

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 09 NOVEMBER 2015

15C-0416 – 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 09 November 2015.

15C-0417– ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Westemeier

15C-0418– ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

15C-0419 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

15C-0420 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Turner Hall Committee – Fach reported the Turner Hall Committee met on November 5th at Turner Hall. The Galena Foundation presented a check to the city on behalf of the Save Turner Hall Fund. Members of the original Save Turner Hall Committee were present along with members of the Galena Foundation. The Galena Foundation presented a check in the amount of \$81,325. This money was earned by the Save Turner Hall members a few years ago.

The Galena Foundation will issue another check in December from the Joe Miller Trust Fund in the amount of \$34,368. Upon receipt of these funds, the \$29,257.86 will be paid to the City of Galena. The remaining \$5,111.08 will be paid to the City of Galena for work on the second Turner Hall project that is being completed in 2015.

The new lighting wall panels have been installed and programmed. You can now turn a switch and all the lights come on at once. This will provide considerable energy cost savings.

The Galena High School is currently renting the hall. They will be presenting “The Foreigner” November 19th – 21st. The next meeting will be held December 3rd at 8:30 a.m. at City Hall.

Unified Destination Marketing Committee and County Board – A meeting was held with regard to combining the tourism industry here in town. The city didn't have a whole lot of questions. The County had some reservations. Their concern is how it will run transitioning from two entities into one. They are concerned with timing and how long it would take. The County has a capital fund with some monies that is for the advisory board. They are wondering how those monies would be transferred or if they would remain with the County. Nothing was resolved. The next meeting will be held December 2, 2015 at City Hall.

15C-0421 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

15C-0422 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 26, 2015

15C-0423 – APPROVAL OF A RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT TO PERMIT THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTE FE ACCESS TO CITY OF GALENA PROPERTY FOR RESTORATION ACTIVITIES AT THE DERAILMENT SITE

15C-0424 – APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION URGING ILLINOIS STATE LEADERS TO RELEASE NON-GENERAL FUND REVENUES PAYABLE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

15C-0425 – ACCEPTANCE OF SEPTEMBER 2015 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve Consent Agenda CA15-20.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15C-0387 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THE MOTORIZED VEHICLES FOR HIRE (TAXI) ORDINANCE

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve on advice of legal counsel not to put a limit on the number of taxi cab licenses in the City of Galena.

Discussion: Council stated while they would like to help the taxi cab businesses out, legal counsel has advised against limiting the number of licenses. To do so would be an improper restraint on commerce. Council would like the Police Department to be adamant about policing the companies who are dropping off that they are not picking up.

Fach questioned if Uber Taxis would be required to have a license as well. Nack advised if they are coming into town and picking people up, they would be required to obtain a license.

Hahn stated he would have liked to do something. He does not want someone to come in on just the busy weekend now and then taking away from the existing taxis who are taking care of Galena people all week long.

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

The motion carried.

15C-0388 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON POSSIBLE CHANGES TO STREET PERFORMERS ORDINANCE

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Bernstein, to take action on possible changes to the Street Performers Ordinance.

Discussion: Bernstein recommended the City Attorney review each proposed change against the current case law.

Kieffer questioned if it could be limited to Galena or Jo Daviess County residents.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

15C-0426 – PRESENTATION OF WATER SYSTEM STUDY BY IIW ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS

IIW engineers made a presentation on the Water System Study.

15C-427 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION MINIMUM/MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

Motion: Fach moved seconded by Hahn, to approve the first reading and waive the second reading, of an ordinance authorizing the execution of the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

15C-0428 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE ILLINOIS CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SOLAR PANEL ARRAY AT CITY HALL

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Fach to approve the installation of solar panel array at City Hall.

Discussion: Lincoln questioned if other businesses had this opportunity, would they be allowed to install them. Moran advised they would be required to go through Zoning and if it met the requirements they would be allowed.

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

The motion carried.

15C-0429 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ROOF OVER THE SIDE ENTRY OF TURNER HALL

The following bids were received:

Artisan Contractors	\$2,616.25
White Construction	\$4,400.00

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Fach, to approve the quote of \$2,616.25 from Artisan Contractors to install a porch structure to the south facing door of Turner Hall.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

15C-0430 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CONTRACTS FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICE AND GARAGE DOORS AT THE FIRE TRAINING STORAGE BUILDING

The following base bids for materials and labor were received:

Dubuqueland Door	\$6,378.71
Overhead Door of Dubuque	\$4,881.00

Alternate bids for additional cost of gray door color:

Dubuqueland Door	\$2,637.72
Overhead Door of Dubuque	\$0

The following bids were received for the electrical work portion:

Top Notch	\$12,800.00
Fleege Electric	\$ 6,284.00

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve the bid from Overhead Door of Dubuque in the amount of \$4,881.00.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the bid from Fleege Electric for electrical work at the Galena Fire Department Training Center.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

15C-0431 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT OF THE 2015 TAX LEVY TO BE COLLECTED IN 2016

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Fach, to recommend the amount of property taxes the City of Galena expects to levy in 2015, to be collected in 2016, is \$1,357,868.

Discussion: Bernstein stated this is an opportunity for us to collect a little additional tax at very little cost to the residents.

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

The motion carried.

15C-0432 – WARRANTS

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

Discussion: Fach questioned the payment to Duhack. Moran advised he was contracted for repairs to the Fire Department roof. When they got into the job, they found 150 square feet of bad sub-roof after they took off the old roof. This is an added amount to the project cost.

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

The motion carried.

15C-0433 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Taxes – Lincoln stated he would like to see the City hold the line on taxes. We have been doing a pretty good job the last few years. While the increase is minimal, he would still like the City to hold the line on taxes.

Deer Committee – Bernstein noted the Deer Committee will meet on Thursday, November 19th and not Wednesday as stated in the calendar and on the website.

Halloween Parade – Kieffer thanked the Chamber, City Staff and all who were involved with the Halloween Parade. It was another successful parade.

15C-0434 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Third and Rives – Due to weather Third and Rives has not yet been paved. It should be paved tomorrow.

Deer Committee – The Deer Committee has made a recommendation to the Council that they approve a referendum question, advisory only, on whether or not the City should continue to look into the deer problem.

Taxes – Moran reported the effect of the tax increase is less than \$5.00 per \$100,000 of valuation. A \$200,000 home would see an increase of \$8.60.

15C-0435 – MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Renner thanked all who helped with the parade.

15C-0436 - ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Lincoln, to adjourn.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 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