

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 24 JULY 2017

17C-0286 – CALL TO ORDER

Senior Alderman Lincoln called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Chambers at 101 Green Street on 24 July 2017.

17C-0287 – ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Renner

City Clerk Hyde noted Senior Alderman Lincoln would chair the meeting in the absence of the Mayor.

17C-0288 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Senior Alderman Lincoln announced a quorum of Board members present to conduct City business.

17C-0289– PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

17C-0290 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

No reports.

17C-0291 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Beth Baranski, 1015 S. Bench Street, Watershed Planning Committee – Baranski stated once again this weekend we were reminded again of how storm water affects our area. A meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 27, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. City Staff will be talking with the committee about how the City handles water resource management. Deb Malone took the committee out on the river. It was very interesting hearing what changes she has seen over the years and seeing the changes that have taken place. The tributary sampling will be done on August 15. Charlie Marsden will be taking the scientists on his boat and Larry Priske will be using his pontoon boat. There is one spot available for the Mayor or any staff member who might like to go along.

LIQUOR COMMISSION

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0292 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPLICATION BY JUAN S. DORANTES AYALA FOR A CLASS D CORPORATION LIQUOR LICENSE FOR AYALAS

MEXICAN AMERICAN STEAK HOUSE INC., DBA AYALAS-LAS MARGARITAS, 124 N. COMMERCE STREET

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the application by Juan S. Dorantes Ayala for a Class D Corporation Liquor License for Ayalas Mexican American Steak House Inc., DBA Ayalas-Las Margaritas at 124 N. Commerce Street.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA CA17-14

17C-0293 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 10, 2017

17C-0294 – APPROVAL OF STREET CLOSURE PERMIT FOR THE GALENA FIRE DEPARTMENT/GALENA HISTORY MUSEUM STREET DANCE, GREEN STREET PLAZA, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017 FROM NOON TO 10:30 P.M.

17C-0295 – APPROVAL OF 2017 MOTOR FUEL TAX RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS

17C-0296 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY THE GALENA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE 2017 HALLOWEEN PARADE ON OCTOBER 28, 2017

17C-0297 – APPROVAL OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH JO DAVIESS COUNTY FOR THE CODE RED EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR JUNE 1, 2017- MAY 31, 2018

17C-0298 – APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT BA18-04 FOR EMERGENCY STREET REPAIRS, PHONE AUDIT FEES, AND PROPERTY TAX EXPENSES

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve Consent Agenda CA17-14.

Discussion: Bernstein noted it appears that the City and Jo Daviess County are duplicating efforts as people are getting two code red phone calls. She urged staff to look in to this duplication. Lincoln stated he thinks this will all work its way out as the City and the County will now be under one contract and should be more efficient.

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

ABSENT: Renner

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

17C-0299 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE 606 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the first reading, and waive the second reading, of an ordinance to rezone 606 S. Prospect Street from Low Density Residential to Neighborhood Commercial.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0300– DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPEAL OF A DECISION BY THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION TO DENY AN APPLICATION BY STEVE MONAHAN TO DEMOLISH THE HOUSE AT 318 GEAR STREET

Motion: Westemeier moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the appeal of a decision by the Historic Preservation Commission to deny an application by Steve Monahan to demolish the house at 318 Gear Street.

Discussion: Bernstein stated she has lived next to this property for the past 20 years. The property has severely deteriorated. Several years ago, a pipe burst on the second floor and water ran down the outside of the house and froze. The house has been home to various animals. Bernstein feels, while unfortunate, the house is in extremely sad shape and beyond repair.

Fach agreed it is sad to see this thing fall into such disrepair. The photos do justice to the amount of damage that has been occurring. Fach recommended setting a waiting period prior to giving approval to demolish it. Fach also recommended making a good record of the building prior to its demolition. He would like to see the property fully documented as to what was there. Fach is confident that whatever Monahan puts there it will do justice to the space.

Hahn agreed with Bernstein. He could not see anyone taking on the job to repair the building and, from the looks of it, there is not much time to wait.

Westemeier noted he looked at the house for purchase 27 years ago. It was bad then. He urged Monahan to salvage anything of historical value for reuse

Lincoln stated, while he hates to go against a committee the Mayor appoints, he sees what it would take to repair it. This house has been in that condition for a long time. For someone to come along and put up that money is hard to imagine. He too asked that anything of historical value be reclaimed such as doors, woodwork, etc.

Steve Monahan advised he has been working with Jerry Deininger on a plan to keep the stone that is in the foundation. He plans to use the original stone to face up the front of the new building. The front stoop will be used in the loft area. He advised there may be some doors that could be salvaged. The flooring is gone. He has no problem with salvaging what can be salvaged.

Building Inspector, Jonathan Miller, advised he could take pictures inside and out to document the building.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0301– DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT WITH COMMUNITY FUNDING AND PLANNING SERVICES FOR LOAN PREPARATION SERVICES FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to table item 17C-0301.

17C-0302– DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE TO THE DESTINATION MARKETING AGREEMENT BETWEEN JO DAVIESS COUNTY, THE CITY OF GALENA AND GREATER GALENA MARKETING, INC.

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve amendment number one to the Destination Marketing Agreement between Jo Daviess County, the City of Galena and Greater Galena Marketing, Inc.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0303– DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY JOSEPH AND RACHEL FUNSTON FOR A LICENSE TO INSTALL A FENCE IN CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY IN FRONT OF 926 FULTON STREET

Motion: Westemeier moved, seconded by Fach, to approve the request by Joseph and Rachel Funston for a license to install a fence in city right-of-way in front of 926 Fulton Street.

Discussion: The applicant is aware if anything came up, they would be required to remove the fence.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0304– DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT FOR PAINTING THE KOHLSAAT PEDESTRIAN RAILINGS

The following quote was received from All Star Power Wash:

Project Item	Quote
Railings to Green Street footbridge, landings and stairs	\$ 9,375.00

Light columns (13) to Green Street footbridge, landings and stairs	\$ 1,300.00
Light columns (6) on Hill Street between Prospect and High Street	\$ 510.00
TOTAL	\$11,185.00

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve the contract for painting the Kohlsaar Pedestrian Railings with All Star Power Washing for \$11,185.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0305 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON STUDYING AN EXTENSION OF THE PUBLIC SEWER FROM INDUSTRIAL PARK TO THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

This item was withdrawn.

17C-0306 – WARRANTS

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the Warrants as presented, 17C-0306.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0307 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Gear Street House – Bernstein stated she feels Mr. Monahan will do his best to preserve anything that needs to be preserved. She feels the property is in good hands. Fach agreed.

Washburne Garden – Westemeier stated he attended the celebration at Washburne Garden on Thursday. There was a nice crowd and the gardens look very nice. Hahn agreed.

Thank you – Westemeier thanked the Public Works Department and Police Department for the work they did over the weekend with the flooding. Council concurred. We pulled through the flood as if it never happened.

EMS Siren – Lincoln stated he would like to see an update or an explanation on the EMS Siren in town to educate people on what the siren means; Possibly a short video on the city's website along with newspaper coverage.

Franklin Street House – Lincoln advised he has received complaints about the house on Franklin with the caved roof. He questioned if the City can speed up the process on getting that taken care of, as it looks dangerous.

17C-0308 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

No report.

17C-0309 – MAYOR’S REPORT

No report.

17C-0310 - ADJOURNMENT

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde, MMC
City Clerk