

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 28 MAY 2019**

**19C-0207 – 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 28 May 2019.

**19C-0208 – ROLL CALL**

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

**19C-0209 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

**19C-0210 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge was recited.

**19C-0211 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

No reports.

**19C-0212 – CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA CA19-10**

**19C-0213 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 13, 2019**

**19C-0214 – ACCEPTANCE OF MARCH AND APRIL 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT**

**19C-0215 – APPROVAL OF LICENSE FOR ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH TO INSTALL LIGHTING ON CEMETERY PARK PROPERTY**

**19C-0216 – APPROVAL OF AN INTERNET SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY FOR THE INTERNET SERVICE AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**19C-0217 – APPROVAL OF A CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR SWIMMING POOL SANDBLASTING AND PAINTING PROJECT**

**19C-0218 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY MIDWEST MEDICAL HEALTH AND FITNESS FOR THE 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FUN WALK/RUN ON THE GALENA RIVER TRAIL, OCTOBER 5, 2019**

**19C-0219 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY THE NORTHERN ILLINOIS WINE GROWERS FOR THE CORKLESS WINE FESTIVAL AT DEPOT PARK, JUNE 22, 2019**

**19C-0220 – APPROVAL OF A LICENSE FOR 1628 FIELD STREET FOR GARAGE IMPROVEMENTS ON THE HAMILTON STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY**

**19C-0221 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY THE GALENA ART AND RECREATION CENTER TO HOST THE FOURTH OF JULY COMMUNITY DAY AT REC PARK, INCLUDING THE BUCKHILL RUN, JULY 4, 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

**19C-0222 – APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT BA19-03 FOR YEAR-END BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve Consent Agenda, CA19-10 as presented

**Discussion:** Bernstein noted that the attendance roll call shows she was present. She was absent for the May 13 meeting.

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

The motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**19C-0223– MONTHLY WATER AND SEWER OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT FROM VEOLIA**

Matt Trotter of Veolia said the Consumer Confidence report was published May 16 in the Galena Gazette and is available on the City Website. Employees have been flushing hydrants for several days and should finish later this week. The water loss has improved – 2 million gallons less was pumped in April than in March and we billed for 2 million more. The leak on Highway 20 has been fixed but they are still trying to pinpoint a leak on Park Avenue. Leaking service lines are being addressed with property owners. New automatic samplers have been installed on the influent and effluent at the wastewater plant. The flow decreased for a few days but with the rain and river rising they are pumping well over 2 million gallons a day and this will continue for a week or two more until the river falls. The April training was on confined space.

**19C-0224 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 111 “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CREATE A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR SALON/DAY SPA BUSINESS**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by McCoy, to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 111, Alcoholic Beverages, of the Code of Ordinances to create a liquor license for Salon/Day Spa Business.

**Discussion:** Hahn thought the times should be tightened up as well as the definition of who can be served. He thinks it means the clients of the spa. Wedding parties would be there probably as early as 7 a.m. Hours could be stated as 7 a.m.-7 p.m. or even 8 p.m. This isn't a bar. We need to have set times for this class of license.

Kieffer said he spoke against this before and he is still against this. We need to set a limit.

Bernstein said she was absent for the original discussion. She agrees with Kieffer – this is a business that does not need a liquor license.

Allendorf said he has no issue with the spa having a license. To be honest this is already happening at most salons and spas. He agrees the proposed hours should be tightened up. He is okay with starting at 7 a.m. but a 9 p.m. end time is a little late and in competition with the bars.

Renner asked if he would be in favor of 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.?

Allendorf said yes.

Westemeier asked if they could question the owner about her hours.

Renner said it wasn't an open session - if we wanted to do that he would need a motion.

**Motion:** Westemeier moved, seconded by Hahn to question business owner and applicant Tina Knautz.

Westemeier asked Knautz what hours would work with her schedule.

Knautz said 7 a.m.-7 p.m. would work for her. A lot of her days start between 6-7 a.m. Close time is usually between 7-8 p.m. They aren't looking to be nighttime bar.

Renner said the proposed ordinance is similar to other communities who allow this. This is just for customers who are receiving services. Is 7 a.m.-7p.m. agreeable.

McCoy said he likes the proposed ordinance. This is already happening and allows the city to monitor it.

**Roll Call:** AYES: Hahn, McCoy, Westemeier, Allendorf,  
NAYS: Kieffer, Bernstein

The motion carried.

**19C-0225 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 111 “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CREATE A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR BEER AND WINE ONLY WITHOUT AN ASSOCIATED RESTAURANT**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 111, Alcoholic Beverages, of the Code of Ordinances to create a liquor license for beer and wine only without an associated restaurant.

**Discussion:** Hahn said he is not in favor of creating another classification. He recommends adding one more Class A license.

Allendorf asked if this license would allow them to have gaming machines.

Renner said anyone who has a liquor license can have gaming machines.

Allendorf said he is concerned about the number of licenses. It seems everyone would qualify for a license – where will it stop. He doesn't like this type of business competing against restaurants and the added gaming machines do not fit Galena's character. He is not in support of this request.

McCoy said he supports adding one more Class A license.

Bernstein agrees with McCoy. This business would be like Jamie's Wine Bar – they serve alcohol but not food.

Renner said it seems the smartest thing to do would be to add another Class A license. Westemeier said he is okay with adding another Class A license. We can't regulate who installs gaming machines.

Renner said the motion doesn't seem to agree with the discussion of adding an additional Class A license.

Hahn said he could amend the motion.

Renner said he thought the council should vote the motion down and come back at the next meeting with a recommendation to allow an additional Class A license.

**Roll Call:** AYES: None  
NAYS: Kieffer, McCoy, Westemeier, Allendorf, Bernstein, Hahn

The motion was denied.

**19C-0226 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY THE GALENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS TO UTILIZE TWO PARKING SPACES ON MAIN STREET ON JUNE 14 AND 15, 2019 FOR CHALK ART**

**Motion:** Westemeier moved, seconded by McCoy, to approve the request by the Galena Center for the Arts to utilize two parking spaces on Main Street on June 14 and 15 for chalk art.

**Discussion:** Westemeier thought this was a good idea.

Kieffer said he is worried about kids being in the street. Isn't there a parking lot where they could hold this event?

Renner said he too is concerned about the safety. A few years ago, the council denied a request by a different group who wanted to have a sidewalk art event. He thinks it would be safer to block off Washington Street for them to use. They would have more room and would be away from vehicle traffic. This is a not for profit group having an event open to the public on city property. What are our concerns for insurance.

Nack said the group should have general liability insurance that would cover them.

Renner said it looks as though they will start Friday night, June 14, and then go all-day Saturday June 15.

Allendorf asked if using a few spaces in the City Hall parking lot would make sense.

Renner said he thought the idea was for pedestrian traffic and more exposure for the Center of the Arts.

Allendorf said he understood that as well as the safety concerns, but downtown parking is at a premium.

Westemeier said their intentions weren't to be on Commerce Street. They could park a car, rope off two spaces and then park another car. It's only one day. There are always parking spaces on Main Street blocked off for construction – during summer and winter. We don't say anything about that. A day and half shouldn't be an issue.

Renner said we will allow two spaces and provide barricades - it is up to them to provide additional safety.

McCoy said he is confident that The Center for the Arts will do this the right way and in a safe manner.

Renner said The Center for the Arts had suggested the loading zone in front of Washington Park, but that area is a red zone with a fire hydrant. The loading zone is in front of the Coatsworth Building.

Kieffer said he still likes the Washington Street location.

McCoy said he would feel better if they used the loading zone rather than the red zone.

Renner said he thought it would be appropriate to allow the two loading zone spaces in front of the Coatsworth Building at Washington and Main. If the Center for the Arts didn't want that area they would have time to come back to the Council.

**Roll Call:** AYES: McCoy, Westemeier, Bernstein, Hahn, Kieffer,  
NAYS: Allendorf

The motion carried.

**19C-0227 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE INSTALLATION OF CURB AND GUTTER ON A SECTION OF GEAR STREET**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the installation of curb and gutter on a section of Gear Street.

**Discussion:** Hahn said this needs to be installed.

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

The motion carried.

**19C-0228 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT TO INSTALL PARKING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AT GRANT PARK**

The following quotes were received:

Ref #	Company	Base Bid
1	Louie's Trenching Service	\$19,748
2	Wienen Excavating and Landscaping	\$17,065
3	Dan Sproule Construction	\$21,050

**Motion:** Westemeier moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the quote from Wienen Excavating and Landscaping in the amount of \$17,065 to install two ADA parking spaces at Grant Park.

**Discussion:** Westemeier said this is very much needed.

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

The motion carried.

**19C-0229 – WARRANTS**

**Motion:** Allendorf moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the Warrants as presented, 19C-0229.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**19C-0230 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS**

**Galena River Trail** – McCoy and Bernstein congratulated the City on completion of the latest phase of the trail. It is a wonderful addition for Galena. Allendorf agreed and many people he talks to comment on the trail.

**Memorial Day Weekend** – Westemeier said it was a wonderful weekend. The Police did a good job with the parade and traffic, but he wishes more people would attend the event.

**Gear Street Curb and Gutter** – Allendorf said he was glad this was approved – it was a long time coming.

**19C-0231 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**Rec Park** – We received the signed grant agreement for additional parking at rec park. We now have authorization to start the design and bidding process. The grant is for \$50,000 with no match.

**Pool** – Is schedule to open Saturday, June 1.

**Council meetings** - At the June 10 meeting there should be information on downtown parking, so the council can have a discussion on studying the issue and possible options. At the following meeting, June 24, there will be background information on both downtown and residential district vacation rentals, so the council can look to see if any decisions need to be made.

**19C-0232 – MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Memorial Day** - It was a nice weekend, and everything went well with the Memorial Day Parade.

**River Trail** – The trail turned out well is a great asset for Galena.

**Volunteerism** – During the past few weeks roughly 100 volunteers have been taking part in Spring Cleanup. Individuals, organizations and businesses helped clean up the parks and roadways. What a wonderful showing of community pride. A certificate of our thanks will be issued to each one.

**19C-0233 - ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Price  
Deputy City Clerk