

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 12 NOVEMBER 2019

19C-0437 – 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 12 November 2019.

19C-0438 – ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Allendorf, Hahn.

19C-0439 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

19C-0440 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

19C-0441 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

No reports.

19C-0442 – CITIZENS COMMENTS

Beth Baranski, 1015 S Bench Street – Thank you to the City Council for your general support of the water resource management work. Baranski is here tonight to answer any questions about the requested amendment to the agreement between the City and the League of Women Voters regarding the Galena River nutrient monitoring project.

The Galena River Watershed planning committee meeting will be at City Hall Monday, November 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. to review implementation progress, update information, and add projects. Please feel free to join or send Baranski information that she can pass onto the members.

Tom Richardson, 12482 West Cross Road – Richardson expressed concern about storm water runoff from several businesses in Industrial Park. He disagreed with the letter sent to him by City Administrator, Mark Moran. He stated that the EPA should come in to evaluate the system and see how it handles the water that is being sent down. Richardson stated that the solution would be to make the detention pond deeper.

LIQUOR COMMISSION

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

19C-0443 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPLICATION FOR A CORPORATION MANAGER’S LIQUOR LICENSE FOR CLAIRE M. LEMERY, FOR ASHTON JAMES, INC., DBA, INDIGO BAR LLC, 500 WILD INDIGO LANE

Motion: Westemeier moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the application for a Corporation Manager’s Liquor License for Claire M. Lemery, for Ashton James, Inc., DBA, Indigo Bar LLC, 500 Wild Indigo Lane, 19C-0443.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA CA19-23

19C-0444 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 28, 2019

19C-0445 – APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #3 TO EXTEND COMPLETION DATE OF DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROJECT TO MAY 29, 2020

19C-0446 – ACCEPTANCE OF SEPTEMBER 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

19C-0447 – APPROVAL OF THE THIRD ANNUAL GALENA RIVER TRAIL HALF MARATHON ON OCTOBER 31, 2020

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve Consent Agenda, CA19-23.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

19C-0430 – SECOND READING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING MONTHLY SERVICE FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM

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

Discussion: None

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

19C-0447 – PRESENTATION OF COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR NORTHWEST ILLINOIS BY DANIEL PAYETTE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BLACKHAWK HILLS REGIONAL COUNCIL

19C-0448 – PRESENTATION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT BY O’CONNOR BROOKS & CO

19C-0449 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE MODIFICATION AND RENEWAL OF THE DESTINATION MARKETING MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH JO DAVIESS COUNTY AND THE GALENA/JO DAVIESS OFFICE OF TOURISM

Motion: McCoy moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the modification and renewal of the Destination Marketing Agreement with Jo Daviess County and the Galena/Jo Daviess Office of Tourism.

Discussion: None

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

The motion carried.

19C-0450 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT OF THE 2019 TAX LEVY FOR TAXES TO BE COLLECTED IN 2020

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by McCoy, to approve establishing the amount of the 2019 tax levy for taxes to be collected in 2020. The recommended motion would state, “The amount of property taxes the City of galena expects to levy in 2019, to be collected in 2020, is \$1,420,927.”

Discussion: Kieffer explained that he believe the tax payers should have a break from increases and the council should not increase the levy. He said that water rates will be increasing next spring.

Bernstein stated that she would like to freeze the taxes, but if the council does not levy for what is available under PTELL, the increases will be lost forever. The loss of revenue compounds year after year.

McCoy stated that he too would prefer to not increase the levy, but he knows that revenue is needed to make capital improvements and cover the increasing costs the City faces.

Amended

Motion: McCoy moved, seconded by Bernstein, to amend the main motion to reflect a tax increase of one-half of the maximum increase available under PTELL or “The amount of property taxes the City of galena expects to levy in 2019, to be collected in 2020, is \$1,439,093.”

Discussion: The mayor stated the amount of the increase would be \$18,165.

Amended

Motion Roll call: AYES: Bernstein, McCoy, Renner
NAYS: Kieffer, Westemeier
ABSENT: Allendorf, Hahn

The motion carried.

Main

Motion:

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

The motion carried.

19C-0451 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO A JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY FOR WATER RESOURCES INVESTIGATIONS

Motion: Westemeier moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the first amendment to the joint funding agreement with the US Geological survey for water resources investigations.

Discussion: None

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

The motion carried.

19C-0452 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO A FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS FOR WATER RESOURCE INVESTIGATIONS

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the first amendment to a funding agreement with the league of women's voters for water resource investigations.

Discussion: None

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

The motion carried.

19C-0453 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT WITH IIW ENGINEERING FOR PROJECT PLAN PREPARATION FOR THE WEST SIDE WATER TOWER ELIMINATION PROJECT

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by McCoy, to approve the contract with IIW Engineering for project plan preparation for the West Side water tower elimination project.

Discussion: None

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

The motion carried.

19C-0454 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT WITH COMMUNITY FUNDING AND PLANNING SERVICES FOR EPA LOAN APPLICATION PREPARATION SERVICES FOR THE WEST SIDE WATER TOWER ELIMINATION PROJECT

Motion: Westemeier moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve a contract with Community Funding and Planning Services for EPA loan application preparation services for the West Side water tower elimination project.

Discussion: None

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

The motion carried.

19C-0455 – WARRANTS

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the Warrants as presented, 19C-0455.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

19C-0456 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Thank You - Council thanked Public Works for handling the unexpected first snow fall.

Thank You – Council thanked Janelle Keeffer for the award for Turner Hall, well deserved.

Thank You – Beth Baranski and the League of Women's Voters for the work on the Water Resource Investigations. City staff was thanked for the work on the City Budget and Audit.

Halloween Parade - Council stated that next year there needs to be more buses to pick up people after the parade.

19C-0457 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Moran reported that a debriefing meeting is planned for the Halloween Parade and the committee is already discussing needed expansion of the shuttle bus system.

Moran reminded the council that the two contracts for professional services approved for the water system projects would be sixty percent reimbursable under the EPA loan program. The same is true for the actual project costs.

Moran also reported that staff has started working on the update of the Capital Improvement Plan. He expects the plan to be presented to the council in December.

19C-0458 – MAYOR’S REPORT – The mayor thanked City staff, recognized a great season by the girls volleyball team, and thanked all of the veterans for their dedication and hard work.

19C-0459 – ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Bernstein to adjourn.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Johnson
Acting Secretary for City Council