

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 25 FEBRUARY 2019

19C-0062 – 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 25 February 2019.

19C-0063 – ROLL CALL

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

19C-0064 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

19C-0065 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

19C-0066 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

None.

19C-0067 – CITIZENS COMMENTS

Lori Huntington, Chief of Police – Huntington announced they just received K-9 Hector back after four weeks of training. Hector learned all his orders on narcotics, tracking article searches, open field searches as well as working in buildings. He has been certified with the American Canine Police Association through Illinois for narcotics. He is certified as a drug dog and is ready to go. He has been riding with Devon. Currently Devon is utilizing an old Durango until the new vehicle comes in. Huntington thanked Bev Coffey and the council for their support in getting a K-9.

CONSENT AGENDA CA19-4

19C-0068 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2019

19C-0069 – APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROJECT

19C-0070 – APPROVAL OF THE REAPPOINTMENT OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION BOARD MEMBERS CRAIG ALBAUGH, CRAIG BROWN (CHAIRPERSON), WILLIAM GEHRTS, AND CARL JOHNSON TO TERMS ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2021

19C-0071 – ACCEPTANCE OF JANUARY 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

19C-0072 – APPOINTMENT OF ALDERPERSON JERRY KIEFFER AS MAYOR PRO TEM

19C-0073 – APPROVAL OF MOTOR FUEL TAX RESOLUTION FOR THE GEAR STREET PROJECT

Motion: Allendorf moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve Consent Agenda, CA19-4 as presented.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

19C-0074 – WATER AND WASTEWATER OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT FROM VEOLIA

Matt Trotter reported the following:

- Water pump replaced on the sewer trailer last year is having issues. It is under warranty. It will be picked up Wednesday for repairs.
- The 503 Sludge Report has been completed. Prior to leaving, Jeff Saylor finished the 5-year renewal on the Sludge Management Plan.
- The plant tour for the prospective contractors went well. Trotter reported he received lots of compliments from contractors who were pleased with the way they were running things.

19C-0075 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT FOR POOL PAINTING

The following bids were received:

Contractor	Bid	Alternate A	Alternate B	Process
All-Star Power Wash, Inc.	\$60,151	\$10,282	\$41,245	Dry blast all areas to bare concrete
Pecover Decorating Serv.	\$97,000	\$16,000	\$64,000	Dry blast to bare concrete if necessary

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Hahn, to award the contract for pool painting to All-Star Power Wash, Inc. in the amount of \$60,151.

Discussion: Allendorf questioned the life expectancy of the work. Janelle Keeffer advised they had issues with people slipping last year. We have been using epoxy paint. She also investigated different options. The epoxy paint has a 5-year life span with a 2-year warranty. Diamond Brite is 2-3 times more expensive. A no fault rubber surface for the kiddie pool would be 3 times that amount. It should last anywhere from 3-5 years, 10 years with a full sandblast. Keeffer advised no claims were actually filed last year for slipping but there were several reports.

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

The motion carried.

19C-0076 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ZONING CALENDAR NO. 19A-01, A REQUEST BY THE CITY OF GALENA FOR A TEXT AMENDMENT TO DEFINE PROCESS AND REGULATIONS FOR SOLAR ARRAYS AND ALTERNATIVE ENERGY APPLICATIONS IN THE HIGHWAY 20 CORRIDOR DESIGN MANUAL

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Bernstein to approve Zoning Calendar No. 19A-01, a request by the City of Galena for a text amendment to define process and regulations for solar arrays and alternative energy applications in the Highway 20 Corridor Design Manual.

Discussion: Hahn feels this needs to be regulated somehow. This gives guidelines to go by.

Renner asked for an explanation on the wind energy. Oldenburg advised this would be anything that is to scale of the site which could be attached to the building. There is smaller scale wind driven devices. This would not include large propeller things. Everything would be non-administrative and would have to go to the Zoning Board for approval.

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

The motion carried.

19C-0077 – WARRANTS

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the Warrants as presented, 19C-0077.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

19C-0078 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Thank you – Hahn thanked the city crew for all the snow and ice removal they have had to deal with the last couple weeks. They have done a great job keeping everyone safe. Fach agreed adding it was a lot of work with lousy hours. Allendorf and Bernstein agreed.

K-9 Officer – Westemeier stated it is nice to see the new K-9 Officer and it is good to have Devon back. He is happy to have a K-9 Officer in Galena and thanked Bev Coffey for her donation. Bernstein stated she is also happy to have a dog on the police force.

Shuttle Fund – Westemeier noted there is quite a bit of money in the Shuttle Fund. He recommended redoing the Commerce Street lot.

Turning Lanes – Westemeier questioned what the status was for the turning lanes at the hospital. Moran advised as of last week the loan has not been closed.

Text Amendment – Westemeier thanked Matt Oldenburg for his work on the text amendment.

Snow/Ice – Westemeier added often we forget about the Police Department out in the cold with the accidents and everything during these conditions. He commended them for doing a good job.

Deer Report – Westemeier stated we need to start working on better ways to come up with a hunt, so we can get more than 22 deer. While it was a good start, he feels we need to get working on it sooner rather than later and come up with a plan to get at least 60 or more.

19C-0079 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Thank you – Moran thanked Matt Trotter and his crew. He has seen the JULIE Locates come in for leaks/breaks and they go out in the cold to repair them.

Dog Park – Moran advised he has been communicating with the leaders of the dog park, Kent Parry and Christie Wheatley. They have been exploring other potential sites and brainstorming the pros and cons of each.

Budget – The proposed budget will be passed out at the next meeting.

Deer Count – Moran shared a map of the deer count. There were 211 deer counted in the City Limits. He thanked Matt Oldenburg for going up in the helicopter for the count.

19C-0080 – MAYOR’S REPORT

Thank you – Mayor Renner thanked all city employees for their hard work dealing with the ice, pool, zoning, sidewalks, etc.

Downtown – Mayor Renner stated there was a little thing on Facebook about the downtown not getting taken care of right away. He explained at the time there were four pieces of machinery down. Once they were repaired and up and running, the downtown was taken care of.

19C-0081 - ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Allendorf to adjourn.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk