

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 24 AUGUST 2015**

**15C-0318 – 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 24 August 2015.

**15C-0319 – ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Lincoln

**15C-0320– ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

**15C-0321 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge was recited.

**15C-0322 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**Turner Hall Committee** – Fach reported a meeting was held on the first Thursday of the month. Janelle Keefer will give the details under the upcoming agenda item.

**15C-0323 – PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Rick Pariser, 113 S. High Street** – Pariser voiced concern that sometimes we lose track of the little things. Those little things become big things. Little things like walking out of your house and finding dog litter up and down the streets, motorcycles roaring through town and garbage cans not being covered. Pariser urged the Council to start dealing with some of these little things too and start addressing what's on the books.

**CONSENT AGENDA CA15-15**

**15C-0324 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 10, 2015**

**15C-0325 – APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT BA16-06 FOR LIQUOR LICENSE REFUND**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve Consent Agenda CA15-15 as presented.

**Discussion:** Bernstein requested item 15C-0324 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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

The motion carried.

**15C-0324 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 10, 2015**

Bernstein noted the following change to page 8 of the minutes under her comments with regard to the Galena ARC. It should read as follows:

**Galena ARC** - Bernstein is in favor of taking a look at the budget to see if we can find some finances to support the ARC.

**Motion:** Bernstein moved, seconded by Fach, to approve the minutes with the addition of "some finances to support the ARC" to the comments on page 8.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **15C-0326 – MONTHLY REPORT FROM WATER AND SEWER OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACTOR, AMERICAN WATER, INC.**

Saylor reported things are operating quite well. Saylor introduced their newest employee, Kevin Muchie. He has taken a part time position with American Water.

Water loss has been hovering around the 27 percent range. Some of the data on the water used on the railroad project has not been received. That may have a little bit of an impact on the number.

The EPA came out and did an inspection. Their main concern is the infiltration from the old system when it rains.

Saylor advised they are being asked to accept septic waste from the area. His feelings are we would have a significant expenditure in order to do it the way the EPA would want us to do it. The reward for the risk isn't very good. He will present something at a future meeting.

Bernstein questioned where haulers are hauling the septic waste to now. Saylor advised some of them have land application permits where they have sites they can dispose it on. Others haul it to Dubuque. Dubuque was specifically designed to accept septic waste. Hazel Green and Cuba City also accept septic waste.

Fach questioned if they are still dealing with the flushable wipes problem. Saylor advised they are. They deal with approximately 50 pounds per week.

The well by 600 Gear is not operating because of hydrant flushing. This is a lower producing well and wouldn't keep up. This pump needs to be lowered and a couple of stages added. They are in the process of getting pricing.

#### **15C-0327– STATUS REPORT ON TURNER HALL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND HISTORIC STRUCTURES REPORT**

Janelle Keefer and Adam Johnson presented a report on the Turner Hall Improvement Plan and Historic Structures Report.

Keefer reported on current happenings as well as use statistics. In 2015 we had 5 weddings. In 2016, we have 13 weddings booked at this time. Galena High School and Southwestern of Hazel Green have signed on for their proms for 2016. Some of the other uses of Turner Hall have been

as follows: Dubuque Ballroom Dancing, Weddings, Family Christmas, City Events, Firemen's Ball, GHS Drama Club, Galena History Museum Peace in Union, Dinner for Two, Boy Scouts, Hunter Fuerste Concert, Rock and Roll band practice, two public concert tribute bands, Sock Hop, Earth Day and Elections. She has also been approached by a local business who would like to sponsor a bridal show.

Keefer advised she has created an informational binder for Turner Hall. Within the binder she has created a resources list. Anyone providing a service can be included in the list.

Keefer noted she would like to do a marketing campaign to host holiday parties. She intends to put it out to businesses to see how they could use Turner Hall for the holidays.

Adam Johnson summarized the project list.

- Repair and waterproof west wall, new concrete drainage channel.
- Exterior balcony painting.
- Restroom updates.
- Locking gate to fly loft access.
- Upgrade kitchen wiring for caterers.
- Replace remaining exterior doors.
- Small roof over south door and refurbish addition exterior.
- Replace south balcony and fire escape.
- New dumpster enclosure.
- Replace stage floor.
- Exterior spot tuck-pointing, clean & seal exterior stone walls.
- Repair & paint interior with historically accurate colors.
- Main floor repair and refinishing.
- Fly loft insulation & waterproofing.

Johnson advised they are getting ready to go out for bid. They would like to get the drainage problem and restrooms done this year.

Johnson distributed a draft copy of a portion of the Historic Structures Report. This report will be very important to the Galena Foundation for taking this project forward and looking for outside funding. The report will create a history that someone unfamiliar with the hall can look at and will give us a good understanding of what needs to be done moving forward.

#### **15C-0328 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT FOR TURNER HALL LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS**

In a memo to Council, Janelle Keefer, Facilities Manager, advised in 2012 Lifeline Audio Video Technologies inspected the Turner Hall lighting systems to see if the 1995/1996 Colortran stage lighting system could be repaired. At that time, it was determined that all of the Colortran wall stations (light switches) were either damaged or did not function.

Over the past three years, we have utilized the light panels as best as we could. We have now reached a point where the light switches or wall panels on the main floor level no longer function. In order to turn on the house lights, it is necessary to access a panel in the balcony.

When planning for the current budget, the city council approved \$10,000 in the facilities budget to upgrade the lighting. A recent inspection at Turner Hall resulted in a revised estimate from Lifeline. The new estimate, including labor comes to \$15,595 (not to exceed).

Due to the unique nature of this obsolete equipment and the expertise and experience held by Lifeline, the Turner Hall Committee asked the Council to forego the bid process and accept the estimate from Lifeline.

Keefer advised representatives of the Galena Foundation have expressed that fundraising from the Hunter Fuerste Concert, in the amount of \$7,500 would be donated towards repairing/upgrading the wall panels to pay for the amount exceeding the city's \$10,000 budget.

**Motion:** Fach moved, seconded by Hahn, to waive the competitive bidding process and approve a contract for Turner Hall Lighting Improvements with Lifeline Audio Video Technologies in an amount not to exceed \$15,595 with the understanding this is a company that is very familiar with the situation of the lighting system.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

### **15C-0329 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT FOR STANDBY GENERATOR MAINTENANCE**

The following quotes were received:

Cummins Central Power	\$4,597.62
Electrical Engineering and Equipment	\$3,825.00

**Motion:** Kieffer moved, seconded by Bernstein to approve a one year agreement with Electrical Engineering and Equipment Company for \$3,825 to service all the back-up generators at various facilities.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

### **15C-0330 – WARRANTS**

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

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

### **15C-0331 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS**

**Dogs** – Bernstein thanked Mr. Pariser for his comments. One thing of particular constant concern is people not picking up after their dogs. She doesn't know how to enforce this issue. She suggested people who see others not picking up to nicely remind them. Westemeier added the only way to enforce this is people have to see it happen, identify the person and call the

police and sign a complaint. Otherwise, the police have to see it happen in order to enforce anything.

**Water Bills** – Bernstein was pleased to see the note about flushable wipes on the most recent water bills asking people to not put those in the toilets.

**Thank you** – Hahn thanked Janelle Keeffer, Adam Johnson, the Turner Hall Committee and the Galena Foundation for everything being done at Turner Hall. It looks like things are turning out tremendous.

Hahn also thanked Rick Pariser for his comments and City Staff for all that they do.

**Taxis** – Hahn advised he was contacted by the local taxi cab companies with regard to outside taxi companies coming in. He would like to take a look at it and set up some controls.

**Thank you** – Fach thanked Janelle Keefer and Adam Johnson for their Turner Hall report. They are doing a great job. He noted Jeremy White has been a blessing for Turner Hall. He really puts his heart into it.

**Motorcycles** – Fach agreed with the comments made with regard to motorcycle noise. He questioned if there is anything on the books about decibels.

**Generators** – Fach feels it would be a good idea to go with the 4 year contract for the generators once the 2 years is up.

#### **15C-0332 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

**Audit** – Copies of the audit for last fiscal year were distributed. Moran thanked O’Connor & Brooks for getting this out early and for being efficient with their work.

**Blacktop Paving** – Bostwick Street and the alley behind Dillon’s are complete. They had a problem with the paver so they will be coming back tomorrow (Tuesday) to finish Kelly Lane. Staff used the Code Red system to notify those people about the paving.

**Power Outage** – Jo Carroll will be doing a power outage at 3:00 a.m. tomorrow morning to switch to a new transformer.

**Taxis** – Notices have been sent out to three companies in Dubuque informing them of our ordinance requiring them to be licensed. They can drop off in Galena but they cannot pick up people in Galena.

**Motorcycles** – Moran advised he will do some research on motorcycles.

**Thank you** – Moran thanked Adam Johnson and Janelle Keeffer for their presentation on Turner Hall. Janelle has been doing an excellent job selling Turner Hall.

#### **15C-0333 – MAYOR’S REPORT**

**Officer Brandel** – Mayor Renner commended Officer Keith Brandel for his quick response and help on a recent call. Officer Brandel saved another life with the defibrillator.

**Resignation** – Mayor Renner advised Kim Monk has resigned his position on the Deer Committee. He asked if anyone has any ideas for names to please present them to Mark.

#### **15C-0334 - ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 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