

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 25 APRIL 2016

16C-0149 – 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 April 2016.

16C-0150– ROLL CALL

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

16C-0151– ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

16C-0152– PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

16C-0153 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Turner Hall – The Earth Day event was held this week and was a success. The Galena High School Prom will be held this weekend with Southwestern Prom next weekend. The concrete has been poured and the new roof is on the kitchen.

Unified Destination Marketing – Voting is underway. Lincoln should have a good list of things to report on at the next meeting. The results will be in and by that time they will be able to reveal who will be filling the seats.

16C-0154 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jason Allen, 729 Bluff Street – Allen advised sometime last year he circulated a petition and received 500 signatures. This petition was submitted to Mark Moran and Joe Nack. Allen submitted a copy to the council advising most of the signatures were from here, Dubuque and the surrounding area.

Wendy Gilpin, 2752 West Cording Road – Gilpin read a prepared statement requesting the Council to approve their request to end the lease for the Depot early.

LIQUOR COMMISSION

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

16C-0155 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2016 – APRIL 30, 2017

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve liquor license applications for the period May 1, 2016 – April 30, 2017, 16C-0130.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA CA16-08

16C-0156 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 11, 2016

16C-0157 – APPROVAL OF TAXI LICENSES FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2016-APRIL 30, 2017

16C-0158 – APPROVAL OF UTILITY WRITE-OFFS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

16C-0159 – APPROVAL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH JO DAVIESS COUNTY FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SOFTWARE PROJECT

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve Consent Agenda CA16-08 as presented.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

16C-0136 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST BY THE GALENA ART AND RECREATION CENTER FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION AT RECREATION PARK

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve the request by the Galena Art and Recreation Center for the Fourth of July Celebration at Recreation Park.

Discussion: Bernstein was pleased with the list of activities planned; however, voiced concern with the hot dog eating contest. With the serious obesity problems we have in this country, she feels the Council shouldn't be supporting this type of activity. Fach concurred with her train of thought.

Renner advised staff would pass that information on to the Galena ARC.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

16C-0160 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PROPOSED EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the proposed Eagle Scout projects, item 16C-0160.

Discussion: Council feels they are good projects and the town benefits immensely from the fine job these young men do.

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

The motion carried.

16C-0161 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST BY THE GALENA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO END THE LEASE FOR THE DEPOT ON JUNE 1, 2016

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve the request by the Galena Area Chamber of Commerce to end the lease for the Depot on June 1, 2016.

Discussion: Bernstein questioned what some of their concerns were about the space. Moran advised generally it is the energy efficiency issues, high utility costs, damaged doors, upstairs electrical issues and damage to restrooms.

Fach stated he doesn't remember these issues being brought up. He hates to see them leave if there was something the City could have done to save on energy. Moran advised staff was made aware of the issues. They toured the building and have started obtaining price quotes for various improvements. The budget includes \$10,000 for some of that work. The Chamber has determined the space isn't what they need in order to progress. The space just isn't good for office space.

Mayor Renner thanked them for their use of the building and wished them luck going forward.

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

The motion carried.

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Fach, to open the Public Hearing on the request by Donald Wiener to subdivide lot 6 in Unit 2 of the Galena Scenic Meadows Subdivision.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

Testimony: None

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Westemeier, to close the Public Hearing on the request by Donald Wiene to subdivide lot 6 in Unit 2 of the Galena Scenic Meadows Subdivision.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

16C-0162 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY DONALD WIENE TO SUBDIVIDE LOT 6 IN UNIT 2 OF THE GALENA SCENIC MEADOWS SUBDIVISION

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Bernstein, to postpone action on the request by Donald Wiene to subdivide lot 6 in Unit 2 of the Galena Scenic Meadows Subdivision to the next regular meeting.

16C-0163 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE CITY HALL SOLAR PROJECT

The following bids were received:

| Company | Base Bid – Option 1 | Base Bid – Option 2 | Alternate #1 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Eagle Point Solar | \$87,125 (Solar World PV Modules) | \$82,625 (Suniva PV Modules) | None |
| Accel Construction Services Group | | \$148,352 (Suniva PV Modules) | \$43,829 |

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve a contract for the City Hall Project with Eagle Point Solar for Base Bid, Option 2 in the amount of \$82,625 and to waive the performance bond for a savings of \$2,200 with no payment being made until completion of the project.

Discussion: The City will pay for the contract and will be reimbursed by Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation. The total project cost is \$85,568 with a grant amount of \$51,340. The City's total cost will be \$34,227 and has been included in the budget.

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

The motion carried.

16C-0164 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR PRESSURE STORM SEWER INSPECTION AND CLEANING

The following quotes were received:

| Company | Quote |
|--------------------|----------|
| Hoerr Construction | \$34,433 |
| Visu-Sewer | \$47,350 |

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to award a contract for pressure storm sewer inspection and cleaning to Hoerr Construction in the amount of \$34,433, item 16C-0164.

Discussion: Lewis advised, as far as we know, there hasn't been any work or inspections done on them since 1952. Part of the reason is that often times many of these pipes are often flooded if the river is higher than normal. The end of the pipes will have to be blocked off and the water removed in order to clean them. They hope to find them in reasonable condition.

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

The motion carried.

16C-0165 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK AND CROSSWALK REPLACEMENT PLAN FOR 2016

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Fach, to approve the Downtown Sidewalk and Crosswalk Replacement Plan for 2016 in the amount of \$110,700, item 16C-0165.

Discussion: Council agreed this is something that needs to get done and discussed whether or not to remove the bricks.

Moran noted we would be doing sections here and there and we don't know how long it will take to get the sections done in between. He feels, if we started patching, it may look pretty unsightly.

Westemeier stated he has never liked the bricks. He feels they are a hazard. He feels the City has to start somewhere. It may not look good for a while until we get them all replaced but he feels they need to go. Hahn stated he is torn between bricks or no bricks. He feels it will look terrible when it is not the same. He has received a lot of comments from people that like the looks of the bricks. He suggested taking them out and relaying them with a sand with polymer.

Fach questioned if the bricks could be treated like tile. They could be pulled out, cleaned and laid back with a sand grout level with the curb.

Lincoln suggested adding a colorant to the concrete.

Renner recommended taking the bricks down to two or three rows.

Bernstein stated she likes the bricks. She agrees if we start pull them up and replacing them with concrete here and there it is going to look terrible. She would like to look into the Mayor's suggestion of going down to two or three rows. They look nice and fit in with the historic look.

Staff will seek bids for the following options: As is, reducing the number of rows of brick pavers from 7 to 2 or replacing the brick pavers with concrete.

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

The motion carried.

16C-0166 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 OPERATING BUDGET

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Operating Budget, as amended to exclude the \$5,000 for TCEDA.

Discussion: Fach wished to amend the motion to remove the \$5,000 for TCEDA. Westemeier recommended reducing the amount for the speed machine to \$2,500.

Amended

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Westemeier, to amend the budget to exclude the \$5,000 for TCEDA.

Discussion: None.

Amended

Motion

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

The motion carried.

Main

Motion

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

The motion carried.

16C-0167 – WARRANTS

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Fach, to approve the Warrants as presented, 16C-0167.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

16C-0168 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Earth Day Events – Bernstein thanked the City and all fellow council members for allowing them to hold two events here at City Hall.

Dog Park – Bernstein advised she is waiting to hear from the membership about what their thoughts are on where they would like to locate the park.

Phone Bills – Fach stated he is astounded each month at the cost for phones. He questioned if the City could explore the possibility of other phone companies in order to negotiate a better package than with AT&T.

Tour Operators Ordinance – Fach questioned if anything is being done with regard to the tour operators. Mayor Renner advised staff and the City Attorney are reviewing it.

16C-0169 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Tour Operators Ordinance – Staff has been working on the ordinance and will report back at the next City Council meeting.

Phone Bills – Moran advised staff has done work with AT&T on the phone bills. Unfortunately, the larger bills are special lines between the Police Department and Sheriff's Department and can't be reduced.

Train Derailment – Moran advised the train derailment happened over a year ago. He made contact with Senator Bustos' staff and had a good conference with them. They provided updates on the federal regulations and rules. The USDOT and Transportation bill was approved in December for retrofitting of tanker cars to make them safer. New cars will be held to much higher standards. There are new requirements that rail companies analyze routing and report back to the Department of Transportation and justify the routes based on safety and improved information sharing with local governments. Moran advised one concern is that local governments can't seek information on track and bridge maintenance. These records are not made available. He has alerted Bustos' staff to this and they are in the process of looking into legislation to allow local governments to get information on track conditions. The Fire Department has continued to train. They will be sending another six members this year for training. They have conducted in house training with Canadian National and BNSF.

Cemetery Park – Dale Glick has provided before and after pictures of the work he is doing at the cemetery. He has been making good documentation of his work and has been putting in a lot of hours up there.

16C-0170 – MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Renner thanked all of the participants for Earth Day and Boy Scout Weekend and congratulated the Galena High School WYSE team for their 4th place state finish.

16C-0171 – MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance, Section 2 (c) (1)
- Collective negotiating matters and deliberations concerning salary schedules, Section 2 (c) (2)
- Purchase or lease of real estate, Section 2 (c) (5)
- Pending, probable or imminent litigation, Section 2 (c) (11)
- Review of Executive Session Minutes, Section 2 (c) (21)

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 7:29 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:56 p.m.

The following action was taken following Executive Session:

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to accept the Police Union Contract for the period 2016-2020.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve a non-union employee compensation increase of 3.5% for 2016-2017 which is in line with the police union contract with the intent of increasing the non-union share of the employee health insurance costs to 20 percent.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

16C-0172 - ADJOURNMENT

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde, MMC
City Clerk