

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 24 APRIL 2017**

**17C-0153 – 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 April 2017.

**17C-0154 – ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Hahn

**17C-0155 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

**17C-0156– PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge was recited.

**17C-0157 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**Turner Hall Committee** – Fach reported Earth Day and the Chamber after Hours events went well and both had a good turnout. The Boy Scouts will be using Turner Hall this weekend.

**17C-0158 – PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Beth Baranski, 1015 S. Bench Street** – Baranski thanked the Council for approving funding for the Watershed Project. The group has held two meetings. The first was simply an introductory meeting, the second administrative and the third will be a discussion and presentation about the changes to the Galena River and the river history. Baranski will report periodically with progress updates.

**LIQUOR COMMISSION**

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

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**17C-0159 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE RENEWAL OF A CLASS D LIQUOR LICENSE FOR LITTLE TOKYO FOR MAY 1, 2017 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2018**

**Motion:** Kieffer moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the renewal of a Class D Liquor License for Little Tokyo for May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018.

**Discussion:** None.

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

NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Hahn

The motion carried.

**17C-0160 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPLICATION BY LITTLE TOKYO, 300 N. MAIN STREET, FOR A MANAGER’S LIQUOR LICENSE FOR XUE YING LIU, AKA MI LI**

**Motion:** Westemeier moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the application by Little Tokyo, 300 N. Main Street, for a Manager’s Liquor License for Xue Ying Liu, aka., Mi Li.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

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

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA CA17-8**

**17C-0161 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 10, 2017**

**17C-0162 – APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 UTILITY BILL WRITE-OFFS**

**17C-0163 – APPROVAL OF TAXI LICENSES FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2017-APRIL 30, 2018**

**17C-0164 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A RESOLUTION DISSOLVING FUND 74, THE INSURANCE SAVINGS ACCOUNT FUND**

**17C-0165 – APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A NEW POLICE SQUAD FROM GALENA CHRYSLER FOR \$27,556.60**

**Motion:** Fach moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve Consent Agenda CA17-8 as presented.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**17C-0166 – PRESENTATION OF 2017 VISITGALENA.ORG BUDGET**

Hamilton reported the new budget is very similar to last year’s budget. There are no investment plans or unusual expenditures planned, mainly because it is their belief that the new Destination Marketing Organization will absorb the budget soon.

Hamilton reported on the following items:

- Total interactions are up by 16.1%. This does not include April’s numbers. They had nearly 8 million interactions from blog reads, unique website visitors, phone calls, destination app downloads.
- Direct contacts will be approximately 50,000 by the end of April
- Lodging tax collections are up 1%
- Occupancy is down 2.4% and 3,400 room nights; however, compared to the year before the year before the train derailment, we are up 3% in occupancy and 7,600 room nights
- Development: Green lodging, Galena Marketplace and the new destination app

**17C-0167 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY EHRLER RANCH, LLC TO EXPAND THE ALLOWABLE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS IN A LICENSED CARRIAGE FROM SIX TO 10**

This item withdrawn at the request of the applicant.

**17C-0168 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE MARKET HOUSE RESTROOM JANITORIAL CONTRACT**

The following bids were received:

Kathleen Doig	\$450
Mary Halstead	\$517

**Motion:** Fach moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the contract for the Market House Restrooms with Mary Halstead for \$517 per month, 17C-0169.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**17C-0169– DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT WITH THE SPYGLASS GROUP FOR A PHONE SERVICES AUDIT**

**Motion:** Fach moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve a contract with the Spyglass Group for a Phone Service Audit, 17C-0170.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**17C-0170 – WARRANTS**

**Motion:** Kieffer moved, seconded by Fach, to approve the Warrants as presented, 17C-0170.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**17C-0171 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS**

**Sidewalks** – Kieffer noted the sidewalks being replaced look nice.

**Pedestrian Sign** – Fach feels a pedestrian sign needs to be added at Prospect and Highway 20. He suggested putting a sign in the center of the road so those traveling see the sign. Westemeier felt a sign in the roadway would only last until the first semi went by. The roads are not wide enough for signs in the middle. Bernstein noted she has tried to cross at Prospect numerous times. It is very challenging and is a problem.

**Thank you** – Lincoln thanked the residents for their patience with all of the construction projects going on.

**Community Center** – Westemeier recommended looking into establishing a Community Center for the city. He advised the one in Peosta brings in quite a bit of money every weekend hosting various sporting events.

**Turner Hall** – Bernstein stated she attended both events at Turner Hall. The hall is looking wonderful.

**17C-0172 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**Grant Park** – Grant Park work is progressing. The pergola is on going. The pavilion bids went out this week. The fountain repair will begin this week. The tree work is almost complete and gives the park a different look. The committee will be planting up to 11 new trees and have flagged the areas. Species and locations will vary. They will be seeking bids for the landscaping around the fountain.

**Cemetery Park** – Tree work has begun in Cemetery Park. Three large oak trees have been removed. Another three are scheduled to be taken down and the rest will be pruned.

**Triangle Park** – One bed has been eliminated. Things have been thinned out with some new plantings. The Small Innkeepers and Bed and Breakfast group will help maintain it.

**Parking Machines** – The new parking machines have been installed in the City Hall and Winery Lots. The signage for both lots will be back later this week.

**17C-0173 – MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Renner appreciates the citizens putting up with everything. The Boy Scouts will be here this weekend. Turner Hall looks great as does Cemetery Park and the triangle park. Good weather is coming!

**17C-0174 – MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 6:55 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:18 p.m.

**17C-0175 - ADJOURNMENT**

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

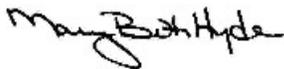
**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde, MMC  
City Clerk