

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 08 APRIL 2019

19C-0120 – 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 08 April 2019.

19C-0121 – ROLL CALL

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

19C-0122 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

19C-0123 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

19C-0124 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

No reports.

19C-0125 – CITIZENS COMMENTS

Adam Johnson, 211 4th Street – Johnson voiced concerns with the way the Historic Preservation Commission has been addressing issues. Namely the way the chairman handles issues.

Johnson stated Rules of Procedure not being followed. When a motion is made, the chairman will immediately state his opinion while giving intimidating looks the rest of the board. The chairman doesn't allow the member making the motion to speak first.

Johnson stated as a design professional doing design for over 32 years, he has had more and more concern with the chairman of the commission. The chairman has stated he does not have to explain his reasoning for his objection to the siding material being proposed. Johnson feels this is an abandonment of his duties as it is the commissions duties to advise property owners on methods of preservation.

Johnson stated when he comes to the commission to argue preservation principals he expects to be able to do so in a direct manner. He was told to be quiet and that he was not privy to the reasons he was being denied on certain things. Johnson feels this is unacceptable.

Beth Baranski, 1015 S. Bench Street – Baranski stated the scientists who have done the sampling on the Galena River have completed their work. They will be in Galena on April 17th from 5-6 p.m. at City Hall to present their findings and answer any questions. A written report will be received later.

LIQUOR COMMISSION

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

Discussion: None.

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

NAYS: None

The motion carried.

19C-0126 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2019-APRIL 30, 2020

Motion: Allendorf moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the renewal of liquor licenses for the period May 1, 2019-April 30, 2020 with the renewal of the Stoney Creek license contingent upon receiving a satisfactory background check back.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

19C-0127 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION A LIQUOR LICENSE MANAGER APPLICATION BY THE GALENA BREWING COMPANY, 227 N. MAIN STREET, FOR JAYME M. CASPERS

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve the application for liquor license manager by the Galena Brewing Company, 227 N. Main Street for Jayme M. Caspers.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

19C-0128 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A LIQUOR LICENSE MANAGER APPLICATION BY THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES, 235 S. MAIN STREET, FOR AMI JO WASMUND

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Allendorf, to approve the application for liquor license manager by the Fraternal Order of Eagles, 235 S. Main Street for Ami Jo Wasmund.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

19C-0129 – PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 OPERATING BUDGET

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Allendorf, to open the Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Operating Budget.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

Testimony: None.

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Bernstein, to close the Public Hearing.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA CA19-7

19C-0130 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 25, 2019 AND THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 1, 2019

19C-0131 – ACCEPTANCE OF FEBRUARY 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

19C-0132 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY THE GALENA DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION FOR SIDEWALK SALES, MAY 10-12, 2019 AND AUGUST 9-11, 2019

19C-0133 – APPROVAL OF TOUR OPERATORS AND TOUR GUIDE LICENSES FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2019-APRIL 30, 2020

19C-0134 – APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH LW ALLEN FOR \$5,822.40 FOR EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT AT A WATER BOOSTER STATION

19C-0135 – APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH DIXON ENGINEERING FOR \$3,425 TO INSPECT A SEWER CLARIFIER STRUCTURE AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

19C-0136 – APPROVAL OF TAXI LICENSE FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2019-APRIL 30, 2020

Motion: Allendorf moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve Consent Agenda, CA19-7 as presented.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

19C-0137 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPEAL BY EBEN MOND OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATION DENIAL FOR NEW METAL OR COMPOSITE GARAGE DOORS AT 239 N. MAIN STREET

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the appeal by Eben Mond of a Certificate of Appropriateness application denial for new metal or composite garage doors at 239 N. Main Street.

Discussion: Hahn stated he has looked at pictures and can't tell the difference. The composite material looks like wood. He doesn't have a problem with it. Westemeier agreed.

Miller advised they have been before the Historic Preservation Commission three times. The first time approval was given for metal door on the Commerce Street side of the building with the front door remaining wood. They then changed their request to use composite. The Board approved the use of the composite on the rear but kept their stance of wood on the Main Street side. Miller advised it has remained the stance of the Board on Main Street buildings to keep everything on the ground level as wood.

The HPC approved 4 rows of glass on a 7-row door or 3 rows of glass on a 6-row door.

Kieffer felt the Council should uphold the decision of the Historic Preservation Commission. He voiced concern with changing the rules for one person. Fach agreed.

Bernstein felt the garage doors in composite would look just like wood. She was in favor of approving the appeal.

Renner preferred wood for the Main Street door.

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

The motion carried.

19C-0138 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPEAL BY BILL SCALLON OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS DENIAL TO DEMOLISH A REAR ADDITION TO THE HOUSE AT 310 ELK STREET

Motion: Westemeier moved, seconded by Allendorf, to deny the appeal by Bill Scallon of a Certificate of Appropriateness denial to demolish a rear addition to the house at 310 Elk Street.

Discussion: Westemeier advised he feels the applicant knew what he was getting into when he bought the property. It is a rock foundation. The addition was on the map of 1912.

Hahn advised they installed new water line to years ago. There is no rock foundation under the addition. The only way to save it is to take it off and rebuild it.

The applicant plans to remove $\frac{3}{4}$ of the addition to make room for a yard and parking.

Fach noted any structure located in the rear of the house has different criteria and is rated different than the front of the house. Criteria for the rear of the house is more lenient. Nothing would be lost visually by removing it.

Roll Call: AYES: Kieffer, Westemeier, Allendorf

NAYS: Bernstein, Fach Hahn, Renner

The motion was denied.

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Fach, to allow the appeal to demolish a rear addition to the house at 310 Elk Street.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

19C-0139 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FUNDING AGREEMENTS WITH THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS AND THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY FOR WATER SAMPLING OF THE GALENA RIVER

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve funding agreements with the League of Women Voters and the U.S. Geological Survey for water sampling of the Galena River, 19C-0139.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

19C-0140 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO CHANGE AN 11.816 ACRE PARCEL (22-200-133-00), THE GRANDVIEW SUBDIVISION ON GEAR STREET FROM LIMITED AGRICULTURAL TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Allendorf, to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending the Zoning Map to change an 11.816-acre parcel (22-200-133-00), the Grandview Subdivision on Gear Street from Limited Agricultural to Low Density Residential, 19C-0140.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

19C-0141 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT FOR UNIT PRICES FOR SIDEWALK, CURB AND GUTTER AND CONCRETE STREET

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve a contract for unit prices for sidewalk, curb and gutter and concrete streets with MNS Construction for items 1-5, sidewalk and curb/gutter and Louie's Trenching Service for item 6, concrete street, 19C-0141.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

19C-0142 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 OPERATING BUDGET

A motion to approve was made and later withdrawn.

Discussion: Allendorf spoke in favor of adding \$3,000 for NW IL Economic Development. He noted every community in Jo Daviess County is stepping up for an organization that is actively doing Economic Development. He feels this is a small price to pay for an organization that has done a lot for the city.

Westemeier stated while he is not usually in favor, the City does have a building coming empty. The City needs people who can step up to the plate and bring in another business. We don't want a building that sits empty for years to come and NW IL Economic Development can help bring a business in there. Kieffer agreed.

Renner stated if these items are added, they are going to have to find other places to take out.

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Kieffer, to postpone item 19C-0142 to the next meeting

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

19C-0143 – WARRANTS

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve the Warrants as presented, 19C-0143.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

19C-0144 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Budget – Kieffer hopes the council can get the budget worked out.

Air B & B – Bernstein stated she has been receiving calls from people raising concern about the number of Air B & B's. She feels a review is necessary.

K-9 Vehicle – Westemeier commented the new K-9 Vehicle looks nice.

NW IL Economic Development – Allendorf stated, unfortunately, he will not be at the next budget meeting. He spoke in favor of including \$3,000 in the budget for NW IL Economic Development.

19C-0145 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Downtown Sidewalks – Construction begins tomorrow and, weather permitting, should be done by June 28th.

19C-0146 – MAYOR’S REPORT

Historic Preservation Commission – Mayor Renner advised he will investigate the comments made about the Historic Preservation Commission and the chairperson.

19C-0147 – MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Allendorf moved, seconded by Kieffer, to recess to Executive Session to discuss the following:

- Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance, Section 2 (c) (1)
- Review of Executive Session Minutes, Section 2 (c) (21)

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 7:23 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:44 p.m.

19C-0148 - ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer to adjourn.

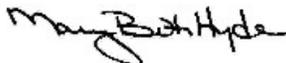
Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk