

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 27 NOVEMBER 2017

17C-0460 – 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 27 November 2017.

17C-0461 – ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Hahn

17C-0462 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

17C-0463– PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

17C-0464 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Turner Hall Committee – The next meeting will be held December 7, 2017 at Turner Hall at 8:30 a.m.

Greater Galena Marketing – Next meeting will be held November 28, 2017 at City Hall at 3:00 p.m.

17C-0465 – PUBLIC COMMENT

Rick Pariser, 113 S. High Street – Pariser advised this is the third time he has been before the council with regard to the Norris Lane/Highway 20 situation. There still remains a danger at that intersection. He stated he hasn't seen anything done at that intersection since he was last before the council and questioned what has been done. He feels the City has a responsibility to address this situation.

CONSENT AGENDA CA17-22

17C-0466 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 2017

17C-0467 – APPROVAL OF REQUEST BY THE GALENA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE HALLOWEEN PARADE, INCLUDING THE CLOSURE OF WASHINGTON STREET AND PERRY STREET FOR LUNCH STANDS, ON OCTOBER 27, 2018

17C-0468 – APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT BA18-10 FOR SEWER PUMP REPAIRS, SEWER MAIN INSTALLATION ON S. WEST STREET, WATERWORKS BUILDING MAINTENANCE, AND TREE PLANTING

17C-0469 – APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES WITH THE JO DAVIESS COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Fach, to approve Consent Agenda, CA17-22.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Motion: Westemeier moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the second reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 78: Schedule I “Speed Restrictions” to lower the speed limit on Meeker Street.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

17C-0470 – UPDATE ON GALENA RIVER WATERSHED-BASED PLANNING PROJECT

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Kieffer, to postpone the update on the Galena River Watershed-Based Planning Project, 17C-0470.

17C-0471 – UPDATE ON THE RESTORATION OF THE OLD CITY CEMETERY

Dale Glick updated the Council on the restoration project at the Old City Cemetery. He received a generous grant from the Galena Foundation. Those funds were used to replicate two fences. The first fence was a wood fence which placed on the original bases. The second was an iron fence which was placed around the grave of Russel Sheldon Jones. Some of the money was also used to fund 10 marble tablets which are located throughout the cemetery. Currently they have 1806 names on a list of documented burials. They have identified 200 which have been relocated to Greenwood Cemetery. Approximately 6 trees and 9 stumps were removed. Glick thanked the Public Works crew for repairing the fences, providing dirt and removing brush. Cindy Pepple has been helping clean stones. The cleaning of stones will continue next year. They are in the process of looking into erecting a memorial for the African American citizens buried there.

17C-0472 – PRESENTATION OF PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH AGEN, FRANCE

Janet Eggleston made a presentation to develop a sister city relationship with Agen, France. She shared the commonalities between the two communities and shared information on how to become a part of sister cities.

Eggleston advised the following steps would need to be taken:

- Joining Sister Cities International at a cost of \$180 annually. This would give the committee access to resources they provide to help in developing such an exchange or relationship.

- Form a local Sister City Committee. This adhoc committee would become the core group to work things out. The committee would be volunteer driven and would eventually get community members and civic organizations involved.
- A letter of invitation from Mayor Renner to the Mayor of Agen.

Eggleston urged the Council to consider covering the cost to join Sister Cities International.

17C-0473 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT FOR THE SANITARY SEWER DIVERSION PROJECT AT US ROUTE 20 AND CHETLAIN LANE

Contractor	Base Bid \$	Alternate Items \$
M & N Sproule Construction	\$106,190.00	\$ 2,090.00
Louie's Trenching Service	\$133,080.00	\$ 2,801.00
Fischer Excavating	\$180,069.44	\$13,267.30
Civil Constructors, Inc.	\$198,024.00	\$11,400.00
Valley Construction Co.	\$240,620.00	\$26,400.00
Needham Excavating, Inc.	\$262,217.20	\$19,550.00

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the bid from M & N Construction in the amount of \$106,190.00 for the Sanitary Sewer Diversion Project at US Route 20 and Chetlain Lane.

Discussion: Fach feels this is a stop gap measure. The City should be planning to take the sewer down the West side below Greenwood Cemetery and directly to the Sewage Treatment Plant.

Council asked that staff keep an eye on the work so it stays within the budget.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0474 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT FOR FLOOR REPAIR AND REFINISHING AT TURNER HALL

Contractor	Item 1 – Sanding, clearing, and varnishing existing floor	Alternate 1 – Repair buckled areas	Alternate 2 – Remove dark boards & replace with matching	Total
Paramore Hardwood Floors	\$ 9,900	\$1,500	\$6,400	\$17,800
Higley Industries, Inc.	\$19,484	\$ 698	\$3,677	\$23,859

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the estimate from Paramore Hardwood Floors in the amount of \$17,800 to repair the floor.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0475 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT FOR MAINTENANCE TO THE FLY LOFT AT TURNER HALL

Contractor	Quote Amount	Alternate Amount
Earl Thompson Masonry	\$12,025	\$ 5,906
Renaissance Restoration	\$38,417	\$21,200
Bi-State Masonry Inc.	\$19,910	\$ 9,872

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the quote from Earl Thompson Masonry in the amount of \$12,025 for maintenance to the fly loft at Turner Hall.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0476 – FIRST READING OF THE 2017 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE FOR TAXES TO BE COLLECTED IN 2018

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve the first reading of the 2017 Tax Levy Ordinance for taxes to be collected in 2018.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0477 – WARRANTS

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve the Warrants as presented changing the amount for Klippert Painting and staining to \$12,840.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

17C-0478 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

City Cemetery – Westemeier thanked Dale Glick for all of his work at the cemetery.

Glass Recycling – Bernstein recommended forming a committee to explore the possibilities of dealing with glass recycling.

Levy Steps – Fach advised there is a discrepancy in the sidewalk at the top of the levy steps near the flood gates. The sidewalk needs to be ground down at the top.

17C-0479 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Passenger Rail – Moran advised a meeting for Amtrak Passenger Rail was hosted by the Blackhawk Area Rail Coalition. The purpose was to assess the current interest and form a committee to work on the actual plan. The Blackhawk Area Rail Coalition is getting geared up for the possibility of a federal transportation bill.

Hospital Turn Lane – Moran updated the Council on the issue. He has been in regular contact with Tracy Bauer. In April the hospital engaged an engineer to redesign the intersection as the old plans were no longer valid. They hired MSA. In May they met with a representative from Bustos office to bring them up to speed on the project with the hopes of getting some financing. Bauer remains in communications with their office. In June the hospital applied for a USDA Grant to refinance their debt. Part of this is for the improvements. The City submitted a letter of support for the refinancing. In October they moved forward and got all permitting in place. They expect to get word on the refinancing soon. The project is hinging on the refinancing.

17C-0480 – MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Renner thanked Dale Glick and advised all of the trucks and plows are ready for snow.

17C-0481 - ADJOURNMENT

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk