

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 09 FEBRUARY 2015**

**15C-0041 – 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 09 February 2015.

**15C-0042 – ROLL CALL**

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

**15C-0043 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

**15C-0044 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge was recited.

**15C-0045 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**Turner Hall Committee** – Fach reported the Turner Hall Committee met last Thursday morning. All members were present. Janelle Kieffer presented a study on the current rates and proposed rate changes. The doors and storm windows are all installed. The committee also discussed the lighting control, heat tape, fire inspection and porches as a long term project. The next meeting will be April 2, 2015.

**15C-0046 – PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Nikki Frank, 308 South Street** - Frank read a prepared statement respectfully asking that the deer culling be postponed indefinitely until a new Deer Population Committee is appointed and brings its findings and recommendations to the City Council for open and transparent discussion by city taxpayers and a final decision by the City Council. Frank advised she was speaking on behalf of all of those present in support of this request. Frank wanted to make it clear they are not opposed to the culling of deer if it can be proven with solid scientific data that is necessary for the public safety and/or to insure a healthy deer population. They are opposed to the lack of data that was used to support this effort.

**Gerald Smith, 611 Gear Street** - Smith agreed with the comments made by Frank. Smith stated he has been a hunter for 43 years. He shared a magazine article on the declining deer population. The deer we are culling in town are the deer that will eventually end up in the woods for people to hunt.

Smith shared the number of Mr. Doug Duffer, Apple River, Illinois, who is a wildlife biologist. Smith noted there are thousands of ways to deter deer. Anywhere from noise sensors, wrapping your trees with drain tile, or putting stuff on to deter them. There are lots of plants you can plant to deter deer. Smith stated he uses garlic powder and black pepper on his plants. He urged the Council to stop the deer culling.

**Nancy Breed, Executive Director, Galena/Jo Daviess County Historical Society** – Breed read an announcement released Friday by Board President, Stephen Coates announcing progress towards its work identifying a property on which to site the building for its planned museum and interpretive center. The society has signed a memorandum of understanding with Alfred Fessler and Richard Burlingame for the purpose of investigating more thoroughly the property known as Grady Hill.

**Tim Wedeward, 535 S. High Street** – Wedeward questioned why the City isn't enforcing the ban on feeding the deer. There are individuals that are purposely putting out feed for deer. The use of the police force would be utilized much better if we enforced that ban. Wedeward stated all they are asking is that we take a step back and address this issue again.

**Jennifer Fruhauff, 312 S. Main Street** – Fruhauff expressed concerns over rumors over how the culling is being handled. One of the rumors is this all goes back to bird feeders and ornamental plants. She feels there are alternatives to killing the deer. She feels there hasn't been enough fact finding done. She wants to know that this is being done for the right reason.

**LIQUOR COMMISSION**

**Motion:** Painter moved, seconded by Kieffer, 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.

**15C-0047 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CLASS M BED AND BREAKFAST LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION BY ROBERT J. MAHAN AND DOUGLAS M. MAHAN, DBA ALDRICH GUEST HOUSE, 900 THIRD STREET, GALENA**

**Motion:** Painter moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve a Class M Bed and Breakfast Liquor License Application by Robert J. Mahan and Douglas M. Mahan, DBA Aldrich Guest House, 900 Third Street, Galena.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**Motion:** Bernstein moved, seconded by Painter, 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 CA15-03**

**15C-0048 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 2014**

**15C-0049 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY MIDWEST MEDICAL CENTER TO CONDUCT THE THIRD ANNUAL SPRINT INTO SPRING 5K/10K RACE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2015 ON THE GALENA RIVER TRAIL**

**15C-0050 – APPROVAL OF A FESTIVAL PERMIT FOR THE “CORKLESS GALENA” EVENT HOSTED BY THE NORTHERN ILLINOIS WINE GROWERS, LTD., JUNE 27, 2015 IN DEPOT PARK**

**Motion:** Greene moved, seconded by Fach, to approve Consent Agenda CA15-03 as presented.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

**Motion:** Painter moved, seconded by Bernstein, to accept the study done by MSA Professional Services on the downtown sidewalk deterioration.

**Discussion:** Jay Kuck, Municipal Engineer, MSA Professional Services made a presentation on the downtown sidewalk deterioration study completed by MSA Professional Services.

Council discussed and agreed to send the study to the Historic Preservation Commission, with notice to the public, before final action by the City Council.

Council was in favor of patching the deteriorated areas this spring and studying the issue more. Staff is in the process of getting sample materials.

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

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**

**Motion:** Fach moved, seconded by Painter, to accept the changes proposed by the City Manager on the Galena City Council Rules of Procedure, item 15C-0034.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**15C-0051 – PRESENTATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2014 ANNUAL AUDIT BY O’CONNOR BROOKS & CO.**

Kevin Kern gave a presentation of the Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Audit by O’Connor Brooks & Co.

**15C-0052 – MONTHLY WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM REPORT FROM AMERICAN WATER**

Jeff Saylor reported the following 2014 highlights:

- Repaired 18 water main breaks
- Repaired 8 service lines, 6 by property owners, 2 abandon service retirements
- Cleaned 1,558 ft. of sewer main
- Processed 518 JULIE locates
- Jerry Kirchner and John Wachter retired.
- Hired Andrew Schuler

January 2015 highlights:

- There were 4 main breaks in January
- Numerous meter bottom replacements and interior leaks
- No sewer related problems were reported in January
- Completed and submitted monthly water and wastewater IEPA Reports

**15C-0053 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT PREVIOUSLY ENTERED INTO FOR A DEVELOPMENT KNOWN AS “COBBLESTONE CROSSING”**

**Motion:** Lincoln moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the first reading of an ordinance authorizing the execution of an annexation agreement previously entered into for a development known as “Cobblestone Crossing”.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**15C-0054 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PROPOSAL BY THE GALENA-JODAVIESS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO NAME THE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE TO GRANT PARK AFTER HERMAN H. KOHLSAAT**

**Motion:** Fach moved, seconded by Painter, to approve a proposal by the Galena Jo Daviess County Historical Society to name the pedestrian bridge to Grant Park after Herman H. Kohlsaat.

**Discussion:** Council discussed and agreed to have staff talk with the Historical Society about funding for the signage. A recommendation was made for bronze signage.

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

The motion carried.

**15C-0055 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RE-APPOINTMENT OF CRAIG BROWN (CHAIRPERSON), CARL JOHNSON, ROBERT BROTHERIDGE AND WILLIAM GEHRTS TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION WITH TERMS EXPIRING FEBRUARY 28, 2017**

**Motion:** Painter moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the re-appointment of Craig Brown (Chairperson), Carl Johnson, Robert Brotheridge and William Gehrts to the Historic Preservation Commission with terms expiring February 28, 2017.

**Discussion:** None

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

The motion carried.

### **15C-0056 – WARRANTS**

**Motion:** Fach moved, seconded by Greene, to approve the Warrants as presented, item 15C-0056.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

### **15C-0057 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS**

**Thank you** – Bernstein thanked the individuals who come to the City Council and express their opinions. It is very healthy for the community.

**History Museum** – Painter thanked Nance Breed for the information with regard to the Historical Society and their progress. They have been very deliberate and careful on that process. Painter agrees that it will definitely be a force for additional economic development in our community. This also makes her think of the fact that we are really lacking a real strong economic development plan. She feels as we enter into budgeting and we look at the long term plans, the city needs to address that. We want to make sure that this is a community where people can come to and get jobs. Where our kids can come back to and find jobs or stay and find jobs. We can't just let this be a sidelight. It needs to take more of a precedence in our planning.

**Historic Preservation Commission** – Painter questioned if there was a process where by people can nominate either themselves or others to be on the Historic Preservation Commission? Mayor Renner advised he collects names and there is an application on the city's website.

**Audit** – Lincoln stated the audit is a direct reflection of Mark's time and efforts for the city to put us in the state we are in. He thanked Mark Moran along with the rest of the staff for their hard work.

**Nicor Bill** – Fach noted the gas bill for city hall was \$235.29. He feels this a low price for heating this space. He credits that low bill to everyone that worked on the project.

**Thank you** – Fach thanked those in attendance and added he wishes the room was filled like this for every meeting regardless of the issues.

**Audit** – Fach thanked Mark Moran and Cindy Pepple for their work on the financials. It was good to see.

**Snow** – Greene thanked the Public Works Department for a wonderful job on the snow. Everyone should be happy with the work they do on snow removal. Kieffer agreed.

### **15C-0058 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**Deer Program**- Moran shared the activity to date. We have an estimated 24 hours of staff time since the beginning of January. That runs from the person actually doing the shooting to Public

Works and the City Administrator for a total cost of \$1,264. The report also includes a running report of deer accidents. The Police Department compiled a report on deer related calls that come into the Police Department.

The first month has been very useful in terms of gaining experience in this program. It has been very demanding on staff time and has been very challenging. Moran advised the City will stop the deer culling program for this year. If there would be any changes to that, a report will be made at a City Council meeting so the public is informed. Moran stated he doesn't anticipate that changing between now and the end of March when the permit expires.

**Police Department Project** – The project continues to move forward. They have started painting, installing the subfloor and ceiling. The project is coming along nicely.

**Budget** – The first draft of the Budget will be presented at the first meeting in March.

**15C-0059 – MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Thank you** – Mayor Renner thanked the Public Works Department, the people attending the meeting and Nancy Breed and Historical Society on their long process.

**Audit** – Mayor Renner thanked Mark and Cindy for doing a good job.

**15C-0060 - ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde  
City Clerk