

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 25 NOVEMBER 2019

19C-0460 – 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 25 November 2019.

19C-0461 – ROLL CALL

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

19C-0462 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

19C-0463 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

19C-0464 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

No reports.

19C-0465 – CITIZENS COMMENTS

Janet Eggleston, 510 Spring Street – Eggleston updated the council on the friendship city with Agen, France and requested the city renew the membership with Friendship Cities International.

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Allendorf, to open the public hearing on an application to vacate approximately 0.835 acres of street right-of-way adjacent to his property.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

19C-0466 – PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPLICATION TO VACATE APPROXIMATELY 0.835 ACRES OF STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY ADJACENT TO HIS PROPERTY. THE SUBJECT RIGHT-OF-WAY IS CONTIGUOUS TO LOTS 1-7 IN BLOCK 1 OF THE GALENA SCENIC MEADOWS UNIT 2 SUBDIVISION

Testimony: Pat Ready, IIW Engineers, 4155 Pennsylvania Avenue – Ready advised he is present to request that the right-of-way identified in the packet be vacated to allow for development of this property. The property was under a development agreement for 20 years. It failed to develop so the property was used for agricultural purposes. They will be requesting the property to be rezoned and the property surrounded will be consolidated into one lot to allow for singular ownership.

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Allendorf, to close the public hearing on an application to vacate approximately 0.835 acres of street right-of-way adjacent to his property.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA CA19-24

19C-0467 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 12, 2019

19C-0468 – APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR GRANTS FOR THE GALENA DOG PARK, INCLUDING A BARK FOR YOUR PARK GRANT OFFERED BY PETSAFE, A DUBUQUE RACING ASSOCIATION GRANT, AND A WALMART COMMUNITY GRANT

19C-0469 – APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT BA20-07 FOR WATER AND SEWER EXPENSES

19C-0470 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY TRISTATE HISTORICAL PRESENTATIONS, INC. FOR THE GRANT’S HOME FRONT EVENT IN DEPOT PARK, APRIL 24-26, 2020

19C-0471 – APPROVAL OF STRAY DOG PICK-UP CONTRACT WITH JO DAVIESS COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL

19C-0472 – APPROVAL OF THE 2020 SHAMROCK SHIMMY AND PARADE ON MARCH 14, 2020

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Allendorf, to approve Consent Agenda, CA19-24.

Discussion: McCoy voiced concern with the County charging \$900 for the Stray Dog Pick-up Contract. We are all residents of Jo Daviess County. He stated he doesn’t understand the fairness when billing back and forth. Bernstein further questioned what happens after 3:00 p.m. with dogs. Mayor Renner advised they are put in the kennel at the garage until such time as they can come and pick them up.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

19C-0473 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RENEWAL OF SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP FOR RELATIONSHIP WITH AGEN, FRANCE

Motion: Allendorf moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve renewal of Sister Cities International membership for relationship with Agen, France, 19C-0473.

Discussion: None

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

The motion carried.

19C-0474 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION OF MOREL COURT IN THE SCENIC MEADOWS SUBDIVISION

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the first reading of an ordinance providing for the vacation of Morel Court in the Scenic Meadows Subdivision.

Discussion: Hahn stated in order to move forward with the plans for this property this needs to be vacated.

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

The motion carried.

19C-0475 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE EXPIRATION OF THE ANNEXATION AGREEMENT FOR THE GALENA SCENIC MEADOWS SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF GALENA

Motion: Allendorf moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the resolution affirming the expiration of the Annexation Agreement for the Galena Scenic Meadows Subdivision in the City of Galena.

Discussion: None

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

The motion carried.

19C-0476 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ZONING CALENDAR NO. 19A-05, A REQUEST BY ILWAB FARMS, LLC, 13275 CHETLAIN LANE, GALENA TO REZONE SEVEN PARCELS IN UNIT 2 OF GALENA SCENIC MEADOWS SUBDIVISION FROM LIMITED AGRICULTURAL TO PLANNED INDUSTRIAL AND A PARCEL IN COBBLESTONE CROSSING SUBDIVISION FROM MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO LIMITED AGRICULTURE

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Allendorf, to approve Zoning Calendar No. 19A-05, a request by ILWAB Farms, LLC, 13275 Chetlain Lane, Galena to rezone seven parcels in Unit 2 of Galena Scenic Meadows Subdivision from Limited Agricultural to Planned Industrial and a parcel in Cobblestone Crossing Subdivision from Medium Density Residential to Limited Agriculture, 19C-0476.

Discussion: None

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

The motion carried.

19C-0477 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY ILWAB FARMS, LLC, 13275 CHETLAIN LANE, GALENA, FOR SPECIAL USE PERMITS TO ALLOW AN ADULT-USE CANNABIS CRAFT GROWER BUSINESS AND AN ADULT-USE CANNABIS DISPENSING ORGANIZATION ON PARCEL 13-001-106-13 OF UNIT 2 OF THE GALENA SCENIC MEADOWS SUBDIVISION

This item was removed from the agenda.

19C-0478 – 2019 YEAR-END SWIMMING POOL REPORT

Janelle Keefer, Facilities Manager, gave the end of year pool report.

19C-0479 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT OWNERSHIP BY DEDICATION OF THE PUBLIC STREETS, SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM, WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, AND STORM WATER SYSTEM IN UNIT 3 OF THE GALENA SCENIC MEADOWS SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF GALENA

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the first reading of an ordinance to accept ownership by dedication of the public streets, sanitary sewer system, water distribution system and storm water system in Unit 3 of the Galena Scenic Meadows Subdivision in the City of Galena, 19C-0479.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

19C-0480 – FIRST READING OF THE 2019 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE FOR TAXES TO BE COLLECTED IN 2020

Motion: McCoy moved, seconded by Allendorf, to approve the 2019 Tax Levy Ordinance for taxes to be collected in 2020, 19C-0480.

Discussion: Allendorf stated he agrees nobody likes raising taxes. However, he feels it is a lot easier for people to manage when it is done incrementally rather than 10 years of no increases.

Hahn stated he would have preferred to see the full amount of the increase stating what we don't take each year is gone every year after that as well.

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

The motion carried.

19C-0481 – WARRANTS

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the Warrants as presented, 19C-0481.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

19C-0482 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Thank you – Hahn thanked Janelle Keefer and the pool staff. He stated he would like to see if we could somehow incorporate a splash pad at the pool with a grant or fundraiser. He feels it would be a great addition to the pool. McCoy advised he and his grandkids are part of the reason the concessions sales are up!

Allendorf stated he hears nothing but good reviews of the pool. The weather is impossible to account for. He is in favor of maximizing the number of days open. It is a great amenity for the residents.

Thank you – Westemeier thanked the Lawlor's for the Nouveau weekend. It was a decent weekend and always brings lots of people to town.

Thank you – Bernstein thanked Janelle Keeffer and staff for the pool report. It provides so much information and a job well done.

Thank you – Bernstein thanked Janelle Keeffer for the very nice event held at Turner Hall when the Driehaus Award was presented.

19C-0483 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Glass Recycling – Moran advised we are very close to having a glass recycling dumpster at Piggly Wiggly. The dumpster should be ready this week and just a few more details to be worked out.

Thank you – Moran thanked the Galena Fire Department for hanging the downtown wreaths, the Downtown Business Association for assisting with the lights on the poles and the Galena High School Key Club for wrapping the wreaths with lights.

19C-0484 – MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Renner thanked Matt Oldenburg and the Zoning Board on the massive amount of paperwork they had on the project. He also thanked Janelle Keefer and the pool staff for their work.

Mayor Renner wished all a "Happy Turkey Day".

19C-0485 – ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Allendorf to adjourn.

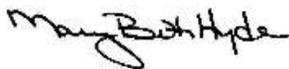
Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk