

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 12 JUNE 2017

17C-0223 – 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 12 June 2017.

17C-0224 – ROLL CALL

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

17C-0225 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

17C-0226– PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

17C-0227 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

No reports.

17C-0228 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Curran, 985 Galena Square Drive – Curran spoke on behalf of the HOPE Foundation. The HOPE Foundation is a local organization that distributes grants to folks with disabilities. In 2016/2017 they distributed over \$70,000 in grants thanks to contributions and donations from local members. The foundation developed a comprehensive resource guide designed to help folks in need. The guide was mailed to over 200 folks and will be updated every couple of years. Curran distributed copies of the guide to council members.

Carol Sullivan, 7211 W. Buckhill Road – Executive Director for Galena Center for the Arts - Sullivan thanked the Council for their support of the arts. She advised they are requesting the Council create a new classification of liquor license to allow them to sell adult beverages. At this point, the license would probably be used 3-4 days per month and would only be available an hour before a performance and 15-20 minutes during intermission.

CONSENT AGENDA CA17-11

17C-0229 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 22, 2017

17C-0230 – APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH ELECTRICAL AND ENGINEERING COMPANY FOR 5-YEAR GENERATOR MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

17C-0231 – APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RAMP PROJECT

17C-0232 – APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR FRANKLIN STREET DRAINAGE STRUCTURE REPAIR

17C-0233 – APPROVAL OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR ENFORCEMENT PILOT PROGRAM CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve Consent Agenda CA17-11.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

17C-0234 – ANNUAL BUDGET PRESENTATION BY GREATER GALENA MARKETING, INC.

Chris Hamilton presented the budget for Greater Galena Marketing, Inc. The structure is very familiar. It is the same structuring with larger numbers. They will need to increase the size of the staff and find a location to put everyone in order to implement the budget.

Hahn voiced concern with 24 percent of the budget going into wages. It was his understanding that we were going to put everything into marketing and advertising. Hamilton advised \$451,000 is for wages and benefits. When the two organizations merged there were seven employees. They have reduced that to five employees. Hamilton advised VisitGalena was putting 30 percent to salaries and benefits so this is a reduction.

Renner feels as long as the marketing is higher it is good and will be fine to start out this way.

The sales position will be seeking groups to fill meeting spaces. The marketing gets the leisure travel. Group sales will aggressively seek groups to choose Galena for their meeting/conferences, which are typically during the week.

17C-0235 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY THE GALENA BELLES QUESTERS TO NAME THE PUBLIC SPACE AT THE INTERSECTION OF MAIN STREET AND WATER STREET AS WASHBURNE GARDEN

Motion: Westemeier moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve the request by the Galena Belles Questers to name the public space at the intersection of Main Street and Water Street as Washburne Garden.

Discussion: Council was very pleased with the work they have done with the garden.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0236– DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY THE GALENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS FOR A NEW LIQUOR LICENSE CLASSIFICATION

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve the creation of a new liquor license category, 17C-0236.

Discussion: Council directed staff to look into how much the license would be used and determine the license fee.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0237– DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT FOR THE REMOVAL OF A TREE IN FRONT OF 505 MEEKER STREET

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to table item 17C-0237.

17C-0238– DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION FOR THE HOLIDAY FIREWORKS IN THE SKY EVENT, DECEMBER 2, 2017

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the request by the Downtown Business Association for the Holiday Fireworks in the Sky event.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0239– DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPLICATION FOR AN IN-STREET PEDESTRIAN SIGN PERMIT FOR THE CROSSWALK AT US HIGHWAY 20 AND SOUTH PROSPECT STREET

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve completing an application to send to the state for an in-street pedestrian sign for the crosswalk at Highway 20 and Prospect Street, 17C-0239.

Discussion: Fach stated, while he understands it is going to be extra work for someone to have to put it out in the morning and take it in at night, it is needed.

Kieffer noted the regulations say it can only be used in times of significant pedestrian activity. He questioned how much pedestrian activity there is at that crossing.

Westemeier would like to check with Savanna to see if they remove the signs.

Lincoln was not in favor of the sign. He noted there is a crosswalk a block down at the stop light. He feels stopping traffic right there is a bad idea and having a stop sign there would not be beneficial to the City. Bernstein noted there is a municipal parking lot across the highway and there is no sidewalk between the parking lot and the stop light. She cannot see people dragging their luggage down the street to the light. She feels it is a good idea to have the marked crosswalk here.

Hahn didn't have a problem with giving it a shot. If it is a legal crosswalk traffic must stop.

Renner feels this is the worst place for a crossing. It is more of a hazard than anything. It is a bad spot and very dangerous with the heavy traffic on the highway.

Fach questioned if the city is liable if someone were to be hit in the crosswalk. Attorney Nack advised he does not believe the city would have any liability.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0240– FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP FOR 513-517 BOUTHILLIER STREET FROM MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT WITH AN UNDERLYING DISTRICT OF MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending the Zoning Map for 513-517 Bouthillier Street from Medium Density Residential to Planned Unit Development with an underlying district of Medium Density Residential.

Discussion: Council agreed this was a great spot for the museum.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0241 – WARRANTS

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the Warrants as presented, 17C-0241.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0242 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Public Education Meetings – Bernstein stated she attended one of the public education meetings recommended by the Deer Committee on large predators. It was very interesting. The speaker was very knowledgeable. She advised the next session will be on urban wildlife and urged others to attend.

Liquor Ordinance – Westemeier requested an item be added to a future agenda with regard to the liquor ordinance. He would like to have it modified to read that you must have 50 percent in sales of alcohol in order to have gambling machines.

Pool – Lincoln attended the pool this past weekend. He thanked Janelle Keeffer and the staff for a job well done in getting it up and going. There are a lot of new faces out there and they did a nice job.

17C-0243 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Franklin/Bench Street Project – The project is complete. The final sealing was done today.

Fire Department Driveway – The driveway is complete. Some curb and gutter was added.

East Side Tanks – The tanks and structures have been removed in entirety. Moran thanked the Community Development Fund of Galena for helping with this project.

Grant Park – The Grant Park work is going well. The pergola has been painted and repaired, the fountain work is underway and the pavilion is scheduled to begin next week. Landscaping around the fountain will begin any day.

Thank you – Moran thanked Janelle Keefer and the staff at the pool for their hard work in getting the pool up and running. It is a ton of work and he appreciates it.

17C-0244 – MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Renner thanked the following:

- Chris Hamilton for his report on the budget.
- Chris Curran for the presentation on the HOPE Foundation and the informational booklet.
- The Galena Belles Questers for their work on Washburne Garden.
- Janelle Keefer for her work on the pool
- Andy Lewis and Jonathan Miller for their work on the sidewalks and keeping things looking good.

17C-0245 – 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)
- Purchase or lease of real estate, Section 2 (c) (5)

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 7:11 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:16 p.m.

17C-0246 - 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 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde, MMC
City Clerk