

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 24 OCTOBER 2016**

**16C-0428 – 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 24 October 2016.

**16C-0429 – ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Hahn

**16C-0430 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

**16C-0431– PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge was recited.

**16C-0432 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

No reports.

**16C-0433 – PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Karen Kelly, 905 S. Main Street** – Kelly read a prepared statement voicing concern with the recent action taken by Council to lease land on South Main Street to Fever River Outfitters. She is concerned with the impact leasing this land will have on the neighboring properties and urged the council to reconsider the motion to lease or sell this property.

**CONSENT AGENDA CA16-20**

**16C-0434 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 11, 2016**

**16C-0435 – APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ON THE REVIEW AND POSSIBLE RELEASE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

**16C-0436 – APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR SECONDARY EMPLOYMENT BY POLICE OFFICER BILL SALZMANN**

**16C-0437 – APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH JOE BEYER FOR RECOATING THE METAL ROOF OF THE BLACKSMITH SHOP**

**Motion:** Kieffer moved, seconded by Fach, to approve Consent Agenda CA16-20 as presented.

**Discussion:** Moran advised a second bid was received for the Blacksmith Shop. The bid was from Mike Harris Construction in the amount of \$7,200.

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

The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**16C-0438– DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE INSTALLATION OF A WATER MAIN ON POWDER HOUSE HILL ROAD**

**Motion:** Westemeier moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve the installation of a 10” water main on Powder House Hill Road.

**Discussion:** Council agreed this is the right time to do it. The money will come out of the water fund which had a positive year-end balance.

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

The motion carried.

**16C-0439– DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY BRET TERRELL FOR A LICENSE TO OCCUPY CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY WITH A FENCE AND PARKING AT 1141 NORTH WEST STREET**

**Motion:** Fach moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the request by Bret Terrell for a license to occupy city right-of-way with a fence and parking at 1141 North West Street amended to include per the revised site plan presented.

**Discussion:** Moran advised a new site plan with revisions has been submitted. Fach noted there is an understanding that should the city ever need the property they would be required to move whatever they have on it.

**Amended**

**Motion:** Fach moved, seconded by Bernstein to amend the motion to include per the revised site plan presented.

**Discussion:** None.

**Amended**

**Motion**

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

The motion carried.

**Main**

**Motion**

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

The motion carried.

**16C-0440 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO PERMIT VACATION RENTALS IN THE HISTORIC DISTRICT**

**Motion:** Lincoln moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the first reading of an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance to permit vacation rentals in the Historic District, 16C-0440.

**Discussion:** While Renner feels this is a good policy, he thinks down the road when we start issuing permits we should look at the possibility of limiting the number of permits allowed in residential districts. Bernstein agreed adding that Matt Oldenburg assured her that with the different layers, it was very unlikely that a residential area would be saturated with these accommodations. She agrees if there is a deluge the city should look at putting a cap on it because of time required by staff for inspections and the permit process.

Fach noted in Santa Fe, New Mexico they have 500 license Air BnB's. He feels a limit should be set. Fach also voiced concern with the enforcement end of it. He feels there should be some kind of swifter reaction and some kind of penalty to deter people from doing it again and/or will make them get a license.

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

The motion carried.

**16C-0441– FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO PERMIT FLAG SIGNS ON CERTAIN COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES**

**Motion:** Kieffer moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance to permit one flag sign per business as recommended by the Zoning Board on certain commercial properties.

**Discussion:** Kieffer stated he doesn't have a problem with flag signs on certain commercial properties. He has more of a problem with the use of sandwich boards.

Lincoln likes the idea of having them but wishes it would include Main Street having them at a certain height.

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

The motion carried.

**16C-0442– DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR THE ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR ENFORCEMENT PILOT PROGRAM**

**Motion:** Westemeier moved, seconded by Fach, to approve an agreement with the Illinois Department of Revenue for the Alcoholic Liquor Enforcement Pilot Program.

**Discussion:** Bernstein noted a discrepancy between Chief Huntington's letter and the actual contract with regard to how much time the department will have to complete the inspections. Staff will check on it.

Council feels this will be a good thing for the department.

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

The motion carried.

**16C-0443 – WARRANTS**

**Motion:** Kieffer moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the Warrants as presented, 16C-0443.

**Discussion:** Lincoln questioned the bill to Opening Specialists, Inc. in the amount of \$1,765.15 for lock replacement. Moran advised this was for the locking mechanism and hardware on the side door to Turner Hall.

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

The motion carried.

**16C-0444 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS**

**Public Restrooms** – Bernstein stated she saw a tour bus parked outside of the new public restrooms with a line to the restrooms. The new restrooms were good thinking and good placement.

**South Main Street** – Westemeier feels the Kelly's should have the opportunity to bid on the property should the opportunity come up.

**16C-0445 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**South Main Street** – Moran advised the City cannot do first right of refusal. If the property were to be sold it would have to be open to the public and a certain process followed.

**Audit** - Moran distributed copies of the most recent audit. A representative will speak at a future meeting to give a report on the audit.

**Retaining Wall** – At the last meeting Council asked staff to move forward with research on the retaining wall. We are waiting for a response from the insurance company and have asked another contractor for a quote.

**Thank you** – Moran thanked the GHS Music Boosters, GHS Key Club, GHS After Prom and Cub Scout Pack 93 for their help with the parking lots for Country Fair. While they benefit financially, it helps out a lot having them fill the lots.

**16C-0446 – MAYOR'S REPORT**

On behalf of the City Mayor Renner extended his congratulations to Dr. Matt Gallone on his award of 2016 Rural Doctor of the Year.

**16C-0447 - ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

Regular Board Meeting

24 October 2016

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Beth Hyde". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Beth Hyde, MMC  
City Clerk