

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 24 NOVEMBER 2014

14C-0462 – 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 24 November 2014.

14C-0463 – ROLL CALL

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

14C-0464 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

14C-0465 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

14C-0466 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

No reports.

14C-0467 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Sproule, 12901 Norris Lane – Sproule spoke with regard to Scenic Meadows. He advised everything went well with the project. There were some changes with engineering which cost a quite a bit of time and it got cold early on. They were unable to install the second lift of asphalt. In talking with the City Administrator, they have determined it would be better to hold off until spring. The street lights are in but not installed. There were some issues with layout that had to be addressed. If we get nice weather they will be installed. He noted he was present for those people requesting that the city plow the snow as well.

LIQUOR COMMISSION

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Painter, 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-0468 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE MANAGER FOR MARILYNN A. MUCHOW FOR WSG, INC., DBA R & L GAS MART, 9972 ROUTE 20 WEST

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the application for Liquor License Manager for Marilyn A. Muchow for WSG, Inc., DBA R & L Gas Mart, 9972 Route 20 West.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA CA14-22

14C-0469 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10, 2014

14C-0470 – APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR TURNER HALL WINDOW REPAIRS

14C-0471 – APPROVAL OF YEAR-END PAYMENT TO AMERICAN WATER FOR ELECTRICITY

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Greene, to approve Consent Agenda CA14-22.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14C-0437 – SECOND READING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC FRANCHISE ORDINANCE WITH JO CARROLL ENERGY

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Painter, to approve an Electric Franchise Ordinance with Jo Carroll Energy for a period of 5 years.

Discussion: Bernstein voiced concern we are already facing escalating utility costs. She feels as a City we need to look for solutions to that. A number of municipalities are looking at the possibility of taking over the utilities and running them as a City. A lot of alternative technologies are being developed. She feels the City needs to keep our options open and feels a 5 year agreement gives the most flexibility for doing so.

Painter agreed adding a 15 year option is only beneficial to Jo Carroll Energy. She feels the 5 year agreement gives the most flexibility. Painter feels 15 years is too long in the current climate of energy options.

Chris Allendorf, Jo Carroll Energy, advised everyone is a member of the electric cooperative. Allendorf explained that the exclusivity in the agreement simply means Jo Carroll Energy is the exclusive distributor of the energy product. It doesn't lock anyone into buying energy from Jo Carroll. The exclusivity simply keeps someone from coming in and setting up a distribution entity.

Renner questioned if the exclusiveness would in any way affect our future solar project. Allendorf advised if the City were to install solar panels on City Hall, it would be behind the metered

generation. That distributed generation would be at a rate set by Dairyland Power for distribution by Jo Carroll Energy. The exclusivity would have no effect on the City wanting to go “greener”.

When questioned why the exclusive clause was not in the current agreement, Allendorf stated it was probably because at the time of the original agreement, deregulation wasn't an issue in Illinois.

Renner stated he would prefer to go with a 15 year agreement. He feels 5 years is too short of time.

Bernstein stated she would be more at ease with allowing the exclusivity language with a 5 year contract. She feels it doesn't put any undue burden on the City and allows for flexibility.

Greene voiced concern with a 5 year agreement they may be less likely to want to do the LED lighting. He felt a longer contract would help put them at ease to do the job. A longer contract would help get the improvements we are requesting. Kieffer agreed a longer contract would be better.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

14C-0472 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY THE GALENA-JODAVIESS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO INSTALL FLAGS AND BANNERS ON THE US 20 BRIDGE FROM JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH APRIL 19, 2015

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Greene, to approve the request by the Galena-JoDaviess County Historical Society to install flags and banners on the US 20 Bridge from January 1, 2015 through April 19, 2015.

Discussion: Bernstein questioned what material the banners would be made of and whether or not they would hold up in the winter. Chris Curran advised they would be made out of a material that shouldn't have a problem holding up at all. Brackets will be installed on the bottom which will not allow them to flop in the wind. The Historical Society will provide the brackets and the labor for installation.

Moran advised they sent a request for approval to the Illinois Department of Transportation but have not had a response yet.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0473 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN AGREEMENT WITH JO CARROLL ENERGY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF LED STREET LIGHTING

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve an agreement with Jo Carroll Energy for the installation of LED street lighting, item 14C-0473.

Discussion: Painter feels it is disappointing we are not going to save more money. As LED technology is evolving, she questioned if there is a chance that the cost of the units and monthly pricing per fixture might go down in a few years.

Chris Allendorf, Jo Carroll Energy, advised the numbers we have is the tariff that was approved by the Board of Directors. LED lighting is much more expensive. We will be replacing every high pressure sodium fixture with LED fixtures. Sodium lights last 10-15 years. Their proposal is to switch out every street light Jo Carroll operates and maintains within the next three years rather than waiting until the fixtures fail.

Allendorf advised the reason for the higher cost is the high price bulbs. If the price goes down in the future, he would expect the board to alter the tariff to reflect that. The real benefit is the reduced carbon emissions. Most of the money that Jo Carroll is recovering is built into the \$8.25 per bulb per month.

Painter questioned how often the board would look at the tariff. Allendorf advised Galena is the first to consider this on a city wide scale. He feels this is something we can stay on top of and it can be addressed by the board at any time. Because Galena is the first city, the rate is designed in terms of a large scale replacement.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0474 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DECLARING THE RYAN MANSION, 11373 U.S. ROUTE 20 WEST, A LOCAL LANDMARK

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve declaring the Ryan Mansion, 11373 U.S. Route 20 West, a local landmark, item 14C-0474.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0475 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SNOW PLOWING SPROULE LANE AND RYAN COURT IN UNIT 3 OF GALENA SCENIC MEADOWS

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Greene, to approve snow plowing Sproule Lane and Ryan Court by the City of Galena in Galena Scenic Meadows with a formal agreement that any damage done is not the city's responsibility since the job is not complete, item 14C-0475. (Amended to include) any damage has to be repaired to the specs of WHKS Engineering hired by MNS Construction prior to city acceptance next year.

Discussion: Lincoln feels since the job isn't totally complete, the city should plow; however, we should not be held responsible for any damages that might occur. Council voiced concern that the first lift is approximately 1.5 inches below the curb/gutter, so a plow blade could catch on the corner and damage it.

Renner suggested plowing a band and a half width down the middle of the street to avoid getting too close to the curb.

Painter felt the motion should include that the damages would need to be repaired prior to the city accepting the infrastructure.

Amended

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Fach, amend the motion to add that any damage has to be repaired to the specs of WHKS Engineering hired by MNS Construction prior to city acceptance next year.

Discussion: None.

**Amended
Motion**

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

The motion carried.

Main Motion

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

The motion was approved.

14C-0476 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ZONING CALENDAR NO. 14S-08, A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR OFF-PREMISE SIGNS FOR THE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve Zoning Calendar No. 14S-08, a Special Use Permit for off-premise signs for the Center for the Arts.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0477 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPLYING FOR A NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS “OUR TOWN” GRANT FOR THE GALENA ARTS CENTER THEATER DESIGN

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Greene, to approve applying for a National Endowment for the Arts “Our Town” Grant for the Galena Arts Center Theater design.

Discussion: Painter feels the Galena Center for the Arts has been working very hard and has done a fine job in bringing a variety of activities to town. They need the City to be the lead person on this grant. The City will bear no financial responsibility with the grant.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0478 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 51 OF THE GALENA CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO CONNECTIONS TO THE CITY WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Painter, to approve the first reading of an ordinance enacting changes to Chapter 51 of the Galena Code of Ordinances pertaining to connections to the City water and sewer system.

Discussion: Fach questioned the language in 51.08, section B. Council discussed and agreed to change the language to read as follows: “To areas or land lying outside of the corporate limits

to which the city is obligated to furnish city water service by virtue of an existing written agreement”.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0479 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAXES TO BE LEVIED IN 2014 AND COLLECTED IN 2015

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Painter, to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of an ordinance establishing the amount of property taxes to be levied in 2014 and collected in 2015 in the amount of \$1,343,266, item 14C-0479.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0480 – WARRANTS

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the Warrants as presented with the exception of a warrant to MNS Construction in the amount of \$29,945.05, item 14C-0480.

Discussion: Bernstein questioned the bill to Prairie Enthusiasts in the amount of \$17,360. Moran advised the City will be reimbursed for this through the OSLAD Grant. The bill to Runde Chevrolet was for a new truck for the Water and Sewer Department.

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

The motion carried.

14C-0481 – ALDERPERSONS’ COMMENTS

Herman Kohlstaat – Fach advised Herman Kohlstaat donated the bronze statue of U. S. Grant as well as the Peace in Union painting. He was born in Galena and moved to Chicago when he was 8 or 9. Throughout his life he went into the newspaper business. He took money and endowed Galena with these gifts. Park Avenue was up to be named Kohlstaat Street. Ron Toebass has been working on a play for the Historical Society to be performed in Turner Hall. Fach feels it would behoove the City Council to engage by dedicating the footbridge to Grant Park the “Herman Kohlstaat Footbridge”. An information plaque could be located on either side telling about him. Painter advised she would be portraying Mrs. Kohlstaat in the play. She feels this would be a worthy recognition.

Building Permit Reports – Fach advised he would like the Council to receive information on building permits issued each month.

Water Reports – Fach questioned why we no longer receive water and sewer reports.

Comments – Painter stated she had conversation with some of her constituents. She heard a lot of good compliments for the Police Department with regard to Country Fair, the Public Works Department for plowing snow and City Offices on how approachable everyone is.

Thank you – Painter thanked Carl Johnson for going ahead with the Ryan Mansion designation.

Police Department – Painter advised she went to the Police Department last week. They have made amazing progress and it is great to see.

14C-0482 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Police Department – The contractors are making good progress at the Police Department. Nothing big to report other than it is wide open and demolished at this stage. You can get a real feel for what it is going to look like.

Webinar – Moran advised there will be a free webinar about flooding and trying to reduce the impact of flooding. Staff will be taking a look at that. It is scheduled for December 2nd from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Deer Culling – We are expecting a response from the DNR on the deer culling sometime in the next week. An item will be placed on the next agenda for final action.

14C-0483 – MAYOR’S REPORT

Congratulations to the Galena High School volleyball and football teams, coaches and staff for a fine run this year. You made Galena proud!

Happy Turkey Day! Enjoy and don’t eat too much.

14C-0484 - ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Painter to adjourn.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk