

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 13 APRIL 2015

15C-0151 – 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 27 April 2015.

15C-0152 – ROLL CALL

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

15C-0153 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

15C-0154 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

15C-0155 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Turner Hall Committee – Fach reported that on April 9th we had a squirrel incident at Turner Hall. A squirrel got tangled in the transformer which caused a power surge. It affected the heating and cooling system, the wireless router, the sprinkler system and the lighting system. The lighting system modules have been sent out for repairs. Janelle Keefer is compiling a list of invoices for an insurance claim. The hall has been utilized by the Galena High School Drama Club, the History Museum, Boy Scouts of America, Earth Day and the Firemen this month.

15C-0156 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

LIQUOR COMMISSION

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Lincoln, 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-0157 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2015 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2016

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Fach, to approve the renewal of liquor licenses for the period May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016 as presented, 15C-0157.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

15C-0158 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A MANAGER’S LIQUOR LICENSE FOR MITCHELL S. SCHAUB FOR CANNOVA’S PIZZA, INC., 247 N. MAIN STREET

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the application for Manager’s Liquor License for Mitchell S. Schaub for Cannova’s Pizza, Inc., 247 N. Main Street, 15C-0158.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

15C-0159 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A MANAGER’S LIQUOR LICENSE FOR LISA M. STEINLE FOR CHOCOLAT, INC., 229 S. MAIN STREET

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Painter, to approve the application for Manager’s Liquor License for Lisa M. Steinle for Chocolat, Inc., 229 S. Main Street.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA CA15-07

15C-0160 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2015

15C-0161 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY BICYCLE ILLINOIS TO UTILIZE GRANT PARK AS A REST STOP FOR A BICYCLE TOUR ON OCTOBER 5, 2015

15C-0162 – APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 UTILITY WRITE-OFFS

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Greene, to approve Consent Agenda CA15-06 as presented.

Discussion: Lincoln requested item 15C-0161 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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

15C-0161 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY BICYCLE ILLINOIS TO UTILIZE GRANT PARK AS A REST STOP FOR A BICYCLE TOUR ON OCTOBER 5, 2015

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Greene, to approve the request by Bicycle Illinois to utilize Grant Park as a rest stop for a bicycle tour on October 5, 2015.

Discussion: Lincoln questioned if this would interfere with Country Fair. He was advised it would not. Painter asked staff to make sure they know they should be using recycling containers.

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

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15C-0142 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 OPERATING BUDGET

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Greene, to approve Fiscal Year 2015-16 Operating Budget including the changes in Addendum A.

Discussion: Bernstein reminded Council that Ted Forsberg had made a request for more parking around the old City Cemetery. She feels the City should consider his request.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

15C-0163 – PRESENTATION OF CORPORATE CITATIONS OF RECOGNITION FOR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY IN RESPONSE TO THE MARCH 5 TRAIN DERAILMENT

Mayor Renner along with Brett Temperly, Bob Conley and Doug Smith presented the following with Corporate Citations of Recognition for service to the community in response to the March 5 train derailment:

Dillon's Tavern, Brian Montgomery
Wal-Mart, Melissa McCurry
Victory Café, Bruce Glasgow
Happy Joe's, Shannon Austin
Culver's, Caprinia Aabt
Fire Corps, Galena Fire Department, Fallon Doyle
McDonald's, Megan Soppe
Bridget Thommen
Subway, Mick & Patti Arand
Jo Daviess County Emergency Management Agency, Chuck Pedersen
American Red Cross, Leslye Mastroinni

15C-0164 – RECOGNITION OF LIFESAVING EFFORTS BY OFFICERS OF THE GALENA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Renner presented a Certificate of Recognition for Lifesaving Efforts to Officer Keith Brandel and Detective Tony Yett. On March 6th Officer Brandel used the defibrillator to bring someone back to life.

15C-0165 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE DONATION OF A FLAG BOX BY GALENA JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP 7311

Maya Dickerson, Amy Kurt, Avery Engle, Grace Hillard and Emilee Rodriguez of Troop 7311 made a presentation on the Girl Scout Bronze Award and their project which includes the donation of a worn flag box. The flag box will be located behind the current City Hall.

Motion: Lincoln moved seconded by Kieffer, to accept the donation of a worn flag box by Galena Junior Girl Scout Troup 7311.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

15C-0166 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON STUDYING THE CREATION OF A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT CENTERED ON PART OF UNIT 2 OF THE SCENIC MEADOWS SUBDIVISION

Motion: Painter moved, seconded by Lincoln, the City of Galena work in cooperation with the developer, Don Wienen, to explore the feasibility of the establishment of a Tax Increment Financing District. Such cooperation would include city staff time as needed to assist with Phase 1 of the eligibility study of the scope of services proposed by SB Friedman and Company in their April 16, 2015 letter to the City. There will be no commitment of city funds during this exploratory stage.

Discussion: Council supported the idea but stressed they would not commit any funds to the study. It is the responsibility of the developer to determine if it meets the criteria for a TIF District.

Moran will keep an eye on the amount of staff time being used.

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

The motion carried.

15C-0167 – WARRANTS

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

Discussion: Bernstein noted the city received a \$19,000 donation for the in squad cameras from Watch Guard Video. She also questioned if the amount to White Construction was for the fire escapes at Turner Hall. She was advised it was.

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

The motion carried.

15C-0168 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Thank you – Fach thanked Emily Painter and LaVerne Greene for their faithful duty to the City of Galena. He encourages them to continue to attend meetings.

Service – Greene stated he has had a good time serving and appreciates all of the people in Galena as well as those at City Hall.

Thank you – Kieffer stated he has enjoyed working with LaVerne and Emily and he wishes them the best.

Thank you – Lincoln thanked LaVerne and Emily for their time and service.

Girl Scout Presentation - Lincoln stated the presentation by the girl scouts was extraordinary. The girls showed not an ounce of fear.

Fire Department – Lincoln noted the Fire Department was there the weekend of the derailment as well. It is nice to see a community does come together when it has to.

Peace in Union – Painter wanted to recognize the successful Peace in Union activities. She was pleased with the community support.

Service – Painter stated she is proud to have served. She found it to be engaging and interesting. She loved getting to know more people as well as getting to know everyone at City Hall. She feels Hahn will do a fine job and wishes him well.

Comments – Bernstein echoed the comments made with regard to LaVerne and Emily. She has enjoyed working with them and wishes them well. She looks forward to seeing them in and around town.

Canadian National Railroad – Bernstein advised the City recently received a letter from the Canadian National Railroad. She is concerned about the fact that the only thing they offered was training. While training is important and much appreciated, she feels they should seriously consider the suggestions to slow down the trains and reduce the number of tanker cars on those trains.

LED Street Lights – Bernstein referred to a letter in last weeks Galena Gazette by Bonnie Garity in which she pointed out the health hazards associated with blue LED lights. A much healthier option would be to consider the amber lighting.

15C-0169 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Thank you – Moran thanked Emily and LaVerne for their great years of service to the City of Galena. He appreciates having the opportunity to work with them over the years.

Train Derailment Update – Moran reported the following:

- Crude that was pumped from the damaged cars and the ground is being removed by truck from holding tanks.
- Removal of impacted soils is nearly complete.
- Restoration plan will be reviewed by regulatory agencies over the next two or more months.
- Final site remediation will occur after the plan is approved and will likely involve hauling clean soil to the site.

Status of Bike Trail – Moran reported the following:

- The bike trail remains closed from the y-ponds (1/4 mile mark) to the end.
- BNSF will hold a meeting next week to plan the rebuilding of the trail as quickly as possible.

Response from Canadian National – Moran reported the following:

- Canadian National responded to our letter of April 21, 2015.
- They support more stringent standards for railcar construction.

- They offered specialized training to our first responders at no charge.
- We intend to take advantage of the training as well as the BNSF's offer to allow a group of our firefighters to train at Pueblo, Colorado training center.

Status of Freedom of Information Request – Moran reported the following:

- A FOIA request was sent to the FRA on March 16 requesting records of CN track and bridge inspections in the Galena area.
- We received a response today stating that no records exist pursuant to our request.
- Moran will contact CN directly and forward the response to Senator Durbin and Representative Bustos.

Federal Actions from DOT – Moran reported the following:

- Emergency Order requiring trains with highly flammable liquid passing through highly populated areas to adhere to a maximum of 40 mph.
- FRA recommending highest skilled inspectors conduct brake and mechanical inspections.
- Better information on cargo available immediately to emergency responders.

Update on Resolutions – East Galena Township and the Village of Hanover are adopting the resolution. It is still being considered by others.

Emergency Operations Plan – The plan will be modeled from the IL EMA. It is an extensive process to develop.

Social Media Policy – Staff is working on a social media policy and reviewing notification systems.

Community Meeting – Moran advised he is working with the EL EMA and the EPA to set up a potential community meeting.

LED Lighting - Staff has been studying the color temperature of the lights and have talked about it a lot.

Budget – Moran advised all expenses in Tiers 2-4 will be frozen until such time as we receive information on the potential cuts proposed by Governor Rauner.

15C-0170 – MAYOR'S REPORT

Trains – Mayor Renner advised we will continue to hit up or legislators and train people. He advised it wouldn't hurt others to do so as well.

Thank you – Mayor Renner stated it has been a pleasure working with both Emily and LaVerne. He deeply appreciates their time.

Girl Scouts – Mayor Renner agreed the Girl Scouts did a fabulous job.

Congratulations – Mayor Renner congratulated all of the businesses who helped with the derailment.

Peace in Union – Mayor Renner stated the Peace in Union event was a great thing and was very well done.

15C-0171 - ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Painter to adjourn.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk