

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 28 DECEMBER 2015

15C-0483 – 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 28 December 2015.

15C-0484– ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Hahn

15C-0485– ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

15C-0486– PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

15C-0487 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Turner Hall Committee - Fach reported the Historic Structures Report is complete and has been printed. This report will be paid for by the Galena Foundation. The agenda includes a change order for the rear wall excavation. The restrooms will be completed in the first part of January.

Unified Destination Marketing Committee – Lincoln reported a meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 29, 2015 at City Hall. The committee has had two meetings. Things are going well. At the last meeting the committee set out to have a letter of intent done by each group for this coming meeting. The letter of intent will spell out what both sides expect out of the committee along with all expectations. The committee will review them at the meeting.

15C-0488 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

15C-0489 – PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPLICATION BY RJR HOLDINGS, INC., OWNER 937 GALENA SQUARE, TO SUBDIVIDE 2.11 ACRES INTO TWO PARCELS

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Westemeier, to open the Public Hearing on an application by RJR Holdings, Inc., owner, 937 Galena Square, to subdivide 2.11 acres into two parcels.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

City Attorney, Nack swore in those wishing to testify.

Testimony: Adam Johnson, 211 Fourth Street, spoke on behalf of the applicants. Johnson advised there are two buildings on one site. One building site has been sold. They would like to have clear sites for both buildings. They based the property line on the existing improvements to keep the parking for the new building and the car dealership separated as much as possible.

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Bernstein, to close the Public Hearing on an application by RJR Holdings, Inc., owner, 937 Galena Square, to subdivide 2.11 acres into two parcels.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA CA15-24

15C-0490 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2015

15C-0491 – APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR TURNER HALL REAR WALL EXCAVATION PROJECT

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve Consent Agenda CA15-24 as presented.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

15C-0492 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPLICATION BY RJR HOLDINGS, INC., OWNER, 937 GALENA SQUARE, FOR A PRELIMINARY PLAT OF SUBDIVISION FOR DIVIDING 2.11 ACRES INTO TWO PARCELS

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the application by RJR Holdings, Inc., owner, 937 Galena Square, for a Preliminary Plat of Subdivision for dividing 2.11 acres into two parcels, 15C-0492.

Discussion: The Street leading to the property is privately owned and maintained. The existing drainage area in the south corner will be maintained as a drainage area.

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

The motion carried.

15C-0493 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE DEER COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE A COUNT OF DEER IN GALENA BY HELICOPTER IN 2016

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the recommendation from the Deer Committee to undertake a count of deer in Galena by helicopter in 2016, 15C-0493.

Discussion: Bernstein questioned where the money would come from. Renner recommended using Video Gaming revenues. To date we are approximately 15,000 over our projected revenues.

Although it is not required by the DNR that the City do a count by helicopter, Renner feels with the reports of traffic accidents, it is a way of continuing to expand all possible aspects of looking at this.

The City would work with the Galena Territory which significantly reduces the cost. Fach questioned if an observer would go up with the pilot. Moran was unsure and advised we would use the same procedure as the Galena Territory has used.

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

The motion carried.

15C-0494 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING 4.08 ACRES (CASEY’S GENERAL STORE)

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of an ordinance annexing 4.08 acres, Casey’s General Store, 15C-0494.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

15C-0495 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP FROM LIMITED AGRICULTURAL TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT FOR CASEY’S GENERAL STORE

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of an ordinance amending the Zoning Map from Limited Agricultural to General Commercial District for Casey’s General Store, 15C-0495.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

15C-0496 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONSERVATION EASEMENT FOR A 90-ACRE ADDITION TO GATEWAY PARK

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Fach, to approve a Conservation Easement for a 90-acre addition to Gateway Park, 15C-0496.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

**15C-0497 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ABATING CERTAIN TAXES
HERETOFORE LEVIED BY THE CITY OF GALENA, ILLINOIS FOR THE 2010 SEWER
BONDS**

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of an ordinance abating certain taxes heretofore levied by the City of Galena, Illinois for the 2010 Sewer Bonds.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

**15C-0498 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ABATING CERTAIN TAXES
HERETOFORE LEVIED BY THE CITY OF GALENA, ILLINOIS FOR THE 2012A BONDS**

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of an ordinance abating certain taxes heretofore levied by the City of Galena, Illinois for the 2012A Bonds, 15C-0498.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

**15C-0499 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ABATING CERTAIN TAXES
HERETOFORE LEVIED BY THE CITY OF GALENA, ILLINOIS FOR THE 2012B BONDS**

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of an ordinance abating certain taxes heretofore levied by the City of Galena, Illinois for the 2012 Bonds, 15C-0499.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

LIQUOR COMMISSION

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Westemeier, to adjourn as the City Council and reconvene as the Liquor Commission.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

15C-0500 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPLICATION BY CASEY’S RETAIL COMPANY FOR A CLASS B LIQUOR LICENSE, FOR CASEY’S GENERAL STORE #3451, 10889 WEST RED GATES ROAD

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the application by Casey's Retail Company for a Class B Liquor License for Casey's General Store #3451, 10889 West Red Gates Road.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

15C-0501 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CORPORATION MANAGER LIQUOR LICENSE FOR KEVIN KLOSER, FOR CASEY’S GENERAL STORE #3451, 10889 WEST RED GATES ROAD

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the application by Kevin Kloser, for a Class B Manager Liquor License for Casey's General Store #3451, 10889 West Red Gates Road.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Fach, to adjourn as the Liquor Commission and reconvene as the City Council.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

15C-0502 – WARRANTS

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Kieffer to approve the Warrants as presented, 15C-0502.

Discussion: Council questioned the bill from Top Notch for Cemetery Park lighting. Moran advised all costs will be covered by the donors.

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

The motion carried.

15C-0503 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Retention Pond – A question was raised as to trees being cut in the retention pond. Moran advised they are not completely finished. They started and it is on the list. We had some damage to the outfall pipe due to rain. More work was needed on the bottom end than was anticipated.

War Memorial Bricks – Fach was pleased with the good job done on the bricks.

15C-0504 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Capital Improvement Plan – The plan will be ready by the next meeting.

Thank you – Moran thanked all who were involved with the Casey's process for their hard work as well as the cooperation from the County and Casey's staff. It was a lot of work, challenging at times, but we made it through.

15C-0505 – MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Renner thanked staff for their hard work and wished all a "Happy New Year".

15C-0506 - ADJOURNMENT

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk