

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 26 JANUARY 2015**

**15C-0021 – 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 26 January 2015.

**15C-0022 – ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Bernstein

**15C-0023 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

**15C-0024 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge was recited.

**15C-0025 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**Turner Hall** – Fach reported the heat has been turned down since the installation of the new storm windows.

**15C-0026 – PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Bill Grosshans, 418 Harrison** – Grosshans asked that the City be open and transparent about the deer culling costs. Grosshans recommended specifically, written and oral reports at each meeting outlining what city employees were involved, salaries, including fringe benefits, vehicles used, how many were killed, and what type of deer were killed and how much venison has been donated to the food pantry.

**CONSENT AGENDA CA15-02**

**15C-0027 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2014**

**Motion:** Kieffer moved, seconded by Greene, to approve Consent Agenda CA15-02 as presented.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**15C-0433 – RECONSIDERATION OF THE OCTOBER 27, 2014 DENIAL OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE ANNEXATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GALENA AND LINDA PLUYM, KENNETH PLUYM, AND RICK HOCHMAN FOR TERRITORY COMMONLY KNOWN AS “COBBLESTONE CROSSING”**

**Motion:** Painter moved, seconded by Fach, to reconsider the denial of the first amendment to the Annexation Agreement between the City of Galena and Linda Pluym, Kenneth Pluym, and Rick Hochman for territory commonly known as “Cobblestone Crossing” because of new information.

**Discussion:** Council agreed the new plan is good for everyone.

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

The motion carried.

**Motion:** Painter moved, seconded by Fach, to direct staff to prepare an ordinance to execute an amendment to the Annexation Agreement between the City of Galena and Linda Pluym, Kenneth Pluym, and Rick Hochman for territory commonly known as “Cobblestone Crossing”.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**15C-0011 – FIRST READING AN ORDINANCE VACATING APPROXIMATELY 0.11 ACRES OF STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY ADJACENT TO 604 MUIR STREET**

**Motion:** Painter moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of an ordinance vacating approximately 0.11 acres of street right-of-way adjacent to 604 Muir Street, item 15C-0011.

**Discussion:** Fach voiced concern the remaining portion of that street would be landlocked with no tax revenue. He questioned if there would be a way for the city to force the other property owner to purchase the property. Moran advised he could contact them to see if they might be interested. Nack stated the City could vacate the property and it would then go back to the adjacent landowners.

The petitioner is agreeable to \$1.10 per square foot.

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

The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**15C-0029 – ANNUAL REPORT BY THE GALENA COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Richard Babcock, President, Galena Community gave the annual report on the Galena Community Garden.

Renner commended everyone involved with the gardens.

**15C-0030 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF A SINGLE COUNTYWIDE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU**

**Motion:** Lincoln moved, seconded by Painter, to approve a resolution supporting the creation of a single countywide Convention and Visitors Bureau, item 15C-0030.

**Discussion:** Council thanked Chris Hamilton for getting the ball rolling on this.

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

The motion carried.

**15C-0031 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A COUNTY ZONING REQUEST BY PAUL AND DEBORAH STUDTMANN AND NATHAN & JESSICA STUDTMANN, PO BOX 6101, GALENA, FOR A SUBDIVISION AND MAP AMENDMENT TO SUBDIVIDE PROPERTY AT 9408 W. POWDER HOUSE HILL ROAD, GALENA INTO TWO PARCELS AND REZONE BOTH FROM AGRICULTURAL TO RESIDENTIAL**

**Motion:** Painter moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve the county zoning request by Paul and Deborah Studtmann and Nathan & Jessica Studtmann, PO Box 6101, Galena, for a subdivision and map amendment to subdivide property at 9408 W. Powder House Hill Road, Galena into two parcels and rezone both from agricultural to residential.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**15C-0032 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT FOR DESIGN AND ENGINEERING OF THE GALENA CANOE AND KAYAK LAUNCH**

Bids:

IIW, P.C.      \$8,100

**Motion:** Painter moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve a contract for design and engineering of the Galena Canoe and Kayak Launch to IIW, P.C. in the amount of \$8,100.

**Discussion:** The money for this is included in the grant.

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

The motion carried.

**15C-0033 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK DETERIORATION STUDY BY MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

**Motion:** Fach moved, seconded by Kieffer, to postpone discussion and possible action on the Downtown Sidewalk Deterioration Study by MSA Professional Services to the next regular meeting.

**Discussion:** None

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

The motion carried.

**15C-0034 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THE GALENA CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE AS THEY RELATE TO TABLING, DEFERMENT, AND POSTPONEMENT**

**Discussion:** Council discussed and agreed it would be helpful to have a glossary of terminology that should be used when forming motions.

**Motion:** Fach moved, seconded by Painter, to request that staff prepare a glossary of terms for Robert's Rules of Order for the next meeting.

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

The motion carried.

**15C-0035 – WARRANTS**

**Motion:** Kieffer moved, seconded by Greene, to approve the Warrants as presented, item 15C-0035.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**15C-0036 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS**

**Thank you** – Painter thanked VisitGalena for the drone slideshow presentation.

**Deer Culling** – Painter noted the deer culling will continue to be an issue. She apologized for not being present at the last meeting. She stated she is disappointed in the decision as she doesn't feel it is a solution. She would like to continue to look at a way in which we can continue to educate the Council and citizens as to options to address the problem. She advised a process has been put in place for reporting.

**Downtown Sidewalk Study** – Lincoln stated he would like to have someone present from MSA at the next meeting for questions.

**American Water** – Lincoln stated he would like to have a report from American Water sometime soon.

**Deer Committee** – Fach stated he thinks it is a good idea to form a new deer committee somehow. They could give a report to the Council on how it is going and include pertinent details. He recommended including 3 people who are in favor of the culling and 3 people who are opposed to the culling.

**Audit** – Fach stated he would like to have a presentation on the audit.

**Drone** – Fach recommended getting a drone for the deer.

#### **15C-0037 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

**Deer Culling**– Moran stated the deer culling issue has been very controversial with lots of interested people. He is trying to do his best to keep citizens informed. When they are out there culling deer, an alert will go through Nixel to inform residents. Culling will be done between 8:30 and noon. Moran advised he has prepared an activity log which he will be happy to bring to each meeting and give a report on.

**Casey’s** – Moran advised we are at a standstill with Casey’s until such time as we locate the water and sewer main. We should know this by the end of the week.

**Thank you** – Moran thanked the Einsweiler’s and Lemfco Foundry for storing the old depot benches. The benches had originally been stored in a rented storage facility. Moran feels at some point the City needs to decide what they want to do with the benches.

**American Water** – American Water will give a report at the next meeting.

#### **15C-0038 – MAYOR’S REPORT**

**Deer Culling** – Mayor Renner made the following statement: “I understand that culling the deer population is a very sensitive issue. Beginning in 2013, we have attempted to openly study the issue and address what was determined to be a problem in our community. As Mark said, we are beginning to undertake the process of culling in accordance with the council decision and the permit issued by the Department of Natural Resources. Beginning in the near future, I would propose to review all aspects of the deer population issue in Galena, including: An assessment of deer population to determine if the herd is of a healthy size or overpopulated, options for addressing the deer population issue, including the following: Public education about deer damage abatement techniques, Deterring illegal feeding of deer and, if there is an overpopulation issue, non-lethal and lethal control techniques. I would like to expand the Deer Population Control Committee to bring more interested citizens into the study process. I am hopeful that by continuing to address the issue in a structured and civil manner we can move forward together as a strong community.”

**Thank you** – Mayor Renner thanked the Public Works Department for a job well done with the snow.

#### **15C-0039 – MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

- Pending, probable or imminent litigation, Section 2 (c) (11)

**Discussion**: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 7:15 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:37 p.m.

**15C-0040 - 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 7:38 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