

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 22 JUNE 2015**

**15C-0232 – 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 22 June 2015.

**15C-0233 – ROLL CALL**

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

**15C-0234 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

**15C-0235 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge was recited.

**15C-0236 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

No reports.

**15C-0237 – PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Garrett Hahn, 9490 W. Buck Hill Road** – On behalf of the Galena Elks Club, Hahn advised they would like to host a corn boil on August 1, 2015 from noon to six. A portion of the proceeds will go to Mike Oellerich. They would like to use the Old Market House. They would request to close one lane of Commerce Street. They will have bands as well as alcohol and food. The event will be fenced off. Bracelets will be given to those individual older than 21. An off duty officer will be on site. All garbage will be cleaned up. Hahn will submit a request on the next agenda for approval.

**Wendy Heiken 1004 Park Avenue** – Heiken urged the Council to support the request by Tri-State Historical Presentations for an event to be held August 22 and 23, 2015. The event will be a celebration of the 150 year anniversary of General Grants return to Galena at the end of the Civil War. It will be a community event with a picnic, music, ice cream social, activities and a living history. Demonstrations of various aspects of life in 1865 will be held. The event would be held in Grant Park as it is close to downtown and within walking distance for community members and living history folks. The event will be free to the public.

**CONSENT AGENDA CA15-11**

**15C-0238 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 8, 2015**

**15C-0239 – APPROVAL OF A PROPOSAL BY THE GALENA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO RELOCATE THE CHAMBER OFFICES TO THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE DEPOT AND RENT THE SECOND LEVEL FOR OFFICE USE**

**15C-0240 – ACCEPTANCE OF APRIL 2015 FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Motion:** Kieffer moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve Consent Agenda CA15-11 as presented.

**Discussion:** Lincoln requested item 15C-0239 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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

The motion carried.

**15C-0239 – APPROVAL OF A PROPOSAL BY THE GALENA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO RELOCATE THE CHAMBER OFFICES TO THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE DEPOT AND RENT THE SECOND LEVEL FOR OFFICE USE**

Lincoln questioned if the Chamber would be paying part of the maintenance on the building. Moran advised the lease with the Chamber makes them responsible for the first \$1,500 in maintenance costs each year. Under the current lease the Chamber pays \$1 and is responsible for all utilities.

The Chamber is anxious to move downstairs. At the present time they have no one in mind to rent the upstairs. At the time they have a potential tenant, they will bring it back before the Council for evaluation prior to signing any lease.

**Motion:** Lincoln moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the Galena Area Chamber of Commerce relocating to the first floor of the Depot and renting out the second level for office use with Council approval.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by Westemeier, to postpone item 15C-0221.

**Discussion:** Bernstein questioned if there has been any progress made in identifying possible funding. Moran advised staff has spoken with the Department of Commerce who has supplied the \$50,000 grant. They do not see us being able to add to that amount. Staff has also talked to the Department of Natural Resources who has given funds through OSLAD. They indicate it would be a very long shot for any money coming from OSLAD. Staff has been working with the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation. They have identified a number of potential funders for the project. They wanted the City to go through the State sites first. Part of the plan is to go back to one or more of the private foundations who funded the purchase of the property.

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

The motion carried.

**15C-0223– SECOND READING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL 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 the second reading of an ordinance regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other works employed in Public Works projects for the City of Galena, Illinois.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **15C-0241 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY THE TRISTATE HISTORICAL PRESENTATIONS, INC. REQUEST FOR A FESTIVAL PERMIT FOR THE GRANT'S TRIUMPHANT RETURN EVENT IN GRANT PARK, AUGUST 21-23, 2015**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the request by the Tristate Historical Presentations, Inc., for a Festival Permit for the Grant's Triumphant Return event in Grant Park, August 21-23, 2015.

**Discussion:** The event will use most of the park. Some will be coming in tents. The playground area will not be used. The lower flat area may be used for a few tents. They will have croquet, sack races and ice cream in the pavilion. They may have up to 50 participants with about 35 of those camping in the park overnight. Traditionally they do make campfires for cooking. The fire pits used are a no trace style fire pit. Campers will be spread out through the park.

Lincoln suggested putting the tents down on the levy. Heiken advised typically living history is done in the area of the tents. For security reasons they prefer to have the tents in one area rather than moving to another area for activities.

Renner stated he was opposed to allowing fires in Grant Park. He noted we typically don't allow camping in the parks. Kieffer wasn't opposed to the use of fires for cooking purposes.

Westemeier noted any time they have used the depot area with fires the grass was always replaced and you couldn't even tell there was a fire down there. He sees no problem with the fire pits.

Fach saw no problem with campfires in containers.

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

The motion carried.

#### **15C-0242 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LED LIGHTING PROJECT**

**Motion:** Kieffer moved, seconded by Bernstein to approve the purchase of LED units from AES Lighting at a cost of \$29,289.06 and to employ George Petitgout at a rate of \$25/hour to complete the street lighting retrofit.

**Discussion:** Moran advised the \$29,289.06 is for the light bulbs. The total project will be approximately \$38,000. We will receive a 40 percent grant reimbursement.

This is something the City will put money into now and will reap the savings down the road.

Moran advised they have been looking at the color temperature of the lights. There is a whole spectrum of temperatures from white up to blue. They attempted to stay in the amber area.

There are currently lights on Green Street with the 3000K temperature bulbs. The downtown bulbs will be changed from high pressure sodium to the 3000K bulbs. Lewis advised the lights used on Franklin Street have a higher color temperature. They are more of a white light. They want to aim for more of an amber light for the downtown.

The higher color lights are more efficient; however, there isn't a vast difference.

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

The motion carried.

**15C-0243 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SUBMITTING A GRANT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF PHOTOVOLTAIC SOLAR PANELS ON THE CITY HALL ROOF**

**Motion:** Bernstein moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve submitting a grant for the installation of Photovoltaic Solar Panels on the City Hall roof, 15C-0243.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**15C-0244 – WATER AND WASTEWATER OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT BY AMERICAN WATER CONTRACT SERVICES**

Saylor advised he didn't have a whole lot to talk about. He wanted to stress that flushable wipes are not flushable. The recent incident on Franklin Street was caused by flushable wipes.

**15C-0245 – WARRANTS**

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

**Discussion:** Bernstein questioned what the payment to Fifth Third Bank was for. Moran advised it was for the repairs on the UV System. A budget amendment will be presented at a later date.

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

The motion carried.

**15C-0246 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS**

**Pool** – Lincoln had the opportunity to take his family to the pool recently. It is up and running and looks good out there.

**Police Department** – Westemeier is glad to hear the Police Department has moved into their new offices. He is happy they now have a clean environment.

**American Water** – Bernstein thanked Jeff Saylor for the report. She is always impressed with how thorough it is and how much information is in it.

**Park Avenue Grinding** – Kieffer questioned if there was any new information the grinding of Park Avenue.

**Street Performers** – Kieffer stated he would be in favor of reviewing the Street Performers Ordinance.

**Resolution** – Fach questioned if flushable wipes are such a problem, could the Council pass a resolution against flushable wipes? Is there a way we can prohibit the sale of flushable wipes in the City Limits?

**Plant Closing** – Fach stated he is bothered by the closing of the plant in Hanover. He hopes this doesn't happen to us. They will be taking 500 jobs out of American and putting them in Mexico. NAFTA was passed 22 years ago. Since that time 5 million jobs were lost, 57,000 plants and 293,000 jobs were lost in Illinois alone. 1 out of 3 manufacturing jobs in Illinois moved down to Mexico.

#### **15C-0247 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**Meeting with Congresswoman Bustos** – Moran advised Congresswoman Bustos called the meeting and brought in all of the top executives from BNSF Railroad. A press conference was held. A lot of good information was provided on what is happening here and in Washington since the derailment.

**Bike Trail** – Moran reported BNSF is committed to cleaning and continuing to work on the bike trail. The rains on June 11 set them back. Those rains severed the trail and stopped reconstruction. BNSF is going to repair this section for us at their expense for a total trail rebuild. We are probably three weeks out from getting the trail reopened.

**Community Meeting** – Moran stated he has been talking with EMS personnel about a community meeting to bring the community up to speed. They are looking at September 21. They hope to bring in the EPA Officials as well.

**Kayak Park** - The bids are out and will be back before the next meeting.

**Pool** – Moran thanked staff who has been really involved in getting the pool up and running.

**Park Avenue** – Nack has contacted Fischer's. He is still waiting to hear back from them to see how they view the \$10,000 being held for the grinding. More information will be provided at the next meeting.

#### **15C-0248 – MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Renner agreed the meeting with Congresswoman Bustos went well. He is happy to have the Police Department up and running in their new space. He thanked pool staff for getting things up and running.

#### **15C-0249 - ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regular Board Meeting

22 June 2015

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Beth Hyde". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

Mary Beth Hyde  
City Clerk