

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 13 NOVEMBER 2017

17C-0443 – 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 13 November 2017.

17C-0444 – ROLL CALL

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

17C-0445 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

17C-0446 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

17C-0447 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Turner Hall Committee – Fach reminded everyone the Galena High School play will be performed this Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Turner Hall.

17C-0448 – PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA CA17-21

17C-0449 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 23, 2017

17C-0450 – ACCEPTANCE OF SEPTEMBER 2017 FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve Consent Agenda, CA17-21.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

17C-0431 – PRESENTATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2017 AUDIT BY O'CONNOR & BROOKS, CPA

Pat McCarthy, O'Connor & Brooks, CPA, presented the Fiscal Year 2017 Audit.

NEW BUSINESS

17C-0451 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION MINIMUM/MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the first reading of an Ordinance authorizing the execution of the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement amended to include approving payment and waiving the second reading.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

Amended

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Westemeier, to amend the motion to include approval of payment and waiving of the second reading.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0452 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 78: SCHEDULE I “SPEED RESTRICTIONS’ TO LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT ON MEEKER STREET AND MAIN STREET

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve to approve reducing the speed restriction on Meeker Street from 25 mph to 15 mph.

Discussion: Lincoln stated he understands the need with the narrow street.

Renner advised he would have preferred to see it dropped to 20 but 15 should be fine. He stated we can't only put up signs. Radar has to be run and there needs to be enforcement.

Council agreed to try it for now and see how it works.

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

The motion carried.

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Hahn, to deny the request to reduce the speed restriction on Main Street from 20 mph to 10 mph.

Discussion: Lincoln stated he does care about the safety of everyone, however, he feels 10 mph is too low. He feels just a police presence of some sorts may determine if problems exist.

Bernstein agreed in theory it was a good idea but felt it was impractical to reduce it that low.

Westemeier stated he attempted to go down Main Street at 10 mph and it is almost impossible to stay at that speed. He stated he wouldn't have a problem with reducing it to 15 mph on Main

Street but felt it should be reduced to 15 on Commerce Street as well. He noted there hasn't been a lot of accidents or pedestrians getting hit on Main Street. He was opposed to reducing it to 10 mph. Kieffer agreed.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0453 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT OF THE 2017 TAX LEVY TO BE COLLECTED IN 2018

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve establishing the amount of the 2017 tax levy to be collected in 2018 at \$1,405,279, 17C-0453.

Discussion: Bernstein stated she doesn't like to raise taxes; however, this will be a very minimal amount and won't affect the taxpayers to any degree. She noted if the City doesn't collect it, we lose the opportunity for a great deal of money down the line which can be used for city services.

Fach was in favor of keeping the rate the same as last year. We have new construction and new annexation. If the City were to keep the rate the same, it would mean an additional 11,989.06. He feels that would be a fair compromise. The City would not increase nor decrease the tax. It would remain the same and still takes advantage of new construction and annexations.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0455 – WARRANTS

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve the Warrants as presented, 17C-0455.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0456 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

GHS Play – Fach reminded Council to go to the Galena High School play this weekend at Turner Hall.

Sign – Lincoln noted over the weekend he noticed on Main Street in front of Chef Ivo's there is a speed limit/parking sign that was knocked down.

Historic Preservation Commission – Lincoln stated he attended the Historic Preservation Meeting last week. They were discussing a couple of demolitions. The board had a few items to get through and they did a good job.

Thank you – Westemeier thanked Wal-Mart of Galena, Ramada, the Galena Elks and the veterans for the veterans day celebration on Saturday.

Congratulations – Bernstein congratulated Mark Moran on getting his credentials for City Manager.

Plastic Bag Use – Bernstein informed the Council that a small group of citizens have come forward to encourage people to use reusable bags. They have donated bags to Piggly Wiggly. Anyone can take a bag to use. They can keep it or return it to the store on their next trip back.

17C-0457 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Bartell Sewer – The Bartell Sewer is out for bid. Bids are due back prior to the next meeting. Moran thanked Matt Oldenburg for his help in getting the project together.

City Cemetery – Dale Glick will be present at the next meeting to give the Council an update on his progress and his plans for the upcoming year.

Depot Heat – The heat is on. Staff is continuing to work on obtaining quotes and bids. The hope is to have those by the next meeting, however, it may be delayed to the first meeting in December.

17C-0458 – MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Renner thanked the veterans for the sacrifices they made for this country.

Renner advised there will be a meeting for the train at City Hall at new on Tuesday, November 14, 2017.

JA Titan Team – Mayor Renner congratulated the team on a first place finish at the NICC competition. The team will be representing the area at Palmer College.

17C-0454 – 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)
- Review of Executive Session Minutes, Section 2 (c) (21)

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 7:31 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

17C-0459 - ADJOURNMENT

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Beth Hyde". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk