

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 12 SEPTEMBER 2016**

**16C-0357 – 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 September 2016.

**16C-0358 – ROLL CALL**

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

**16C-0359 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

**16C-0360– PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge was recited.

**16C-0361 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**Turner Hall Committee** – A meeting was held on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Fach reported the following:

- Tour of interior painting project. The fresh paint inside looks great.
- Joe Miller Trust Projects – Current projects underway are:
  - Exterior balcony painting will be done in September.
  - Exterior cleaning, tuck pointing and sealing will be done in October and November.
  - Main hall floor wood repair and sealing will be done in December-February slow period.
  - New stage floor will be done in December-February slow period.
  - This leaves the fly loft work as the only remaining item on the list.

Mayor Renner noted new tables and a chair rack were purchased.

**Unified Destination Marketing Committee** – Lincoln advised the County Board will be considering a recommendation to approve and move forward to the County Board the Destination Marketing Organization contract as revised at their meeting on September 13, 2016.

**16C-0362 – PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**James Wirth, 121 S. High Street** – Wirth commended the work being done at the Old City Cemetery. They are doing a fantastic job of restoring the cemetery.

**Jan Komistra, 414 Washington Street** – Komistra voiced concern with the prohibition of displaying “open” signs by individual businesses located off Main Street (Blaum Brothers, Plumery Trails, History Museum, Blacksmith Shop, Tin Pan Allen and Otto’s Place). She urged the Council to take full consideration of the impacts of this ordinance as written and enforced, and grant an exemption to or find another means by which these businesses may be allowed to display “open” flags.

**John Slimp, Co-owner, Otto’s Place** – Slimp urged the Council to revise the zoning text amendment regarding attention getting devices, including open flags to grandfather those that would be negatively affected by this ordinance. Otto’s place does not have the advantage of walk

by foot traffic. They have been in business for over five years and have had an "open" sign. They have never had any complaints nor had any customer adversely affected by the sign.

**Dana Meadows, President, Galena Downtown Business Association, 103 N. Main Street** - Meadows advised he represents 88 members of the Galena Downtown Business Association. They are asking that the Main Street sidewalk construction be postponed to April. While they fully understand this is an important project, September and October are not good months to do this business wise.

**CONSENT AGENDA CA16-17**

**16C-0363 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 22, 2016**

**16C-0364 – APPROVAL OF REQUEST BY DALE GLICK TO INSTALL A REPLICA WOOD FENCE IN THE OLD CITY CEMETERY**

**16C-0365 – APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT BA17-03 FOR GRANT PARK LIGHT PAINTING AND US 20 SIDEWALK REPAIRS**

**16C-0366 – APPROVAL OF HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT IN GALENA ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 31 FROM 5:30 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M.**

**16C-0367 – APPROVAL OF PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER PAY RATE OF \$16 PER HOUR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17**

**APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH COLE TREE SERVICE FOR TREE PRUNING, REMOVAL AND CABLE BRACING IN GRANT PARK**

**16C-0369 – APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH NELSON-CARLSON MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS FOR 2016-17 BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE INSPECTION SERVICES**

**16C-0370 – APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH WHITE CONSTRUCTION FOR THE REPAIR OF THE GRANT PARK PERGOLA**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve Consent Agenda CA16-17 as presented.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**16C-0371 – QUARTERLY REPORT BY VISITGALENA.ORG**

Chris Hamilton presented the quarterly report for VisitGalena.org.

**16C-0372– DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CHANGE ORDER TO POSTPONE THE MAIN STREET SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION UNTIL THE SPRING OF 2017**

**Motion:** Bernstein moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the change order to postpone the Main Street sidewalk construction until the spring of 2017, 16C-0372.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**16C-0373– FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING 0.717 ACRES, LOT 2 IN JACKSON PLACE SUBDIVISION, PURSUANT TO A PETITION FOR ANNEXATION BY DALE STEPHENSON**

**Motion:** Westemeier moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of an ordinance annexing 0.717 acres, Lot 2 in Jackson Place Subdivision, pursuant to a petition for annexation by Dale Stephenson.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**16C-0374– DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST BY FEVER RIVER OUTFITTERS TO LEASE SPACE ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE GALENA RIVER AND SOUTH OF THE US 20 BRIDGE FOR VAN AND TRAILER STORAGE AND FOR MOTORIZED SCOOTERS AND E-BIKE TRAINING**

**Motion:** Lincoln moved, seconded by Fach, to approve the request by Fever River Outfitters to lease space on the West side of the Galena River and South of the US 20 bridge for van and trailer storage and for motorized scooters and e-bike training for the remainder of this season.

**Discussion:** This approval would be through the end of October. Council feels it is good to finish out this year but urge her to look elsewhere for next season.

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

The motion carried.

**16C-0375– DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO INTERSECTION OF BENCH STREET AND FRANKLIN STREET**

**Motion:** Lincoln moved, seconded by Kieffer, to allow the Mayor to enter into a contract for emergency repairs to the intersection of Bench and Franklin Streets, 16C-0375.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**16C-0376– DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PURCHASING USED VEHICLE FOR CITY HALL**

**Motion:** Kieffer moved, seconded by Bernstein to approve the purchase of a used vehicle for City Hall amended to include in an amount not to exceed \$17,000.

**Discussion:** Council directed staff to negotiate the best possible price.

**Amended**

**Motion:** Fach moved, seconded by Bernstein, to amend the motion to include in an amount not to exceed \$17,000.

**Amended**

**Motion**

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

The motion carried.

**Main**

**Motion**

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

The motion carried.

**16C-0377– DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON INITIATING FIRE DEPARTMENT AERIAL LADDER TRUCK BIDDING PROCESS**

**Motion:** Fach moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve initiating the Fire Department aerial ladder truck bidding process.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**16C-0378– DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON INITIATING A ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT REGARDING ATTENTION GETTING DEVICES, INCLUDING OPEN FLAGS**

**Motion:** Fach moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve initiating a zoning text amendment regarding attention getting devices, including open flags.

**Discussion:** Fach feels it's time to revisit this portion of the zoning text. Some interesting facts were brought up under Citizen's Comments. With open signs on the highway, it lets people know immediately that that business is open. Fach was unsure whether or not to allow open flags on Main Street.

Westemeier stated he wasn't opposed to open flags as long as they aren't blowing in people's faces.

Lincoln doesn't have a problem with it so long as it doesn't get out of hand. He hopes the store owners would use discretion with it.

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

The motion carried.

**16C-0379 – WARRANTS**

**Motion:** Bernstein moved, seconded by Fach, to approve the Warrants as presented, 16C-0378.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**16C-0380 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS**

**Solar Panels** – Lincoln questioned if there were any problems with the solar panels during the heavy rains. Moran advised there were no problems.

**Highway 20/Heavy Rain** – Lincoln stated he took a few pictures on Highway 20 during the recent heavy rains. It was pretty bad. He questioned if we could initiate more talks with the State. He would be happy to share the photos so they can better understand the need we have to get this project done.

**Franklin Street** – Lincoln questioned when the water mains on Franklin Street would be upgraded. They are in bad shape and there are lots of breaks.

**Old City Cemetery** – Westemeier stated he walked through the cemetery. It looks really nice up there and the fence shouldn't be an issue. He noted there are three or four dead trees in there that need to be taken care of.

**Flower Pots** – Bernstein noted the hanging baskets are getting pretty straggly and not very attractive any more.

**Gear Street** – Bernstein noted the new state estimate for Gear Street is \$2.3 million dollars. The last figure was \$1.2 million dollars. She feels this bodes concern given the financial situation of the state.

**Electric Usage** – Bernstein noted the electric bill for City Hall was \$145, Police Department \$632 and the Fire Department \$508. She wonders whether we might want to look at those buildings to see if there is potential for solar.

**Electric** – Fach agreed with the comments made by Bernstein. He noted the Fire Department gets a reimbursement from Ifiber for energy. The Welcome Signs are \$35 per month. He questioned if solar lights could be used there.

**16C-0381 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**Highway Storm/Heavy Rains** – Moran reported he received shocking pictures of a school bus going through the "river" on the highway. He has sent those pictures to DOT and urged them to fast track the project.

**Welcome Signs/Electricity** – Moran noted a large chunk of the bill is facility charges.

**Solar** – We have had our first full month of having the solar array on the roof. There has been a 63 percent reduction in cost and 55 percent less power off the grid.

**Illinois Association of Water Pollution Control Operators** – The City received a letter announcing that the Galena Waste Water Treatment Plant has been nominated for “Best Operated Treatment Plant”. This is the second time in 7 years that the Galena plant has been nominated. The nomination was made by the EPA. Congrats to American Water and the Public Works Department!

**Illinois Association of Water Operators** – Jeff Saylor has been nominated for the outstanding operator of the year. The award will be presented at the annual conference in April. He is one of two nominated state wide. Congrats to Jeff!

**16C-0382 – MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Renner stated it was a good weekend for the Heroes for History stair challenge with great participation.

He asked that council members take a look at the hanging basket in front of the old City Hall. This basket was done by a different vendor.

Mayor Renner noted the electric bill for Turner Hall was \$1,547. Maybe we need to look at solar panels there.

**16C-0383 – MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

- Sale or lease of public property, Section 2 (c) (6)

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 7:13 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:39 p.m.

**16C-0384 - ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Kieffer moved, seconded by Hahn, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

**Discussion:** None.

**Roll Call:** AYES: Hahn, Kieffer, Lincoln, Bernstein, Fach, Renner  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Westemeier (Left at 8:20 p.m.)

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Beth Hyde". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

Mary Beth Hyde, MMC  
City Clerk