

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

**19C-0419 – 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 October 2019.

**19C-0420 – ROLL CALL**

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

**19C-0421 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

**19C-0422 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge was recited.

**19C-0423 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

No reports.

**19C-0424 – CITIZENS COMMENTS**

**Nate Tracy, 12176 Duane Drive** – Tracy stated he is looking to start a business in Galena in the coming year. He is proposing to open an arcade business with the option of smoking recreational cannabis. He questioned where such business would be allowed. He was advised to talk to the Building Inspector and Zoning Administrator.

**LIQUOR COMMISSION**

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

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**19C-0425 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPLICATION FOR A CLASS K LIQUOR LICENSE FOR MEGAN A. KNATZ, DBA, INDIGO BAR LLC, 500 WILD INDIGO LANE (ASHTON HILL FARM)**

**Motion:** Kieffer moved, seconded by Allendorf, to approve the application for a Class K Liquor License for Megan A. Natz, DBA, Indigo Bar LLC, 500 Wild Indigo Lane, Ashton Hill Farm, 19C-0425.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**Motion:** Bernstein moved, seconded by Allendorf, to adjourn as the Liquor Commission and reconvene as the City Council.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

### **CONSENT AGENDA CA19-22**

#### **19C-0426 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 15, 2019**

#### **19C-0427 – APPROVAL OF A GENERAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT WITH JO DAVIESS COUNTY TRANSIT FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2019-APRIL 30, 2020**

#### **19C-0428 – APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF SEWER PUMP FOR THE MEEKER STREET SEWER PUMP STATION**

**Motion:** Allendorf moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve Consent Agenda, CA19-22.

**Discussion:** Bernstein recommended adding information about the transit to the city's website.

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

The motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **19C-0429 – QUARTERLY REPORT BY THE GREATER GALENA MARKETING INITIATIVE (GGMI)**

Rose Noble gave the quarterly report for the Greater Galena Marketing Initiative (GGMI).

#### **19C-0430 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING MONTHLY SERVICE FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the first reading of an ordinance modifying monthly service fees and charges for the waterworks system.

**Discussion:** None

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

The motion carried.

#### **19C-0431 – QUARTERLY WATER AND SEWER OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT FROM U.S. WATER**

Matt Trotter gave the quarterly update.

- We have been with US Water for three months. All of the processes and procedures have been updated. US Water brings a lot of value to town. Trotter stated there is a lot less corporate obligation which allows him to meet the needs of the city.
- Non-revenue water looks better. We are currently at 8 percent unaccounted water. He hopes winter won't be bad and they will be able to keep that number low.
- On the wastewater collection side, we are pumping a lot of river and rain water. Approximately 70 percent pumped is river and rain water. He will be looking at ways to address that. He noted there are old pipes near the old wastewater plant that are deep and hard to address. They will look at developing a plan to address those.
- Louie's replaced some fire hydrants and valves. They are working at getting the old stuff out of the system.
- There were two water leaks. One was on Highway 20. The Public Works Department as well as Louie's Trenching and 5-Star Plumbing took care of that one. The second leak was on a 2-inch line. Andrew was able to fix it live.
- Peerless Well and Pump is looking at Well 6. The work should be completed this week and will be back up and running next week.

Bernstein questioned if the list of water meters that had to be repaired lost billing when the meters were dysfunctional. Trotter stated there was probably a small amount of revenue loss.

### **19C-0432 – WARRANTS**

**Motion:** Kieffer moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve the Warrants as presented, 19C-0432.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

### **19C-0433 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS**

**Halloween Parade** – Council thanked everyone involved with the Halloween parade. The rain didn't even dampen the spirits!

**Sustainable Cities Conference** – Bernstein reported she had the opportunity to attend the Sustainable Cities Conference in Dubuque. She was amazed at how much information there was about preparing and mitigating the affects of severe weather. As opportunity arises, she will pass along the information.

**Turner Hall** – Bernstein thanked Janelle Keeffer and the Galena Foundation for all of their hard work over the years on Turner Hall. She congratulated them on receiving the Driehaus Award.

**Halloween Parade** – Westemeier stated he talked to Chief Huntington. She agrees there needs to be more a police presence in the future. Westemeier also recommended getting the Chamber more involved when it comes to setting things up downtown and tearing it down.

Allendorf stated the parade is nominally the chambers event. The chamber is doing what they can do to promote the event. They have to rely on the help from the city. He commended everyone for doing a fantastic job and stated it was very impressive.

### **19C-0434 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**Halloween Parade** – Moran stated he is glad to have the parade behind us. He thanked Lori Huntington and Jim Rigdon for their work. He noted it is hard to understand everything they do to

make it happen. Meetings begin in June. Moran stated the chamber did what they needed to do adding it is hard to find volunteers. It was a great event.

**Audit Presentation** – Pat McCarthy will make a presentation on the audit at the next meeting

**VisitGalena Contract Renewal** – The next agenda will include renewal of the VisitGalena contract.

**Parking Plan** – Moran stated he is working on a matrix to keep everyone up to date on what is happening with the parking plan.

**19C-0435 – MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Renner thanked all for their work on the Halloween Parade. There was an extremely large crowd. Everyone does a great job and it means a lot to the town.

Snow plows are ready!

**19C-0436 – ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde  
City Clerk