

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 09 MAY 2016**16C-0173 – 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 May 2016.

16C-0174– ROLL CALL

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

16C-0175– ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

16C-0176– PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

16C-0177 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Turner Hall Committee – Fach reported a meeting was held last Thursday morning. The committee discussed the LED replacements, interior improvements, and light fixture restoration. The custodian gave a report. Request for Proposals are out for tuck pointing the exterior and are due back Monday, May 16th. Requests for Proposals will go out at the end of May for the roofing and interior painting. Everything is looking good. The next meeting is scheduled for July 7th.

Unified Destination Marketing Committee – Lincoln reported as of last Friday morning the ballots have been counted. Board members approved were as follows:

Fred Bonnet, Chair, Restaurant Representative, Personnel Chair
Mark Van Osdol, Vice Chair, At-Large Representative, Strategic Planning Chair
Nikki Peebles, Treasurer, At-Large Representative, Finance Chair
Birgit Radin, Secretary, Large Lodging Representative
Raechelle Ahmed, Retail Representative
Robert Mahan, Small Lodging Representative, Nominations Chair
Nanette Glasgow, At-Large Representative, Marketing Chair
Colin Sanderson, At-Large Representative
Ramona Vincent, Small Lodging Representative
Todd Lincoln, City of Galena Representative

A total of 448 ballots were sent out, 403 by email and 45 by mail. A total of 121 ballots were returned. A total of 48 percent of the ballots emailed were opened. The other half were not opened. There has always been coverage of the election as well as information on the City and County websites. The press has also done a very good job of covering the whole process. No date has been set for the next meeting.

16C-0178 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ken Robb, 525 S. Hickory Street – Robb stated he fully supports the provision for an additional handicapped parking stall on North Main Street. Robb made comments with the parking stall proposed. The spot is on a hill. With those loading a spouse in a wheelchair, it would be a dangerous situation where the wheelchair could start rolling down the hill to the intersection. Robb recommended moving it to the level area directly in front of the Grape Escape. One advantage to this would be the ease of getting someone out of the passenger side of the vehicle.

He understands there is some risk to unloading into traffic; however most people are very accommodating. Robb encouraged the Council to approve the space but to consider a spot like the one in front of the Grape Escape or near the Grateful Gourmet where the street is wider.

Catherine Kouzmanoff, 219 S. Prospect – Kouzmanoff advised she was available for any questions the Council might have on her request under item 16C-0190. She noted the sooner the event is approved, the sooner she can start advertising it.

Kouzmanoff stated she would welcome the handicap stall in front of the Grape Escape. She would even monitor that each vehicle parked there had the appropriate handicap sticker.

Mike Steinhoff, DeSoto Hotel – Steinhoff read a prepared letter on half of Dan Kelley with regard to concerns with the Destination Marketing Organization's recent election.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

16C-0179 – PUBLIC HEARING ON A REQUEST BY DONALD WIENEN TO SUBDIVIDE LOT 6 IN UNIT 2 OF THE GALENA SCENIC MEADOWS SUBDIVISION

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Westemeier, to open the Public Hearing on a request by Donald Wienen to subdivide Lot 6 in Unit 2 of the Galena Scenic Meadows Subdivision, 16C-0179.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

Testimony: None.

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Kieffer, to close the Public Hearing on a request by Donald Wienen to subdivide Lot 6 in Unit 2 of the Galena Scenic Meadows Subdivision, 16C-0179.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

16C-0180 – PUBLIC HEARING ON A REQUEST BY ANGEL LARRIVA, 1120 N. WEST STREET, TO VACATE APPROXIMATELY 2,700 SQUARE FEET OF IRVING STREET ADJACENT TO HIS PROPERTY TO RESOLVE A BUILDING ENCROACHMENT

Motion: Fach, moved, seconded by Bernstein, to open the Public Hearing on a request by Angel Larriva, 1120 N. West Street to vacate approximately 2,700 square feet of Irving Street adjacent to his property to resolve a building encroachment, 16C-0180.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

Testimony: None.

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Bernstein, to close the Public Hearing on a request by Angel Larriva, 1120 N. West Street to vacate approximately 2,700 square feet of Irving Street adjacent to his property to resolve a building encroachment, 16C-0180.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA CA16-09

16C-0181 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 25, 2016

16C-0182 – APPROVAL OF A PARKING SPACE FOR PERSONS WITH HANDICAPS ON THE EAST SIDE OF MAIN STREET IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF THE INTERSECTION WITH FRANKLIN STREET

16C-0183 – APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH ALL STAR POWER WASH OF SHULLSBURG, WI, FOR POAINTING THE FLOOD CONTROL CATWALK ON THE WEST SIDE FLOOD LEVEE PAINTING BRIDGE STAIRS/WALKWAY

16C-0184 – APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH ALL STAR POWER WASH OF SHULLSBURG, WI, FOR PAINTING THE STAIRWAY FROM DEPOT PARK TO THE US 20 HIGHWAY BRIDGE

16C-0185 – APPROVAL OF UTILITY TRACTOR LEASE AND PURCHASE OF ACCESSORIES WITH TRADE OF OLD TRACTOR AND ACCESSORIES

16C-0186 – APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF LAWN MOWER AND TRADE OF OLD MOWER

16C-0187 – ACCEPTANCE OF MARCH 2016 FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve Consent Agenda CA16-09 as presented.

Discussion: Lincoln requested item 16C-0182 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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

The motion carried.

16C-0182 – APPROVAL OF A PARKING SPACE FOR PERSONS WITH HANDICAPS ON THE EAST SIDE OF MAIN STREET IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF THE INTERSECTION WITH FRANKLIN STREET

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Kieffer to defer this item to the next meeting.

Discussion: Lincoln was in favor of more handicapped parking stalls; however he would prefer not to see it any further down than the 300 block of North Main. Lincoln was in favor of staff looking at it and coming up with a different location. He was also concerned that the proposed area is part of the truck route and it is located right on the corner. Lincoln was in favor of putting a stall in front of the Grape Escape.

Westemeier stated he would be in favor of adding one or two handicap stalls as there is a need. He would prefer not to have a van loading into the street. There are concerns with a lift going into the street. It should be located where the sidewalk is wide enough for a lift. Westemeier recommended utilizing the space near Gobbies with the curb cut.

Council liked the area in front of Gobbies court yard and in front of the Grape Escape. Staff will look at it and get input from Chief Huntington.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Motion: Westemeier moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve the Preliminary Plat 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.

NEW BUSINESS

16C-0188 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A FINAL PLAT TO SUBDIVIDE LOT 6 IN UNIT 2 OF THE GALENA SCENIC MEADOWS SUBDIVISION

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve the Final Plat to Subdivide Lot 6 in Unit 2 of the Galena Scenic Meadows Subdivision, 16C-0188.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

16C-0189 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE VACATING APPROXIMATELY 2,700 SQUARE FEET OF IRVING STREET TO ANGEL LARRIVA

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Fach, to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of an ordinance vacating approximately 2,700 square feet of Irving Street to Angel Larriva, 16C-0189.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

16C-0190 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A FESTIVAL AND STREET CLOSURE PERMIT FOR THE GRAPE ESCAPE TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY BLOCK PARTY FOR NORTH MAIN STREET ON JULY 17, 2016

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve a Festival and Street Closure Permit for the Grape Escape Ten Year Anniversary Block Party for North Main Street on July 17, 2016.

Discussion: Bernstein stated she is in favor of this and appreciates that the proceeds will support the Jo Daviess County Workshop; however, she has some concerns with the amplified music.

Kouzmanoff advised the headline band will be a southern rock band. Of the 10 bands, only three of them have a drummer. The music is going to be like that at the Grape Escape, not terribly loud. Andy Stiles, sound tech, explained this can be done with smaller amounts of equipment with smaller volumes but still provide a quality production.

Renner questioned the logistics of the fence starting by the Paradise. He was concerned if a fire truck needed to get up Diagonal Street, it may be tight. Council was advised Matt Oldenburg is currently checking over the plan. The band will be on some type of a trailer slightly tented in case of bad weather.

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

The motion carried.

16C-0191– DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY RYAN CHUMBLER FOR A LICENSE TO UTILIZE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR PARKING ADJACENT TO 515 S. WEST STREET

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the request by Ryan Chumbler for a license to utilize the public right-of-way for parking adjacent to 515 S. West Street.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

16C-0192 – PRESENTATION OF VISITGALENA.ORG BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

Chris Hamilton presented the VisitGalena.org Budget for Fiscal year 2017.

16C-0193 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE GALENA ART AND RECREATION CENTER FOR YOUTH PROGRAMMING IN FISCAL YEAR 2017

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Fach, to approve a funding agreement with the Galena Art and Recreation Center for youth programming in fiscal year 2017.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

16C-0194 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GALENA JO DAVIESS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF UTILITY AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve an agreement with the Galena Jo Daviess County Historical Society and Museum for the reimbursement of utility and maintenance expenses for Fiscal Year 2017, 16C-0194.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

16C-0195 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A RHINO BOOM MOWER AS SURPLUS PROPERTY

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of an ordinance declaring a Rhino Boom Mower as surplus property.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

16C-0196 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2016-17 EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the 2016-17 employee appointments made by Terry Renner.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

16C-0197 – WARRANTS

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve the Warrants as presented, 16C-0197.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

16C-0198 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Bills – Fach voiced concern with the phone bills. He noted we paid AT&T \$1,045.16 for phones two weeks ago and another \$393.24 this week. With the cellular bill we have paid over \$1,619 for phones.

Congratulations – Hahn congratulate local law enforcement agencies on taking care of the City in what could have been a serious situation. Everyone pulled together and did a great job. Bernstein agreed adding that once again we got great evidence that the Code Red System works extremely well and is a great asset for the City and the County.

Letter – Lincoln stated he was upset with the response letter received from the DeSoto Hotel. He was upset with the sentence stating the election was “fatally” flawed.

City – Westemeier noted the City is looking good. The grass is cut and the streets are cleaned.

Depot – Bernstein stated a possible use for the Depot might be using it as a Community Center.

16C-0199 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Code Red – Moran advised the Code Red System worked very well. Statistics showed 1950 messages were delivered at 1:30 a.m. and again at 6. The system proved to be very effective. There were a few quirks where some received one message and not the other. The County has now bought into the Code Red System. The City of Galena will save money because of their involvement.

Shred/Recycle – Moran thanked staff for their help with the recent shred and recycle event. Items accepted were paper, batteries, Televisions and computer monitors as well as batteries and medications. Several residents participated.

Gateway Park – Moran advised Jim Sullivan will have a request to modify the subdivision by Gateway Park on the next agenda.

16C-0200 – MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Renner thanked the Galena Police Department and assisting agencies for a job well done. Things were handled very professionally and all turned out in a good way. Kudos to all!

16C-0201 - ADJOURNMENT

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

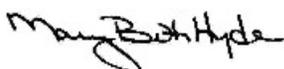
Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde, MMC
City Clerk