

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 28 NOVEMBER 2016

16C-0471 – 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 28 November 2016.

16C-0472 – ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Westemeier

16C-0473 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

16C-0474– PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

16C-0475 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Destination Marketing Organization – The County Board has approved the contract for the DMO. The agreement has been sent to John Hay and Craig Brown, attorney for the DMO. Nothing has been received back. The contract should be back at the city level shortly.

16C-0476 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

James Wirth, 121 S. High Street – Wirth addressed the Council with two concerns on item 16C-0484. Wirth advised he talked to Alderman Westemeier with regard to the vacation rentals. Wirth's impression is that Westemeier doesn't anticipate there will be a large volume of persons coming forward requesting an increase in the number of rentals in the downtown for overnight vacation rentals. Wirth urged the Council to look at contingencies in the event that turns out to be untrue and it turns out to be very popular. One concern is how the additional parking will be handled. If this turns out to be successful and multiple spaces are converted what would be fair in terms of how additional parking should be addressed. If a new parking structure or shuttle would be required, who would pay for that. Would it be the general taxpayers or those generating the additional need for parking? Wirth urged the City to require anyone with vacation rentals to come forward at least once per year and state their intention to renew their license.

PUBLIC HEARING

16C-0477 – PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2016 PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Bernstein, to open the Public Hearing on the 2016 Property Tax Levy, 16C-0477.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

Testimony: None.

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Bernstein, to close the Public Hearing on the 2016 Tax Levy, 16C-0477.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA CA16-22

16C-0478 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2016

16C-0479 – ACCEPTANCE OF SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2016 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve Consent Agenda CA16-22 with the corrections to the minutes.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

16C-0480– PRESENTATION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT BY O’CONNOR AND BROOKS

Pat McCarthy presented the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Annual Financial Report.

16C-0481 – OPENING OF BIDS AND DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE SALE OF THE COATSWORTH PROPERTY

A bid was received from Coatsworth Associates. The bid was read aloud. The amount was \$50,000 with conditions.

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to accept the bid and direct staff to draw up an ordinance for the sale of the Coatsworth property.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

16C-0482– DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT FOR WELL #6 UPGRADE

The following bids were received:

	Peerless Service Co.	Lyons Well Drilling	Cahoy Group
Base Bid	\$31,350	\$55,650	\$49,274
Adjusted Base Bid	\$31,350	\$56,150	\$48,207

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve the base bid from Peerless Service Company for the sum of \$31,350 to upgrade well #6, 16C-0482.

Discussion: The amount budgeted was \$25,000. The additional money will come from the water fund which has a significant fund balance.

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

The motion carried.

16C-0483– DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ON CONTRACT FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE TURNER HALL STAGE FLOOR

The following bids were received:

Contractor	Amount
White Construction	\$9,600
Faulkner Construction	\$9,800

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the bid of \$9,600 from White Construction to replace the stage floor and complete associated work at Turner Hall.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

16C-0484– FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 93, “FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR BED AND BREAKFAST ESTABLISHMENTS” AND CHAPTER 112, “BED AND BREAKFAST ESTABLISHMENTS” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES.

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 93, “Fire Prevention and Safety Requirements for Bed and Breakfast Establishments” and Chapter 112, “Bed and Breakfast Establishments” of the Code of Ordinances, 16C-0484.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

16C-0485 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LOCAL AGENCY PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL PARTICIPATION IN THE GALENA RIVER TRAIL PHASE 3 PROJECT

Alderman Hahn recused himself from the table at 7:24 p.m.

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Lincoln to approve the Local Agency Participation Agreement for federal participation in the Galena River Trail Phase 3 Project, 16C-0485

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

16C-0486– DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CONTRACT FOR GALENA RIVER TRAIL PHASE 3 PROJECT

Contractor	Base Bid
Louie’s Trenching Service	\$1,644,888.65
Civil Constructors	\$1,700,925.47
Fischer Excavating	\$1,797,846.73

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Fach, to approve the Galena River Trail Phase 3 bid from Louie’s Trenching Service in the amount of \$1,644,888.65, 16C-0486.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Hahn returned to the table 7:27 p.m.

16C-0487– FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT POLICY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRAVEL EXPENSE CONTROL ACT

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the first reading of an ordinance establishing a travel reimbursement policy in accordance with the Local Government Travel Expense Control Act.

Discussion: Council agreed language should be added that there will be no reimbursement for alcohol.

Amended

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Fach, to direct staff to add language for no reimbursement for alcohol.

Discussion: None.

Amended

Motion

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Main

Motion

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

16C-0488– FIRST READING OF THE 2016 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE – FOR TAXES TO BE COLLECTED IN 2017

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the first reading of the 2016 Tax Levy Ordinance for taxes to be collected in 2017.

Discussion: Moran noted a correction to the Parks Fund on Page 7. The total amount of \$21,143 should be under Personnel Services – Salaries.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

16C-0489 – WARRANTS

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve the Warrants as presented with the addition of the following:

Earl Thompson Masonry	Turner Hall Exterior Cleaning	\$10,000
Earl Thompson Masonry	Fire Department Exterior Cleaning/Front	\$3,400
Earl Thompson Masonry	Fire Department Exterior Cleaning/Side	\$2,775

Discussion: Bernstein questioned what the large payment to Illinois Risk Management Association was for. Moran advised this was the City's annual responsibility.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

16C-0490 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Annexation – Fach stated he is still hot on annexation.

Destination Market Organization – Lincoln is pleased the County Board made the decision to accept the contract for a single DMO. A lot of years, a lot of people and a lot of time has gone into trying to get this worked out. This will be a great thing for the town and the county as a whole.

Thank you – Lincoln thanked everyone for the support given to his family over the past few weeks.

Alley – Bernstein advised she received a complaint with regard to the street/alley behind Galena Green. She recommended it be added to the Capital Improvement Plan.

16C-0491 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Highway 20/Hospital – Moran advised after the last meeting he shared the comments made by Mr. Pariser with the hospital. The hospital has advised they are in the process of updating the cost estimates for the intersection improvements and once that is complete they will pull together the stakeholders.

East Side Bulk Tanks – As of last week, the tanks have been removed. All that is left to do is remove the old concrete and the building.

Thank you – Moran thanked the Fire Department for their help in hanging the Christmas wreaths downtown. It is definitely a lot of work and not as simple as it appears.

Thank you – Moran thanked Andy Lewis, Matt Oldenburg and Craig Albaugh for their work on the bike trail project. They have been working on this for 5-6 years now. It is hard to convey how challenging it has been from the staff perspective with regard to working with IDOT and the federal government.

16C-0492 – MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Renner also thanked Mark Moran for his work on the bike trail and announced that he escorted Santa into Galena. Santa is in town!

16C-0493 - ADJOURNMENT

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde, MMC
City Clerk