

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 25 JANUARY 2016

16C-0019 – 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 25 January 2016.

16C-0020– ROLL CALL

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

16C-0021– ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

16C-0022– PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

16C-0023 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Unified Destination Marketing Committee – It is the committee's goal to have the letter of intent stating it is the intent of the city and the county to come together as one unified destination marketing group prepared for the next council meeting. The committee has tried to stick to the singular voice plan. The county will present the letter of intent to the county board in February as well.

16C-0024 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gavin Doyle, 248 Council Fire Circle – Doyle urged the Council to vote favorably on the request by the Galena Elks Lodge for a parade permit for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The parade will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2016. The Elk's are also requesting to do a children's/adult fun run in the morning. They anticipate some street closure for the run.

Don Gereau, 219 N. High Street – Gereau read a prepared statement with regard to the Street Performers Ordinance and urged the council to embrace the intent of the street performance ordinance and encourage and support the street performers to continue to provide entertainment consistent with the overall public interest.

CONSENT AGENDA CA16-02

16C-0025 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 11, 2015

16C-0026 – APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF CRAIG ALBAUGH TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING FEBRUARY 28, 2017

16C-0027 – APPROVAL OF REQUEST BY BICYCLE ILLINOIS TO UTILIZE GRANT PARK AS A RESTOP FOR THE WILL TO BEN BICYCLE TOUR ON OCTOBER 10, 2016

16C-0028 – APPROVAL OF MOTOR FUEL TAX (MFT) SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION

16C-0029 – APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT FOR DRYWALL SERVICES AT THE FIRE TRAINING STORAGE BUILDING

16C-0030 – ACCEPTANCE OF DECEMBER 2015 FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve Consent Agenda CA16-02 as presented.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15C-0449 – SECOND READING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 110.39 “STREET PERFORMERS” OF THE GALENA CODE OF ORDINANCES

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve an ordinance amending Chapter 110.39 “Street Performers” of the Galena Code of Ordinances, 15C-0449.

Discussion: Fach voiced concern with the use of signs and who would approve/monitor them. He preferred no signs be allowed.

Westemeier noted the ordinance says that signs must be approved by the City. If signs aren't placed appropriately, the Police Department will have to enforce it.

Fach feels if a sign is going to be grandfathered in then everyone else should be allowed to have a sign that same size.

Renner feels a good performer doesn't need a sign. We have problems in the downtown with signage now. He is concerned with adding more to it. He agrees no signs should be allowed. He recommended allowing the tarot ladies to have their sign for one more year and then no more. He feels it is senseless to add any more problems to the Zoning Administrator. Bernstein agreed.

Lincoln stated he personally doesn't like the signs in the street. They should either be attached to or adjacent to where they are performing. They shouldn't block traffic. He has no problem with grandfathering the existing sign. Lincoln was in favor of allowing the signs provided they are not in the streets or on the sidewalks.

Hahn noted the ordinance clearly states signs cannot be in the street or blocking the sidewalks. Hahn was in favor of the 12 x 18 size and grandfathering the existing sign; however, if they were to get a new sign, they would then be required to adhere to the current size.

Bernstein suggested if a performer needs to identify what they are doing they could wear a t-shirt.

Kieffer recommended approving it for a year and see how it goes.

Fach feels allowing the grandfathered sign to survive indefinitely is a bad move. He feels there should be uniformity in the entertainers so they all have the same advantage. He feels it would be wise to say a year from now the sign must be 12 x 18.

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

The motion carried.

15C-0475 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REVISIONS TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to table item 15C-0275 until the second meeting in March, 15C-0475.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

16C-0031 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST BY THE GALENA ELK'S CLUB TO CONDUCT THE FIRST ANNUAL SHAMROCK SHIMMY 5K AND KIDS FUN RUN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE ON MARCH 12

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve the request by the Galena Elk's Club to conduct the first annual Shamrock Shimmy 5K and kid's fun run in conjunction with the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 12, 2016.

Discussion: Hahn stated the Elk's did a great job last year. Adding the run will bring in more of the public and will energize the town. The Elk's will work with the Police Department to minimize street closures.

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

The motion carried.

16C-0032 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON STORM WATER MANAGEMENT GRANT

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Hahn, to cancel the storm water management grant and terminate the contract agreement with FEMA.

Discussion: Council agreed it wouldn't be feasible to move forward with this project at this time.

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

The motion carried.

16C-0037 – WARRANTS

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve the Warrants as presented, 16C-0037.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

16C-0034 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

No comments.

16C-0035 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Street Plan – Moran noted at the last meeting there was some debate about the street program. Staff has looked at the plan and has made some possible changes. He will bring it back to the City Council so we can let the community know what we have planned.

16C-0036 – MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Renner stated he met with State Representative Stewart and Senator Bivins. They had some nice discussion.

16C-0037– MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- Collective negotiating matters and deliberations concerning salary schedules, Section 2 (c) (2)
- Pending, probable or imminent litigation, Section 2 (c) (11)
- 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 7:01 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:29 p.m.

16C-0038 - ADJOURNMENT

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk