

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 23 SEPTEMBER 2019

19C-0381 – 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 23 September 2019.

19C-0382 – ROLL CALL

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

19C-0383 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

19C-0384 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

19C-0385 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

No reports.

19C-0386 – CITIZENS COMMENTS

Tom Richardson, Galena, IL – Richardson voiced concern with a problem in Industrial Park. He submitted a letter and literature.

Rose Nobel, Galena Country – Nobel spoke specifically to the report on parking. She found the report to be a great report and the information was insightful. She noted the report talks about marketing and coordinating way finding signs. She advised Galena Country would be happy to help produce a marketing plan when it comes to the parking scenario. They can produce one for visitors, residents and lodging. Noble urged the council to use their services.

Jae Hezlep, Coatsworth Senior Center – Hezlep thanked the council for their consideration on the request from the Coatsworth Senior Center.

John Schu, Galena – Shu advised he is totally against the recent approval of the cannabis, noting communities in California and Colorado who allowed it in the beginning have since banned it. He urged the Council to reconsider the ordinance.

CONSENT AGENDA CA19-20

19C-0387 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

19C-0388 – ACCEPTANCE OF AUGUST 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve Consent Agenda, CA19-20.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

19C-0322 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPEAL OF A DECISION BY THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION TO DENY AN APPLICATION BY CARLE AND ROBERT EGGER, 309 FRANKLIN STREET, TO PAINT THEIR HOUSE

This item was pulled from the agenda.

19C-0353 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY COATSWORTH BUILDING RESIDENTS TO MODIFY PARKING ZONES IN THE 100 BLOCK OF SOUTH MAIN STREET

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the request by Coatsworth building residents to modify parking zones in the 100 block of South Main Street amended to include changing the loading zone to a 24/7 zone with council review in six months.

Council discussed and agreed to make the loading zone a permanent zone 24/7. Council will review it in six months.

Amended

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to amend the motion to include changing the loading zone to 24/7 with council review in six months.

Discussion: None.

Amended

Motion

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

The motion carried.

Main

Motion

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

19C-0389 – ACTIVITY UPDATE FROM NWIL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Emily Legal updated the council on the following:

- Enterprise Zone Awards
- Honeywell Plant Closing
- Talent Pipeline Management
- Bi-State Port Study
- Small Business Administration Visit
- New Executive Director, Emily Legal
- New Partnership with CEDA
- Build It * Grow It
- Build it * Grow It: Entrepreneurial Mastermind Forum

- 2020 Build It * Grow It
- Hour of Code
- New Board Members
- Outgoing Board Members
- Upcoming: NWILED Quarterly Report
- Sign-Up
- NWILED Board Meeting –October 9th from 4:30 – 6 PM at the NWILED office in Hanover.

19C-0390 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE 624 SPRING STREET FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

Motion: Allendorf moved, seconded by McCoy, to approve item 19C-0390, the first reading of an ordinance to rezone 624 Spring Street from Low Density Residential District to Neighborhood Commercial District.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

19C-0391 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ZONING CALENDAR NO. 19A-04, A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW ADULT-USE CANNABIS LAND USES IN SELECT ZONING DISTRICTS

Motion: Allendorf moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve item 19C-0391, Zoning Calendar No. 19A-04, a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to allow adult-use cannabis land uses in select zoning districts.

Discussion: Bernstein stated she appreciates the comments made by Mr. Schu. She noted the ordinance is not bringing marijuana to Galena. It is already here, and everybody knows it. This is a way to have some control over it.

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

The motion carried.

19C-0392 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 0, SECTION 154.015 – DEFINITIONS AND ARTICLE 4, TABLE 154.403.1 – PERMITTED LAND USES AND SECTION 154.406 – DETAILED LAND USE DESCRIPTIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES (ADULT-USE RECREATIONAL CANNABIS ZONING ORDINANCE)

Motion: Allendorf moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve item 19C-0392, the first reading of an ordinance amending Article 0, Section 154.015 – Definitions and Article 4, Table 154.403.1 – Permitted Land Uses and Section 154.406 – Detailed Land Use Descriptions of the Code of Ordinances (Adult-use Recreational Cannabis Zoning Ordinance).

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

19C-0393 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RENEWAL OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH, DENTAL, LIFE, DISABILITY, VISION INSURANCE POLICIES, AND HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT DISTRIBUTIONS

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve the renewal of employee health, dental, life, disability, vision insurance policies, and health savings account distributions.

Discussion: McCoy stated he would prefer to see the insurance handled by a local agent if possible.

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

The motion carried.

19C-0394 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON OPTIONS FOR DOWNTOWN PARKING IMPROVEMENTS

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to postpone item 19C-0394.

Discussion: Bernstein felt the report was extremely well done with lots of information and lots of options. She would like to see us go through it and pick out what can be done most easily in order to make some improvements before getting into something more comprehensive.

Kieffer stated he would be in favor of paid parking everywhere. Hahn agreed. Hahn feels it still resorts back to that most of the downtown parking is being taken up by people working in the downtown. Hahn was in favor of paid parking kiosks as well as raising the lots from \$5 to \$10.

Allendorf stated he would like to see staff make recommendations on the lowest cost options as well as what would generate revenue. He would like to progressively tackle this with the lowest cost options and those that generate money but won't negatively impact tourism.

Allendorf recommended, if we go with paid kiosks, that a sticker program be instituted for resident's, so the expense is born by the tourism industry.

Westemeier feels the cheapest way to go is to hire a part-time parking control officer. He also likes the idea of putting a disk in each stall to determine where the most parking would be. He was opposed to allowing residents to park for free, as most of the employees downtown would be residents.

Council agreed the objective is to create parking and create opportunity to build more parking in the downtown.

Bernstein suggested encouraging other alternative means of transportation, such as bicycles, as well.

19C-0395 – WARRANTS

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve the Warrants as presented, 19C-0395.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

19C-0396 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Thank you – Bernstein thanked Mayor Renner for the proclamation for the electric vehicle event.

Thank you – Hahn thanked staff for their work on the parking program. A lot of work went into it. It has a lot of good stuff and is a lot to think about.

19C-0397 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Grant Park Committee – Moran gave the Grant Park Committee a thumbs up on getting the park looking nice and well maintained.

Glass Recycling – Moran reported we continue to move forward on glass recycling. The Dubuque Metro Solid Waste has accepted responsibility for glass recycling. We should have a depository soon. The dumpster has been donated by the Galena Territory Association. It is being repaired and repainted. It will be placed in the Piggly Wiggly parking lot. We are just waiting for Dubuque to finalize.

Paving – Moran reported paving is going well. Jail Hill is complete and West Street will be done tomorrow. Paving should be complete by the October 4th.

19C-0398 – MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Renner thanked staff and the Downtown Business Association for the parking survey. He noted the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 due to Columbus Day.

19C-0399 – ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Hahn to adjourn.

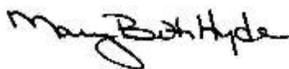
Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk