

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 11 MAY 2015

15C-0172 – 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 11 May 2015.

15C-0173 – ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Painter

15C-0174 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

15C-0175 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

15C-0176 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Turner Hall Committee – The Turner Hall Committee met on May 8th. The main discussions were about the memo included in the agenda packet. Fach advised he voiced concern that the squirrel/transformer issue is a repeatable event. The City needs to contact Jo Carroll Energy to make sure the transformer is squirrel proof or ask for their help in installing surge protection inside the building. Pat Smith will be checking with Jo Carroll Energy on this issue.

15C-0177 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rick Pariser, 113 S. High Street – Pariser expressed appreciation for LaVerne Greene and Emily Painter. This can be a thankless job. No matter what you do you seem to get in trouble with one group or another. He thanked Emily for her time, energy and commitment. He noted Alderman Green has been an outstanding representative for the citizens. He has served under three administrations. Pariser stated he can't think of anything that Greene has done that wasn't for the betterment of the citizens and the town. He appreciates all of their service and hard work.

Pariser wished Charlie Fach, Robert Hahn and Jerry Westemeier good luck.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15C-0178 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 27, 2015

Motion: Greene moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of April 27, 2015.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

15C-0179 – SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

City Clerk, Mary Beth Hyde swore in Alderpersons Charles Fach, Jerry Westemeier and Robert Hahn.

Upon swearing in of new council members Mayor Renner called for a roll of the Council.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Bernstein, Fach, Hahn, Kieffer, Lincoln, Westemeier and Renner.

CONSENT AGENDA CA15-08

15C-0180 – APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT BA 16-01

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve Consent Agenda CA15-08 as presented.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Kieffer, Westemeier, Bernstein, Fach, Hahn, Renner
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Lincoln

The motion carried.

15C-0181 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GALENA ART AND RECREATION CENTER FOR SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Kieffer, to defer item 15C-0181 to the next meeting.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Lincoln, Westemeier, Bernstein, Fach, Hahn, Kieffer, Renner
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

15C-0182 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GALENA FOUNDATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TURNER HALL

Lincoln voiced concern with the following language:

- City of Galena will provide sufficient funds in its annual budget and its five year maintenance and improvement plan to properly maintain and operate the facility. Development of budget and five year plan to be coordinated with the Turner Hall Committee and communicated to the Galena Foundation Board for their comments.

He noted the City has been properly maintaining the property for several years. The City has always done what we could. He feels the agreement should be for the \$180,000 costs only. Renner agreed.

Hahn clarified for the public that the Galena Foundation is funding this 100 percent with foundation money.

Nack advised the Galena Foundation is simply looking for some guarantee that the work will be maintained once the work is complete. He will work with the Galena Foundation to come up with language that is agreeable to both parties.

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Bernstein, to defer action on an agreement with the Galena Foundation for Improvements to Turner Hall to the first regular meeting of June.

15C-0183 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY POLICE OFFICER TIM WUEBBEN FOR A VARIANCE FROM THE RESIDENCY PROGRAM

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the request by Police Officer, Tim Wuebben for a variance from the residency program as amended to state a one year continuance to May 1, 2016.

Discussion: Council urged Wuebben to continue to try to sell his property and move within the required distance as soon as possible.

Amended

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Kieffer, to amend the motion to state a one year continuance to May 1, 2016.

Amended

Motion

Roll Call:

AYES: Hahn, Kieffer, Lincoln, Westemeier, Bernstein, Fach, Renner
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

Main

Motion

Roll Call:

AYES: Fach, Hahn, Kieffer, Lincoln, Westemeier, Bernstein, Renner
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

15C-0184 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR WATER STREET PUMP STATION GENERATOR

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Westemeier, to defer item 15C-0184 to the next meeting to allow time to investigate the possibility of getting a closer contractor to do the work for a possible cost savings.

15C-0185 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2015-16 EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS

- City Attorney, Joe Nack
- City Administrator, Mark Moran
- Police Chief, Lori Huntington
- City Engineer, Andy Lewis
- Zoning Administrator, Matt Oldenburg
- Building Official, Jonathan Miller
- Public Works Director, Jim Rigdon
- Finance Director, Cindy Pepple

- Janelle Keefer, Facilities Manager (part-time pending state budget decisions)
- Fire Chief, Randy Beadle
- Assistant Fire Chief, Robert Connelly
- Director of Fire Prevention Bureau, Randy Beadle
- Fire Inspector, Brett Temperly
- Deputy City Clerk, Debra Price
- Deputy Building Official, Robert Brotheridge (part-time)
- Deputy Building Official, Andy Lewis
- Electrical Inspector, Robert Brotheridge
- Rental Housing Inspector, Brett Temperly

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the 2015-16 employee appointments including Janelle Keefer, Facilities Manager.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Lincoln, Westemeier, Bernstein, Fach, Hahn, Kieffer, Renner
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

15C-0186 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF TODD LINCOLN AS MAYOR PRO TEM

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Hahn to appoint Todd Lincoln as Mayor Pro Tem.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Westemeier, Bernstein, Fach, Hahn, Kieffer, Renner
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Lincoln

The motion carried.

15C-0187 – WARRANTS

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the Warrants as presented.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Bernstein, Fach, Westemeier, Renner
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Hahn, Kieffer, Lincoln

The motion carried.

15C-0188 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Welcome – Council members welcomed incoming members Robert Hahn and Jerry Westemeier.

Remarks - Westemeier stated is he happy to be here. He has some big shoes to fill following in LaVerne Greene's footsteps. His push will be to put more money into the street program. We have several streets that need to be fixed immediately. We need to fix our streets and keep the program going.

Thank you – Hahn thanked Emily Painter and LaVerne Greene for what they have done for the city in the past years. While it can be a thankless job at times, it can also be very rewarding. He too will be pushing to see that we do a better job in keeping up our streets and infrastructure.

15C-0189 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Welcome – Moran welcomed the new members.

American Water Report – Moran advised Jeff Saylor had submitted a monthly report, however, he forgot to add it to the agenda. It will be added to the next agenda.

Third and Rives – The project is out for bid and we will be getting them back in the next few weeks.

Fitness Equipment – Last year Council approved the installation of three fitness locations (kayak launch, bike trail head and Muchow Park). The ARC has raised the money for the purchase of them and they should be installed sometime this summer.

Flag Box – The new flag box has been installed.

Bike Trail – The railroad has hired a contractor to start rebuilding the trail. They hope to have it completed by June 15th. In the end we should have a bike trail like it was on day one.

Streets – Moran advised he has built a web page on the city website that is dedicated to the half percent sales tax. People can follow how the money was spent in the past and how it will be used in the future.

15C-0190 – MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Renner welcomed the new members and thanked Emily and LaVerne for the years they put in at this table.

15C-0191 - ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Hahn to adjourn.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Fach, Hahn, Kieffer, Lincoln, Westemeier, Bernstein, Renner
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk