

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 10 OCTOBER 2017

17C-0403 – 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 October 2017.

17C-0404 – ROLL CALL

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

17C-0405 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

17C-0406– PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

17C-0407 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Fach said the Turner Hall Committee met on October 5. He handed out copies of the meeting minutes and asked the council members to contact him if they had any questions. The next meeting is December 7.

17C-0408 – PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

LIQUOR COMMISSION

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

Discussion: None.

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

17C-0409 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST FOR A CLASS Q NOT-FOR-PROFIT LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE GALENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 219 SUMMIT STREET

Motion: Westemeier moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the request for a Class Q Not-for-Profit Liquor License for the Galena Center for the Arts, 219 Summit Street, 17C-0409.

Discussion: None.

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

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

Discussion: None.

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

CONSENT AGENDA CA17-19

17C-0410 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

17C-0411 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY THE GALENA LIONS CLUB TO CONDUCT OKTOBERFEST IN DEPOT PARK ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

17C-0412 – APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH IIW ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS FOR THE DESIGN OF THE EAST SIDE WATERMAIN IMPROVEMENTS

17C-0413 – APPROVAL OF THE GRANT’S HOME FRONT EVENT IN DEPOT PARK, APRIL 27-29, 2018

17C-0414 – ACCEPTANCE OF AUGUST 2017 FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve Consent Agenda, CA17-19.

Discussion: Lincoln asked about the date change for Oktoberfest.

Mayor Renner said the Tour of Homes had already been scheduled for that weekend so the Lions changed their date for Oktoberfest.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

17C-0415 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF THE PROPERTY AT 216 S. COMMERCE STREET FROM PLANNED COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Fach, to approve the first reading of an ordinance changing the zoning of the property at 216 S. Commerce Street from Planned Commercial District to Downtown Commercial District, 17C-0415.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0416 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RENEWAL OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH, DENTAL, LIFE AND DISABILITY INSURANCE POLICIES

Proposed Insurance Renewal Premiums:

Policy	Renewal Cost	Percent Increase
BCBS Health	\$425,827	0.58%
Guardian Dental	\$ 19,330	-11.5%
Dearborn National Short-Term Disability	\$ 1,188	-2.9%
Dearborn National Life	\$ 1,800	-23.5%

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the renewal of employee health, dental, life and disability insurance policies as presented, 17C-0416.

Discussion: Mayor Renner said we would want to make a motion concerning vision coverage.

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

The motion carried.

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Bernstein to recommend approval of the voluntary vision program with Guardian and approval of the distribution of Health Saving Account funds to employees effective January 1, 2018 in accordance with the City of Galena's HSA policy.

Discussion: Mayor Renner said employees pay 100% of the vision costs.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0417 – WARRANTS

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Fach, to approve the Warrants as presented, 17C-0417.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0418 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Signage: Fach said it was nice to see a pedestrian warning sign on Main Street

Events: Hahn, Kieffer and Lincoln wanted to thank all those who work so hard to make Oktoberfest and Country Fair a success including the Police Department, EMT's and Public Works. With Saturday's inclement weather everyone worked to make sure vendors and patrons were aware of the changing conditions.

Nuisances: Lincoln said he has taken several complaints about trees that need to be trimmed or removed and about the increasing numbers of deer.

17C-0419 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Moran said we are moving ahead with the loan applications to the EPA for the water system improvements for the East side distribution, fire flow improvements and water tower maintenance and painting. The Halloween Parade is a little more than two weeks away and the organizers are working to boost security even more as the number of attendees continues to grow.

17C-0420 – MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Renner thanked all the organizations and volunteers that help put on these events. Everyone does a great job.

17C-0421 - ADJOURNMENT

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Price
Deputy City Clerk