

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 23 MARCH 2015**

**15C-0100 – 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 23 March 2015.

**15C-0101 – ROLL CALL**

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

**15C-0102 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

**15C-0103 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge was recited.

**15C-0104 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

None.

**15C-0105 – PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Ted Forsberg, St. Matthews Lutheran Church** – Forsberg stated as President of the Council for St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, he would like to request that some improvements be made to the streets that surround the old city cemetery. This would allow for some additional parking for not only the church but for the residents in the area as well. He advised a storm a while back knocked down trees which broke the fence. To date that fence has not been restored. The cost of a few minor improvements would greatly benefit the visuals for that wonderful park and cemetery as well as would benefit the neighborhood.

**Bob Swalley, A to B Cab Company** – Swalley advised since the passing of Dave O'Donnell there has been no cab company. With approval tonight, they would like to carry on that service to Galena. They have purchased some of O'Donnell's equipment as well as have one of their own licensed.

**John Thiltgen, Jackson Concrete** – Thiltgen thanked the Council for reconsidering the bids on the crosswalks and sidewalks. They were present to answer any questions council may have. Thiltgen noted they were low bid on 5 of the 6 items bid.

At this time City Attorney Nack swore in those wishing to testify in the Public Hearing.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Motion:** Bernstein moved, seconded by Painter, to open the Public Hearing on the proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**15C-0106 – PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016**

**Testimony:** **Ted Forsberg, St. Matthews Lutheran Church** – Forsberg stated he would hope the comments he made prior would stand at this time.

**Rick Pariser, High Street** – Pariser asked the Council to not take the nickels and dimes for granted. One item that came up in the possible cuts is the \$25,000. He is curious what that particular item is. Pariser stated he noticed in the narrative that the Turner Hall Renovation Project over the next 5 years is \$750,000. He feels that is a lot of money for a building that is really not functional anywhere near 80 percent of the time. He questioned how that investment would be recouped. This figure doesn't include annual maintenance costs. This is money people would like to see go into other improvements. He questioned what other properties the city owns. The costs for heating and electric are significant. Pariser feels there is a lot of the public that does have some concerns. Pariser asked the Mayor to expound on his comments made in the Telegraph Herald dated March 22, 2015 with regard to the LDGF funds. He read the article and would like to get a better sense as to how it would impact the viability of city operations. While it is a lot of money, he doesn't see where we are teetering on the edge if we don't realize it. He stated he would also like to hear from the Council on the proposed cuts.

**Motion:** Greene moved, seconded by Kieffer, to close the Public Hearing on the proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA CA15-06**

**15C-0107 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 09, 2015 AND SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2015**

**15C-0108 – SECOND READING AND APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 79, “PARKING TIME LIMITED” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GALENA**

**15C-0109 – APPROVAL OF 2015 RATES, WAGES AND HOURS AND SEASON FOR THE ALICE T. VIRTUE WATER PARK**

**15C-0110 – APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF JANITORIAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MARY HALSTEAD FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2015 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2016**

**15C-0111 – ACCEPTANCE OF JANUARY 2015 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**Motion:** Kieffer moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve Consent Agenda CA15-05 as presented.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS****15C-0010 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE JAMES B. VINCENT TRUST, CASEY’S RETAIL CORPORATION AND THE CITY OF GALENA FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CASEY’S GENERAL STORE ON APPROXIMATELY FOUR ACRES AT THE INTERSECTION OF US ROUTE 20 AND RED GATES ROAD**

**Motion:** Fach moved, seconded by Greene, to approve a resolution to execute an Annexation Agreement between James B. Vincent Trust, Casey’s Retail Corporation and the City of Galena for the construction of a Casey’s.

**Discussion:** Council felt it was a good agreement and thanked staff for their work on it.

Fach recommended adding T-Connectors to the lines when they do the excavation for water and sewer. This way when we want to extend down the highway or Red Gates Road it will be all set to go. Moran advised as of now that is a private line. When they construct they will install a manhole. At that time it will become the City’s property. Once we have the manhole it gives us the ability to connect another pipe. Either way it will be a new excavation and a new connection.

Painter questioned if the issues with the signage has been resolved. Moran advised the plans were submitted to the County. The City has agreed to accept the building and signage plans. There were three sign issues that would not comply with our sign ordinance; Wall sign, canopy sign and monument sign with electronic changeable gas prices. What has been identified came from the review by the Zoning Administrator. At that time those variances were identified.

Bernstein noted as part of the agreement Casey’s will deal with the stop light issues at that intersection. She questioned if some decisions are made and the City finds out there are problems with the traffic flow, do we have recourse to go back and talk to them. Moran advised it would be a Department of Transportation issue in the end since it is their highway and they are controlling the intersection and the light. The Department of Transportation will reevaluate the light once the use is there.

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

The motion carried.

**15C-0088 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DRAFTING A RESOLUTION FOR A PROPOSAL BY THE GALENA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE DISTRICT TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL SERVICE AREA FOR FUNDING AMBULANCE SERVICE**

**Motion:** Painter moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve drafting a Resolution for a proposal by the Galena Emergency Medical Service District to establish a Special Service Area for funding ambulance service.

**Discussion:** If the County were to make a Special Service Area, the Ambulance Service could ask for anything from a .01 cents to .10 cents. This amount could change annually. The County Board approves the Special Service Area and it is up to the Ambulance Service to ask for the tax.

The per capita amount the City currently pays would drop off once the Special Service Area is put in place. The City has budgeted the per capita amount for the upcoming year.

Painter feels it is clear they do not have the money to do the maintenance and capital improvements that they need to do. She feels the ambulance service is a very important part of safety and being prepared. It is important for them to keep their equipment up to date.

Lincoln stated while he doesn't like to add taxes, this is one that might need to be done. This would allow them to get some personnel and would allow them to educate the people making the calls.

Fach stated he would hate to see them come in at .10 cents right off the bat but it looks like it can be engineered to what their needs are.

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

The motion carried.

**15C-0090 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ACCEPTING UNIT PRICING FOR CROSSWALK, SIDEWALK AND CURB AND GUTTER PROJECTS**

#	Item	Unit	Quantity	Wiener Concreting		Louie's Trenching		Jackson Concrete	
				Unit Cost	Quantity	Unit Cost	Quantity	Unit Cost	Quantity
1	Remove and replace sidewalk 5 inch thick	SF	100	10.25	1025	10.5	1050	9	900
2	Remove and replace 5 inch thick exposed aggregate sidewalk	SF	100	13	1300	13.5	1350	12	1200
3	Install sidewalk 5 inch thick	SF	50	9.5	475	9	450	8	400
4	Install curb and gutter, 24 inches wide, 6 inch high	SF	50	29.5	1475	33	1650	26	1300
5	Remove and replace curb and gutter, 24 inches wide	LF	50	34	1700	40	2000	32	1600
6	Remove and replace 7 inch thick crosswalk as indicated on attached drawing. Colored type B concrete.	SF	250	62	15,500.00	28	7000	64	16000

**Motion:** Greene moved, seconded by Kieffer, to reconsider item 15C-0090, accepting unit pricing for crosswalk, sidewalk and curb and gutter projects.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**Motion:** Greene moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve items 1-5 with Jackson Concrete and item 6 with Louie's Trenching.

**Discussion:** Greene feels this is the right way to do it as they were low bid.

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

The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**15C-0112 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A TAXI BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION BY BASIL CONROY FOR ECO-TAXI LLC**

**Motion:** Painter moved, seconded by Greene, to approve the application for a Taxi Business License by Basil Conroy for Eco-Taxi LLC.

**Discussion:** The applicant has met all requirements of the ordinance.

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

NAYS: None

The motion carried.

**15C-0113 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A TAXI BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION BY LORI SWALLEY FOR A TO B CAB COMPANY**

**Motion:** Kieffer moved, seconded by Painter, to approve the application for a Taxi Business License by Lori Swalley for A to B Cab Company.

**Discussion:** The applicant has met all requirements of the ordinance.

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

The motion carried.

**15C-0114 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROTECTION OF THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF LOCAL CITIZENS FROM THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF CRUDE OIL AND OTHER HIGHLY FLAMMABLE MATERIALS RAIL TRAFFIC**

**Motion:** Painter moved, seconded by Greene, to approve a resolution supporting the protection of the health, safety, and economic well-being of local citizens from the potential impact of crude oil and other highly flammable materials rail traffic.

**Discussion:** Painter stated she would like to forward a copy of the resolution to surrounding communities recommending they adopt one as well. She felt the resolution was very complete and encouraged all to read it.

Fach noted nothing has been said about the speed limit. He remembers 10 miles per hour being allowed through Galena. He recommended asking them for a decrease in speed through the community. Renner was in favor.

**Amended**

**Motion:** Fach moved, seconded by Kieffer, to amend the motion to include wording to ask the National Transportation Board for a reduction in speed through municipalities to 5 miles per hour.

**Amended**

**Motion**

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

The motion carried.

**Main**

**Motion**

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

The motion carried.

**15C-0115 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE GALENA AREA MEDICAL EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE**

**Motion:** Greene moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the renewal of the agreement with the Galena Area Medical Emergency Services District for ambulance service, 15C-0115.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**15C-0116 – APPROVAL OF THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF ALDERPERSON TODD LINCOLN AS A NON-VOTING MEMBER OF THE VISITGALENA.ORG BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE TERM MAY 1, 2015-APRIL 30, 2017**

**Motion:** Fach moved, seconded by Painter, to approve the re-appointment of Alderperson Todd Lincoln as a non-voting member of the VisitGalena.org Board of Directors for the term May 1, 2015-April 30, 2017.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**15C-0117 – WARRANTS**

**Motion:** Kieffer moved, seconded by Painter, to approve the Warrants as presented.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**15C-0118 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS**

**Thank you** – Painter thanked Mr. Forsberg and Mr. Pariser for their comments regarding the budget. Council will address their questions in the next work session.

**Alert System** – Bernstein stated it is her understanding the City has begun work on a system to alert citizens when there is a disaster. She was pleased to hear that. She feels members of the community will be happy to know we have a start on it.

**Rail Safety Resolution** – Kieffer thanked Mark Moran for his work on the resolution for rail traffic going through Galena.

**Deer Signs** – Fach would like to see more deer signs on the highway.

**15C-0119 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**Diagonal Street** – Repairs will need to be made to a void that has developed under Diagonal Street. It is an old cellar that goes into the street. The retaining wall has collapsed. Staff is currently doing an emergency bid.

**Meeker Street Walk Bridge** – The concrete on the old walkway is deteriorating. A small section will need to be replaced within the next year.

**Train Derailment** – Staff has been engaging with BNSF working on assembling all of the costs associated with the recent derailment. That will be submitted through the State EMS this Friday. We will be submitting for things such as personnel and equipment. Staff will be meeting with them with regard to repair of infrastructure.

**Canadian National** – Canadian National will be attending an upcoming City Council meeting to talk about what they are doing for rail safety.

**FOIA Request** – Moran advised he has submitted a FOIA request to get copies of inspections of the rails from inside of town to five miles out. To date he hasn't received a reply.

**Budget Work Session** – A budget work session has been scheduled for April 6, 2015. Chief Huntington will be present to talk about the proposed software program. This is a robust software system that does everything for all aspects of record keeping in the Police Department and is searchable.

**Turner Hall** – Moran noted the large number in the Turner Hall five year plan is for the addition. The Committee has moved away from that idea. The total cost for five years is \$178,000. The Committee and staff agree, the addition will be covered by other grants and private donations.

**Comments** – Moran welcomes any public. The agendas are added to the website as well as a public notice was published in the Galena Gazette attempting to get people here. He appreciates the input given.

#### **15C-0120 – MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Renner thanked Mark Moran for his work on the resolution for train safety.

**Income Tax Cuts** – Mayor Renner stated as we all know the new governor wants to slash the income tax distribution by 50 percent. If that goes through the equivalent would be a loss of \$170,000. We currently have five things in the works to make up that \$170,000 in the budget. They are: new police software, tractor, freeze hiring of an officer, freeze non-union wages and look at increasing the food and beverage taxes. A work session is scheduled for April 6, 2015.

#### **15C-0121 - ADJOURNMENT**

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

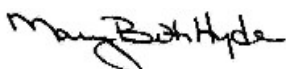
**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde  
City Clerk