

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 21 MARCH 2016

16C-B001 – CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Terry Renner called the special meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers at 101 Green Street on 21 March 2016.

16C-B002 – ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Hahn, Lincoln

16C-B003 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

16C-B004 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

NEW BUSINESS

16C-B005 – REVIEW OF PROPOSED FY 2015-16 OPERATING BUDGET

Mark Moran, City Administrator, gave a brief PowerPoint presentation and overview of the proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget highlighting the following:

1. Budget Goals
2. Budgeting Methodology—Zero Based Budgeting
3. Budget Summary
4. Revenue Assumptions
5. Projected Fund Balances
6. Capital Projects and Expenses
7. Street Improvement Sales Tax
8. Debt Summary
9. Staffing and Compensation
10. Pending Budget Issues

Moran presented the following list of pending considerations:

1. TCEDA Funding Request (\$7,500)
2. ARC Funding
3. Galena History Museum Utilities (\$5,000)
4. Projects/Purchases not funded
 - a. Downtown Sidewalk Replacement (\$75,000)
 - b. Sidewalk to Cobblestone (\$47,000)
5. Employee Compensation

Discussion:

TCEDA - Bernstein feels if at all possible the City should include some money in the budget for TCEDA as we don't have an Economic Development Program. TCEDA has assisted 15 small Galena businesses. Renner advised several years ago the city gave them \$5,000. Renner agrees we don't have anyone out there pushing buttons for Galena. He agrees the city could come across with something. Westemeier advised he would prefer to give TCEDA \$1,000-\$2,000 and fund the ARC. The ARC has a hard time and the kids are the future of Galena. We need to provide them with things to do.

ARC Funding - Kieffer questioned how much the ARC was asking for. Moran advised they haven't submitted anything formally at this time. Renner reminded Council the City needs to enter into a contract for a service vs. just giving them money.

Speed Sign - Fach stated he would prefer to see the city budget for a \$10,000 solar operated speed machine on a trailer vs. giving money to TCEDA. He feels people pay attention to them and they are a preventative tool for the Police Department.

Water Tower - Renner noted the water tower needs painting and the interior is going to be in need of repairs. Moran advised the water tower is scheduled for next year.

History Museum - Bernstein stated with the initiative of a new museum she is hesitant to move forward on anything with the museum as we have no sense of what their budget is and what their expenditures are. She would like more information.

Downtown Sidewalks – Council was in favor of looking seriously at the downtown sidewalks. Council was in favor of removing the bricks.

Cobblestone Sidewalks – Westemeier feels the City needs to hold up our end of the deal as we made Wiene put sidewalks in.

Employee Compensation – Council was in favor of funding employee compensation.

Moran stated it is important for the Council to decide if they want a balanced budget or a deficit budget and what are the priorities. He noted a deficit budget would not affect our rating. Moran stated he is not concerned with a deficit budget provided we keep the general fund surplus.

16C-B006 – REVIEW OF BUDGET PROCESS SCHEDULE

Moran presented an outline of the proposed budget schedule. The public hearing has been set for March 28 with a second work session scheduled for April 4th if necessary.

16C-B007 - ADJOURNMENT

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk