

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 08 JUNE 2015

15C-0209 – 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 08 June 2015.

15C-0210 – ROLL CALL

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

15C-0211 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

15C-0212 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

15C-0213 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Turner Hall Committee – Fach reported the committee met on June 4th. They will be holding a meeting tomorrow (June 9th) at 1:00 p.m. at Turner Hall to review the items that have to be improved to make sure we are all on the same page. The doors are back and will be reinstalled. The bad panels were replaced.

15C-0214 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA CA15-10

15C-0215 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 26, 2015

15C-0216 – APPROVAL OF HANGING FLOWER BASKET ORDER FROM VALLEY PERENNIALS FOR 2016

15C-0217 – APPROVAL OF REQUEST BY VISITGALENA.ORG AND KCRG TV FOR TEMPORARY NO PARKING (1 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M.) ON PART OF SOUTH MAIN STREET FOR THE KCRG “OUR TOWN GALENA” NEWS BROADCAST ON FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2015

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve Consent Agenda CA15-10 as presented.

Discussion: Fach requested item 15C-0216 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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

The motion carried.

15C-0216 – APPROVAL OF HANGING FLOWER BASKET ORDER FROM VALLEY PERENNIALS FOR 2016

Discussion: Fach recommended assessing a small special tax to each business on Main Street for flowers on Main Street. Lincoln was opposed to a tax and suggested the Food and Beverage Tax is a good example of where the money could be taken from. He feels \$50 per basket seems a bit high. He suggested pulling volunteers together to plant them.

Westemeier was also opposed to taxing the downtown businesses. He suggested cutting back on the number of baskets.

Bernstein advised the City received a letter from Joe Pinder voicing concern with the number of flower pots on the street. He likes them but is concerned at some point if they should be limited so they don't become an obstruction on the sidewalks. She suggested we may want to take a look at the whole thing.

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Lincoln, to deny the request to order hanging flower baskets from Valley Perennials for 2016 at this time to allow for further deliberation.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

15C-0218 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT FOR GRINDING CONCRETE PAVEMENT ON PARK AVENUE BETWEEN BOUTHILLIER STREET AND LAFAYETTE STREET

Discussion: Bernstein stated she does not think it is worth \$10,000 to fix as it is not that bad. Westemeier agreed stating there are a lot worse streets that need repair more than this bumpy block.

Lincoln questioned if we are able to use the money elsewhere or if it is part of the original contract. Nack advised money was withheld from the original contract. In order to use the money elsewhere, Fischer's would have to sign off on it as the money was held back for this particular reason. Nack will contact Fischer's with regard to considering the contract complete.

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Hahn, to defer item 15C-0218 to the next meeting.

15C-0219 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT FOR FLOODGATE MAINTENANCE

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the contract for Floodgate Maintenance with All Star Powerwash in the amount of \$4,285.

Discussion: Lincoln questioned if there was any guarantee that this would last longer. Lewis advised, they will be applying a clear coat after words with the hope that this would insure that it is going to last longer. When the gates were painted five years ago for \$45,000 the gates and frame were entirely sandblasted. Lewis advised one of the problems is the use of salt and chips in the winter. Those chips knock the paint and make small nicks in it which lead to corrosion. It is the hope that the clear coat will help protect them more.

The repairs should only take a matter of a few days. The contractor will work Monday through Thursday. They will need to shut down one lane of traffic.

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

The motion carried.

15C-0220 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE THIRD AND RIVES SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT

Alderman Hahn recused himself from discussion and action on this item.

Contractor	Base Bid	Alternates 1-9
Fischer Excavating	\$951,225.00	\$211,065.00
Louie's Trenching Service	\$196,006.20	\$ 71,066.00
Mike and Nick Sproule Construction	\$342,065.00	\$170,225.00

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Kieffer, to award a contract for construction of the Third and Rives Sewer Extension Project to Louie's Trenching Service in the amount of \$196,006.20.

Discussion: Council questioned the large discrepancy in bids. Lewis advised the bid from Louie's Trenching was very similar to the engineers cost estimates. He believes Fischer Excavating may have been contracting with a directional drilling company from out of the area who thinks there is a lot of rock.

This extension will allow us to pick up house on Rives Street, Third Street and a house on Fourth Street. The system will be a pump system. Each house will have a pump that pumps into the sanitary sewer.

Fach questioned if those residents can elect whether or not to hook up. Lewis advised the Grant Administrator has advised they do have that choice; however, at the time their septic is no longer operable they would be required to connect on and the grant wouldn't be there for them. All of the property owners have been advised of this. There are only two homeowners who don't want to connect on.

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

The motion carried.

15C-0221 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC RESTROOMS AT GATEWAY PARK

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to defer item 15C-0221 to the next meeting.

15C-0222 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT WITH THE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK FOR THE CODE RED PUBLIC NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve a contract with Emergency Communications Network for the Code Red Public Notification System, 15C-0222.

Discussion: This system can be used for the rural district as well. Nack has reviewed the contract and is comfortable moving forward.

Council agreed this is very important. Moran advised a weather service option is also a free part of the service. This would provide information on severe weather.

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

The motion carried.

15C-0223– FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE REGULATING WAGES OF LABORERS, MECHANICS AND OTHER WORKS EMPLOYED IN PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS FOR THE CITY OF GALENA, ILLINOIS

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve an ordinance regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other works employed in Public Works projects for the City of Galena, Illinois.

Discussion: Council members voiced opinions that they were opposed to this state requirement; however, understand that it has to be changed at the state level. Moran advised Jo Daviess County has been instrumental in having legislation introduced that would make projects under \$20,000 not subject to prevailing wage. He is not sure where that will go.

Roll Call: AYES: Kieffer, Lincoln, Westemeier, Bernstein, Fach, Renner
NAYS: Hahn

The motion carried.

15C-0224 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT WITH ADAM JOHNSON ARCHITECTURE FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR TURNER HALL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve a contract with Adam Johnson Architecture for Architectural Services for the Turner Hall Improvement Project.

Discussion: The cost for this is included in the lump sum project costs.

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

The motion carried.

15C-0225 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT WITH ADAM JOHNSON ARCHITECTURE FOR A HISTORIC STRUCTURES REPORT ON TURNER HALL

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Fach, to approve a contract with Adam Johnson Architecture for a Historic Structures Report on Turner Hall.

Discussion: Fach advised this Historic Structures Report is a must for any kind of national recognition or grant funding from historic groups. This will be paid for out of the grant.

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

The motion carried.

15C-0226 – WARRANTS

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the Warrants as presented.

Discussion: Bernstein questioned the design costs to IIW in the amount of \$5,300. Moran advised they were for the water system study. She also questioned the bill to Willet and Hoffman.

Moran advised this is Highway 20 engineering for water and sewer replacement under the highway project. These costs are reimbursed dollar for dollar by IDOT.

Fach questioned if the payment to Montgomery Timmerman was the final payment. Moran advised it is not. We have kept some retainage.

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

The motion carried.

15C-0227 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Street Performers – Lincoln advised he has gotten some complaints on street performers. It seems like they are branching out in different directions. He feels the City may want to take a look at this again.

Downtown Benches – Lincoln advised he received a complaint that every bench on Main Street has a garbage can right in front of it. It would be nice if we could spread those out a little bit.

Bike Race – Westemeier feels the City should look at the pros and cons of the bike race. He questioned what the benefits are for the City to hold this event. It is disruptive to the downtown businesses. He also noted the County gets paid so much per hour for standing at intersections. To his knowledge the City doesn't receive anything and it requires a lot of overtime for the department. All agreed.

BNSF Train Derailment – Hahn advised Mark and Andy did not receive money from the railroad for their work on the derailment. All money received went into city funds.

Rec Park – Fach advised when he went to Rec Park to play shuffle board and found a porta potty was on the shuffle board court.

Deer Signs – Fach advised there are no deer signs yet.

Detention Pond – Fach questioned who is responsible for the detention pond below Galena Square. He feels it should be cleaned out and should be mowed.

Dirt from Casey's – Fach advised they are taking the dirt from Casey's and dumping it on the other side of the highway next to Galena Chrysler. Lewis advised he has spoken to Matt Oldenburg and this piece of land is not in the City Limits. It is in the County. Oldenburg has contacted the County Zoning Department to see what can be done.

Bike Race – Lincoln recommended VisitGalena provide some kind of study on the bike race. Lincoln was on the Council when this race first originated. This weekend was picked because it was typically a soft weekend for town. He noted lodging for Friday and Saturday were 75 and 85 percent. The hope was to turn this soft weekend into a fuller weekend.

15C-0228 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Derailment – We received \$318,000 from BNSF for invoices for the Fire Department, Rural Fire, EMS and 26 other agencies. All are paid up. Last week we received the remaining \$12,000 for staff time and equipment. All funds have been deposited into the City of Galena budget and did not go to individual staff.

Bike Trail – The bike trail is significantly underway. The new base has been installed. A new finish coat of lime will be added. It is projected to open June 22.

Gaming – Moran noted in looking at Video Gaming Revenues for the month of March, last year we received \$1,900. This year we received \$7,700. The previous high was \$3,000. Moran contributes this to the train derailment.

Police Department – Things are moving along nicely. They plan to move in on June 15. The County will be taking calls through dispatch that day.

Porta Potty – Moran advised the porta potty at Rec Park was not part of the bike race. It is there temporarily while we work on getting the restrooms open.

15C-0229 – MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Renner stated he would be in favor of looking at the Street Performers Ordinance as well as the Bike Race. He feels three days is a long time to be closing down streets.

15C-0230– MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to recess to Executive Session to discuss the following:

- Purchase or lease of real estate, , Section 2 (c) (5)
- Sale or lease of public property, Section 2 (c) (6)
- Review of Executive Session Minutes, Section 2 (c) (21)

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 7:23 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:21 p.m.

15C-0231 - ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer to adjourn.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk