

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 10 APRIL 2017

17C-0130 – 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 10 April 2017.

17C-0131 – ROLL CALL

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

17C-0132 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

17C-0133– PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

17C-0134 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Destination Marketing Organization – A meeting will be held Thursday, April 13th in the County Board Room. The group has decided to hire Chris Hamilton as the new CEO. The committee has been working on contract negotiations with Hamilton.

Turner Hall Committee – The high school play was a success. The Chamber after hours will be held on April 18 from 5:00 to 7:00 at Turner Hall. All are welcome to attend.

17C-0135 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Art Ricker, 347 Gear Street – Ricker read a prepared statement in opposition to the proposed ordinance. Ricker feels there is a strong possibility, if this resolution is passed, it will draw needless attention to our city. He urged the council to deny the resolution.

Kim Thompson, 704 Park Avenue – Thompson clarified the revisions made to the resolution. She feels the so-called threat of the loss of possible funds is for sanctuary cities.

Katherine Kouzmanoff, 219 S. Prospect – Kouzmanoff read a prepared statement supporting the welcome city resolution. In addition to making the City look good, she feels it will allow our residents at risk to be able to report crimes that happen to them or crimes that they observe. The key element is it will bring safety to the community.

Andrew Steils, Jo Daviess County Resident – Steils expressed his support for the welcome city resolution. He urged local officials to concentrate on local criminal activity.

Kirk Foecking, 105 N. Hickory Street – Foecking spoke in opposition to the “Welcome City” resolution. While the wording has changed, the intent has not. He feels the City is not in charge of immigration and should not be asked to make this decision.

Karla Dionisio, 103 N. Commerce – Dionisio shared her mother’s story of migrating to the United States 19 years ago. She urged the Council to adopt the resolution to make Galena welcome to all.

Leslye Adami, 2397 Stagecoach Trail, Scales Mound – Adami advised she was an immigrant and is now a naturalized citizen. It took her 30 years to get to be a citizen. She thanked everyone for being welcoming and urged the Council support the “Welcome City” resolution.

Pastor Brent Riemer, 660 N. Pilot Knob Road – Pastor Brent spoke in support of the “Welcome City” resolution. He urged the Council to support the resolution.

Dale Knipschild, 808 S. Bench Street – Knipschild voiced concern over what kind of power this resolution might give to the people it is directed to. His main concern is primarily with the police department. We have a good department in a wonderful town who maintain the laws well. He would not want this resolution to be misinterpreted as a guideline to leave people alone because of their race or ethnicity. Galena is a very welcoming community and always has been.

Emily Nicolin, 14 Clarion Court – Nicolin spoke in support of the resolution.

Deb Hyland, 311 Winnebago – Hyland spoke in opposition to the resolution. Hyland voiced concern that the resolution states that the police will not cooperate unless required to do so. Hyland feels all governments need to work together.

Leslye Adami, 2397 Stagecoach Trail, Scales Mound – Adami advised it is a very long hard process to get citizenship and costs thousands of dollars. It took her over 9 months.

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Hahn, to open the public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Operating Budget.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0136 – PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-18 OPERATING BUDGET

City Attorney Nack swore in those wishing to testify.

Testimony: Beth Baranski, 1015 S. Bench Street – Baranski talked about the Galena River Water Sampling Project, which was on the list of possible projects to add to the budget. Baranski wanted to discuss some of the points made at the budget work session last week to clarify some things. Baranski advised in her request letter she mentioned that the county and many municipal and townships governments voted to support the County Water Resource Management Plan, which the City of Galena also voted to support. This was clearly a countywide project and it was designed to develop and document countywide consensus on basic principles and broad goals. It has now moved towards a more focused project and the water-sampling project is focused on a portion of the Galena River Watershed that includes the segment of the Galena River that goes from Buckhill Road down to where it enters the Mississippi. Much of the water that drains from that watershed area runs through the City of Galena in the Galena River. The tributaries feed into it and come through the City. Baranski believes by them working with landowners within and outside of the City Limits to improve storm water management, land use practices and water quality in this direct watershed it will be a direct benefit to the City of Galena and the residents here. Land management practices outside the City Limits such as planting cover crops can play a very important role in maintaining storm water and holding back pollutants. If that is done in the upland areas of the watershed, it reduces the amount of water that is coming through the City. The data that will be collected from this project will allow for meaningful conversations about storm water runoff and the associated pollutants and allow them to target projects that will resolve these issues. This water sampling effort is an important piece of a larger puzzle being put together to reduce the negative impacts of storm water damage and to take the Galena River off of the IEPA list of impaired water bodies. Baranski would contend that this is a Galena project and not a county project. In spite of that fact, \$6,200 of the total \$13,250 cost has been

contributed by both an individual from the far east side of the county and by the East Dubuque Nitrogen Fertilizer Plant. Barnaski feels they have contributed because they believe in the work and are interested in the results. The Galena Lions Club has also contributed \$500 and since last week, Baranski has learned that the Outreach Committee of the Grace Episcopal Church is considering a \$200 contribution, which brings the request to the City of Galena down to \$6,300.

Bernstein questioned once all of the sampling has been taken, what is the next step? Baranski advised it is part of a puzzle and they have established a farmer led group to work with them. This will be a combined effort to have a conversation about where to put the most cost effective projects to address the problem. The idea is a cooperative effort to solve problems in the whole watershed. The potential is that it will reduce storm water damage costs we have within the City. The watershed plan lines us up to apply for grant funding to help support implementing the projects. There are things that can be done outside the city to reduce problems inside the city in a less expensive way.

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to close the public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Operating Budget.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

LIQUOR COMMISSION

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Westemeier, to adjourn as the City Council and reconvene as the Liquor Commission.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0137 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A LIQUOR LICENSE MANAGER APPLICATION BY CASEY’S GENERAL STORE, 10889 W. RED GATES ROAD, FOR ROBERT J. ROSENTHAL

Motion: Westemeier moved, seconded by Fach, approve the Liquor License Manager Application by Casey’s General Store, 10889 W. Red Gates Road, for Robert J. Rosenthal.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0138 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR MAY 1, 2017 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2018

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve the renewal of liquor license applications for May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Kieffer, to adjourn as the Liquor Commission and reconvene as the City Council.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA CA17-7

17C-0139 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 27, 2017

17C-0140 – APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT BA17-07 FOR WATER MAIN MATERIALS, EMERGENCY SEWER PUMP REPAIRS, AND EMERGENCY RETAINING WALL REPAIRS

17C-0141 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY THE GALENA ARC FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION AT RECREATION PARK AND FUN RUN, JULY 4, 2017

17C-0142 – ACCEPTANCE OF FEBRUARY 2017 FINANCIAL REPORT

17C-0143 – APPROVAL OF TOUR OPERATORS AND TOUR GUIDE LICENSES FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2017-APRIL 30, 2018

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve Consent Agenda CA17-7 as presented.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

17C-0091 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE CITY OF GALENA, ILLINOIS AS A “WELCOMING CITY”

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Fach, to approve the amended resolution designating the City of Galena, Illinois as a “Welcoming City”, 17C-0091.

Discussion: Bernstein stated she would very much agree we are a welcoming city and our Police Department does a fine job. She feels it is important to stand up and offer reassurance to people who are concerned about what is going on and what is going to happen to them.

Fach agreed with Bernstein. He feels the statement is innocent enough that it is not going to make any difference one way or another. He was in support of the resolution.

Hahn feels the whole town already welcomes everyone. He is concerned with doing this it could have consequences down the road. No one can assure that this action will not affect grants from the federal government in the future. To make a resolution without any assurance that it will not affect the future of projects does not make sense to him.

Lincoln agrees we are a welcoming and treat people fairly by the Police Department and all city staff. Lincoln stated he too has reservations as it could have implications on funding. It is his hope that, if this has caused some kind of divide, the issue gets resolved and we can continue to be the community we have always been.

Fach stated he could not imagine that anything in this revised resolution is going to send a red flag up to some federal agency and they are going to come swooping in. He feels to be afraid of this is "playing too close to shore".

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

The motion was denied.

17C-0122 – SECOND READING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 97.14, "CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAYS", OF THE GALENA CODE OF ORDINANCES

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 97.14, "Construction of Sidewalks and Driveways", of the Galena Code of Ordinances.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

17C-0144 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY PASTOR TIM SWIGART TO HOST A FREE MOVIE IN DEPOT PARK ON JULY 15, 2017

This item was withdrawn at the request of the applicant.

17C-0145 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CERTIFIED RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER 0.74 ACRES OF CITY OF GALENA PROPERTY TO THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the certified resolution to transfer 0.74 acres of City of Galena property to the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Discussion: The city is transferring .74 acres and will receive 3.5 acres later on.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0146– DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FISCAL YEAR 2017-18 OPERATING BUDGET

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Operating Budget, 17C-0146.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve funds in the amount of \$2,000 be added to the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Operating Budget for TCEDA.

Discussion: Council agreed to give TCEDA \$2,000 to see what they can do for Galena. They prefer to see the money used for Economic Development and trying to bring something new to the city.

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

The motion carried.

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve adding \$2,500 to the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Operating Budget for improvements to the spring at the head of the bike trail.

Discussion: Fach recommended adding some sort of standpipe on the natural spring at the head of the trail. He feels it would be an improvement of Galena and its facilities.

Lincoln likes the idea however would rather see a sample taken first. He would prefer to have a plan in place before allocating any money for it. Renner agreed.

Kieffer feels if the City is going to spend \$2,500 then we should put a water line in with a bubbler so we know it's safe.

Hahn advised, at the time they did the work on the trail, engineers instructed them to stay away from the spring. If it is not done correctly, it will find another outlet and will go away.

Bernstein suggested investigating it further and coming back with a more concrete plan.

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

The motion was denied.

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve adding \$100,000 to the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Operating Budget for painting of the water tower.

Discussion: Hahn stated the water tower is in bad shape and in need of painting. He is concerned if something is not done, it will require welding and patching in a couple of years.

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

The motion carried.

Motion: Westemeier moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve adding \$6,300 to the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Operating Budget for the Watershed Sampling Project.

Discussion: The majority of Council felt it was important to support the project.

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

The motion carried.

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Bernstein, to postpone the West Street Sewer Extension indefinitely.

Discussion: Council agreed to postpone the project indefinitely.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0147 – WARRANTS

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve the Warrants as presented, 17C-0147.

Discussion: Fach noted the electric at Turner Hall came in at \$300, which was less than the other bills.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0148 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

None.

17C-0149 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Depot Building – The insurance adjuster has agreed to fund the repairs in full. Staff will start to initiate repairs in the next few weeks.

Deer Warning Signs – Moran reported in early March he sent a letter and proposal to IDOT for locations of deer warning signs. IDOT has responded saying they cannot approve the proposal. Several studies have shown that the signs have little to no impact.

Deer Survey – The City has received a lot of survey responses. Staff is in the process of tabulating them. The deadline to return the survey is May 1, 2017.

17C-0150 – MAYOR'S REPORT

Easter Bunny was in town over the weekend and there were lots of kids out!

17C-0151 – MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance, Section 2 (c) (1)
- Collective negotiating matters and deliberations concerning salary schedules, Section 2 (c) (2)
- Review of Executive Session Minutes, Section 2 (c) (21)

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 7:59 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:29 p.m.

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Kieffer, to give all non-union employees a 2 percent increase for the 2017/18 budget year.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0152 - ADJOURNMENT

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

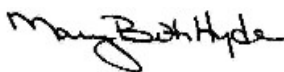
Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde, MMC
City Clerk