

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 27 MARCH 2017

17C-0109 – 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 27 March 2017.

17C-0110 – ROLL CALL

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

17C-0111 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

17C-0112– PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

17C-0113 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Destination Marketing Organization – The next regular meeting will be held at City Hall on Thursday, March 30, 2017. The committee has received the resumes for the new CEO and has narrowed it down to three.

Turner Hall Committee – Fach reported everything is cruising along. The Galena High School is currently in the hall getting ready for their play to be held the weekend of April 6th.

17C-0114 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Art Riker, 347 Gear – Riker read a prepared statement opposing the resolution to make Galena a “Welcoming City”.

Dave Decker, Galena ARC, 413 S. Bench – Decker advised he was present for any questions with regard to the request for another 5K race downtown. The race will be at 8:00 a.m. and will follow a route similar to the Shamrock Shimmy.

Jan Ketzka, Galena – Ketzka advised she has submitted a request for ARRT Along the River. She advised she was present should the council have any questions.

Kent Henderson, 704 Dewey – Henderson voiced concern with the lack of professionalism for the event held last year by Jan Ketzka. He voiced concern with the unprofessional signage and lack of cleanup following the event. Henderson urged Ketzka to move to another date that might be less busy.

Joe Pinder, 236 N. Main Street – Pinder advised he has been involved with many art events. He does not see a problem with multiple art events on one weekend as there is plenty of space. He supported the request made by Jan Ketzka for ARRT Along the River.

CONSENT AGENDA CA17-6

17C-0115 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 13, 2017

17C-0116 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY THE DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS FOR SIDEWALK SALE DAYS, MAY 12-14 AND AUGUST 11-13, 2017

17C-0117 – APPROVAL OF A GENERAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GALENA AND JO DAVIESS COUNTY TRANSIT OPERATED BY THE WORKSHOP FOR MAY 1, 2017-APRIL 30, 2018

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve Consent Agenda CA17-6 as presented.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

17C-0118 – PRESENTATION BY JO DAVIESS CONSERVATION FOUNDATION ON THE STATUS OF THE 80-ACRE ADDITION TO GATEWAY PARK

Steve Barg gave a presentation on the status of the 80-acre addition to Gateway Park. Barg updated the council on what has been happening at Gateway Park. He advised a request for action would be presented in July.

Mayor Renner thanked the group and the volunteers for their time.

17C-0119 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPLICATION FOR A FESTIVAL PERMIT BY JAN KETZA FOR ARRT ALONG THE RIVER, OCTOBER 14 AND 15, 2017 AT DEPOT PARK

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the application for a Festival Permit by Jan Ketza for ARRT Along the River, October 14 and 15, 2017 at Depot Park, item 17C-0119.

Discussion: Fach stated while he can certainly sympathize with the 20 Dirty Hands people, he wouldn't deny the event because the first year didn't seem to live up to people's expectations. Fach feels having both events provides a bigger market and is better for everyone.

Bernstein stated she was willing to give the event a second chance provided there are some assurances that the problems will be addressed.

Ketza advised she doesn't foresee that happening this year. She has lined up extra help for the event. As for the signs, those were all made and hand painted by artists. Ketza advised during the event last year she had posters for 20 Dirty Hands as well as handed out cards. She feels all artists in the community should work together.

Renner advised he was upset with the garbage left behind last year. He noted whatever signs are put up this year need to be taken down immediately at the end of the event.

Westemeier stated he is all for competition; however, September and October are the busiest months of the year. Twenty Dirty Hands has been doing their event for 17 years so why compete. He suggested they change to the weekend before Oktoberfest. Ketza advised she chose this weekend because of how busy it is and because the park is open and not being used.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0120 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW BOILER AT THE SWIMMING POOL

The following bids were received:

Contractor	Base Bid	Alternate
Top Notch	\$31,375	\$4,480
Holland Heating & Plumbing	\$43,500	\$6,700

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the bid from Top Notch in the amount of \$31,375 and alternates for \$4,480 for the installation of a new boiler at the swimming pool.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0121– DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT FOR THE REPAIR OF A RETAINING WALL ON NORTH PROSPECT STREET NEAR ELK STREET

The following quote was received:

Earl Thompson Masonry \$8,600

Motion: Westemeier moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve the quote from Earl Thompson Masonry for \$8,600 to repair the Prospect Street retaining wall, item 17C-0121.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0122– FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 97.14, “CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAYS”, OF THE GALENA CODE OF ORDINANCES

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Hahn, to accept the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 97.14, “Construction of Sidewalks and Driveways”, of the Galena Code of Ordinances.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0123– DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CERTIFICATION OF THE GREATER GALENA MARKETING INC. BY THE ILLINOIS OFFICE OF TOURISM

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve a letter of support for certification of the Greater Galena Marketing Inc. by the Illinois Office of Tourism.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0124– DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE GALENA ARC AND FRIED GREEN TOMATOES FOR THE 2017 DOC BONNET MEMORIAL RUN

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the application by the Galena ARC and Fried Green Tomatoes for the 2017 Doc Bonnet Memorial Run.

Discussion: Council felt they would do a good job and it was for a good cause. The route will be similar to the Shamrock Shimmy held in March.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0125 – WARRANTS

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the Warrants as presented, 17C-0125.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0126 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

None.

17C-0127 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Gear Street Funding – Moran advised he has received an agreement with IDOT for the Gear Street funding. They are committing to \$2.3 million dollars of funding to be deposited by June 30, 2017. This will allow us to move forward with getting the bidding done for construction in 2018.

Franklin/Bench Vault – Civil will begin work on April 17th. They expect construction to take 3-4 weeks.

Downtown Sidewalks – The downtown sidewalks will be started this week.

Bike Trail – Louie's Trenching has begun work on the bike trail. They have done the tree removal which had to be done.

Budget Meeting – The first budget meeting will be held on Monday, April 3rd at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

17C-0128 – MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Renner reminded all of the budget meeting to be held on April 3rd.

17C-0129 - ADJOURNMENT

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde, MMC
City Clerk