

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 26 NOVEMBER 2018

18C-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 26 November 2018.

18C-0444 – ROLL CALL

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

18C-0445 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

18C-0446 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

18C-0447 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

None.

18C-0448 – CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA CA18-22

18C-0449 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 2018

18C-0450 – APPOINTMENT OF MATT CALVERT TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FOR A TERM EXTENDING TO AUGUST 31, 2020

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Allendorf, to approve Consent Agenda, CA18-22.

Discussion: Mayor Renner thanked Jim Holman for his service on the Zoning Board.

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

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

18C-0434 – SECOND READING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GALENA TO BORROW FUNDS FROM THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LOAN PROGRAM

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the second reading of an ordinance authorizing the City of Galena to borrow funds from the Public Water Supply Loan Program.

Discussion: Moran advised the city will bid the project. Once those bids are received they will be submitted to the EPA. The EPA will review and advise if the City is eligible for the 75 percent

forgiveness. At that point an agreement would follow. The City can withdraw if it is determined we are not eligible for the 75 percent forgiveness.

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

The motion carried.

18C-0435 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT FOR REPLACING THE FURNACE AND AIR CONDITIONER AT THE MARKET HOUSE RESTROOM BUILDING

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Hahn, to postpone item 18C-0435 until such time as the city has time to work out building arrangements with the State of Illinois.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

18C-0451 – PRESENTATION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-18 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT BY O'CONNOR BROOKS & CO.

Pat McCarthy made a presentation on the 2017-2018 Annual Financial Report.

Moran commended McCarthy on doing a great job. They are great accountants who understand the city's finances very well.

Allendorf questioned if the City has policies in place which require people to take time off. Moran advised there are no policies in place which require people to take time off but it happens in practice. He noted we have procedures in place at every level as best we can, given the small staff.

18C-0452 – FIRST READING OF THE 2018 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE FOR TAXES TO BE COLLECTED IN 2019

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the first reading of the 2018 Tax Levy Ordinance for taxes to be collected in 2019.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

18C-0453 – WARRANTS

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Allendorf, to approve the Warrants as presented with the addition of a warrant to Dearborn National in the amount of \$488.71 for employee life insurance, 18C-0453.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

18C-0454 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Thank you – Bernstein thanked the Public Works Department for cleaning the Hill Street steps. It was very much appreciated.

Sustainability Program – Bernstein reminded all of the sustainability program to be held at the Galena Brewing Company. This is an opportunity to recognize those lodging and retailers who have embraced environmental practices. The event will take place on Thursday, November 29, 2018 from 5:30-6:30. She encouraged all to attend.

Gear Street – Fach gave a shout out to Fischer Excavating for wrapping up on Gear Street.

18C-0455 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Water/Sewer Contract – More advised he has prepared a report on bringing the water and wastewater contract back in house. He will present it at the next meeting.

Watershed Plan – Beth Baranski has distributed the Watershed Plan. She will make a presentation at the next meeting.

18C-0456 – MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Renner thanked the Downtown Business Association for the lights on the street light poles in the downtown. He also thanked the Galena High School Key Club for putting the lights on the wreaths and the Galena Fire Department for hanging them.

Mr. & Mrs. Clause arrived in town over the weekend!

18C-0457 – MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Renner advised Executive Session was no longer needed.

18C-0458 - ADJOURNMENT

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

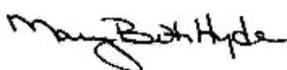
Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk