work on the new ordinance. She feels it will be one we will be able to live with.

**Halloween Parade** – Bernstein stated she would encourage the Chamber of Commerce to discourage participants in the parade from throwing candy and encourage them to distribute candy by walking down the street and handing it out rather than throwing it out.

**Thank You** – Painter thanked the Midwest Medical Center and the Galena Art and Recreation Center for the new fitness activities. She feels it will be a great addition.

**VisitGalena** – Painter advised she appreciates having the VisitGalena budget. She is looking forward to the day of a merger so we can see even more dollars put towards marketing in a bigger way.

**Sidewalks** – Lincoln noted the sidewalks on Main and Commerce Street as well as the crosswalks need to be addressed. He has noticed some blacktop has been placed in the cracks on the sidewalks on Commerce Street. He hopes the City would discourage the use of cold patch and go with some other appropriate patch work. He would like to see a bit more done as they are getting worse in different spots.

**NICOR** – Lincoln questioned if we know when NICOR is coming into town to do repairs. Moran advised we receive J.U.L.I.E. locates via email provided they call in for a locate.

Lincoln advised NICOR was called in on Saturday for a ruptured gas line. The response time was 3 hours. He questioned if there was any way we can insure either better education from them or insure us better or quicker response times. He felt 3 hours was too long to wait for something of this magnitude.

**Downtown Entertainment** – Kieffer stated he is glad the City is moving ahead on the entertainment for downtown.

**Information** – Fach advised he has been talking to people in the village of Tiburon, California. The Chamber of Commerce there has arranged a deal with the restaurants whereby every month one Friday of the month they close down a section of Main Street and all of the restaurants come out with tables and chairs and set up for serving outside on the street. They usually have some type of theme along with a music venue and it runs from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Medical Marijuana** - He feels the City should follow what is happening with legislation on this issue.

#### **14C-0341 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

**Medical Marijuana** – Moran advised there is an application before the County for a growing facility at the Savanna Army Depot.

**Gateway Park** – Grand Opening is set for Sunday, September 7, 2014 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. The ribbon cutting will take place about 2:15.

#### **14C-0342 – MAYOR’S REPORT**

**Parades/Candy** – Renner advised the application for the parade does recommend handing out candy vs. throwing candy. If just needs to be enforced a little bit better. Renner advised staff is looking at a better plan for barricades for the Halloween parade.

**Sidewalks** – Staff has been discussing the sidewalks. This is something the City Council will have to move on. It will cost money sometime down the road.

#### **14C-0343 - ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Fach moved, seconded by Kieffer to adjourn.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Beth Hyde". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mary Beth Hyde  
City Clerk