

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 14 SEPTEMBER 2015

15C-0335 – 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 14 September 2015.

15C-0336 – ROLL CALL

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

15C-0337– ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

15C-0338 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

15C-0339 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Turner Hall Committee – Fach updated the Council on the status of Turner Hall. They are in the process of working on quotes. The lighting people will be there next month to work on the lighting system while the Drama Club is in there.

15C-0340 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Anna Hemm, 226 S. High Street – Hemm stated she is a little bit appalled at the fact that the Council accepted petitions with no description at the top. She feels all future petitions should say what they are signing for.

Hemm also voiced concern that people seeking signatures were telling stories that weren't true. One told people their dog was going to get lymes disease. Rumors were going around that 8 dogs were put down this year because of lymes disease. Hemm contacted the area vets and learned they don't put dogs down for lymes disease. She feels this tells they are trying to get signatures no matter what.

CONSENT AGENDA CA15-16

15C-0341 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 24, 2015

15C-0342 – ACCPETANCE OF JULY 2015 FINANCIAL REPORT

15C-0343 – APPROVAL OF REQUEST BY LOCAL NOT-FOR-PROFIT GROUPS TO PARK VEHICLES IN CITY PARKING LOTS ON OCTOBER 10, 11 AND 31

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve Consent Agenda CA15-16 as presented.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

15C-0344 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF BETH BARANSKI TO THE DEER COMMITTEE

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the appointment of Beth Baranski to the Deer Committee.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

15C-0345 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON KIOSK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Fach, to approve the Kiosk Improvement Project.

Discussion: Council feels this will be a nice improvement.

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

The motion carried.

15C-0346 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT FOR BACKFLOW DEVICE INSPECTION SERVICES

The following quotes were received:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Cost/Device</u>
Geostar Mechanical	\$42.50
Nelson-Carlson Mechanical Contr.	\$60.00
Mechanical, Inc.	\$70.00

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve a contract for backflow device inspection services with Geostar Mechanical in the amount of \$42.50 per device.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

15C-0347 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DRAFTING AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING SEVERE WEATHER STORM SHELTERS OR SAFE ROOMS IN CERTAIN NEW CONSTRUCTION

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Bernstein, to refer this draft of an ordinance to staff for severe weather storm shelters or safe rooms in certain new construction, 15C-0347.

Discussion: Fach stated he understands there are no laws on the books for this. He recommended anything over 50 occupants should be required to have a reinforced area in the

building where the people can go to huddle when a tornado is going to strike. He feels it would not be a big requirement.

Renner advised each building can designate an inside storm shelter. Staff has researched looking for ordinances and weren't able to come up with any.

Lincoln likes the idea of trying to put in a safe room; however, he is concerned it would make their costs skyrocket. He feels it will come down to what is reasonable.

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

The motion carried.

15C-0348 – PRESENTATION ON CODERED PUBLIC NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Mark Moran made a presentation on the CodeRED Public Notification System.

15C-0349 – WARRANTS

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

15C-0350 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Deer Committee – Westemeier stated while he has no disrespect for Beth Baranski, he feels the Council needs to bypass the Deer Committee and make the decision as to whether or not to cull the deer. He feels the City will be wasting time going through the committee process again.

Thank you – Lincoln thanked staff for the recent card to him and his family at the time of his wife's grandmothers passing. He appreciated the personal message from each staff member. It was very much appreciated.

Deer Crossing Signs – Fach questioned what the status was on the deer crossing signs for the highway. He further recommended adding signs on the highway alerting people to be prepared for sudden stops.

Accident – Fach advised 25 years ago he tried to get a flashing light at the top of Grady Hill for trucks to test their brakes. If that had been there, the most recent accident might not have happened.

Financials – Hahn noted in the most recent financials the City paid out \$560 for recycled TV's. He voiced concern if people can't figure out that we no longer accept TV's, the dumpster should be pulled and they can pay to dispose of all electronics.

15C-0351 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Third & Rives – Work will start on the sewer installation project this week.

Bike Trail – The bike trail is nearly complete. All that is left to do is sealcoating of the road from the Belvidere Mansion to the end.

Commerce Street Lot – The new Pay and Display machine has been installed and is working well. The lot brought in over \$500 this past weekend.

Meeting – Moran reminded Council of the meeting set for September 21 at the Galena Middle School to recap the recent trail derailment. Representatives from the Illinois EPA, BNSF Railroad, County and fire department will be there. The meeting starts at 6:00 p.m.

Recycling – Moran advised he is working on a plan to have a day once per year where people can bring in TV's to be recycled for a \$10 charge.

15C-0352 – MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Renner advised the Gazette will be doing an article with regard to electronics recycling and what we can take.

15C-0353– MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 7:06 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:22 p.m.

15C-0334 - ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer to adjourn.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk