

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 09 DECEMBER 2019

19C-0486 – 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 09 December 2019.

19C-0487 – ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Hahn

19C-0488 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

19C-0489 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

19C-0490 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

No reports.

19C-0491 – CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA CA19-25

19C-0492 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 25, 2019

19C-0493 – APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT WITH LOUIE'S TRENCHING SERVICE

19C-0494 – APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF GALENA SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

19C-0495 – APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR SOCIAL MEDIA RECORD RETENTION AND RETRIEVAL SERVICES WITH PAGEFREEZER SOFTWARE

19C-0496 – APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR SECONDARY EMPLOYMENT BY OFFICER DEVIN HALSTEAD

19C-0497 – ACCEPTANCE OF OCTOBER 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Allendorf, to approve Consent Agenda, CA19-25.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Motion: Allendorf moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the second reading of an ordinance providing for the vacation of Morel Court in the Scenic Meadows Subdivision, 19C-0474.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

19C-0479 – SECOND READING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL 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: Westemeier moved, seconded by Kieffer to approve 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: Kieffer, Bernstein, McCoy, Westemeier, Allendorf, Renner
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Hahn

The motion carried.

19C-0480 – SECOND READING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE 2019 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE FOR TAXES TO BE COLLECTED IN 2020

Motion: McCoy moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the 2019 Tax Levy Ordinance for taxes to be collected in 2020.

Discussion: None

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

19C-0498 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTON ON THE EASTERN GATEWAY PROPOSAL BY THE GALENA PRESERVATION ACTION ORGANIZATION

Jim Consedine, on behalf of the Galena Preservation Action Organization, presented a summary of potential plans for transportation related improvements at Galena's eastern gateway.

Plans could include the following:

- Burying the overhead wires on the north side of US 20/IL 84 at Gateway Park that block the views of Galena for eastbound traffic.
- Creating a turnout, overlook or viewing area alongside US20/IL 84 at Gateway Park and potentially Horseshoe Mound
- A traffic analysis of US 20/IL 84 from West Powder Hill House Road to Mount Hope Road to determine if safety improvements are warranted.
- Creating a safe crossing of US20/IL 84 for bicycles and pedestrians. This would be part of a larger plan for a trail from Buehler Preserve to Horseshoe Mound.
- Natural restoration of the area within the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) right-of-way adjacent to Horseshoe Mound.
- Installing signage to direct travelers to Gateway Park and the Horseshoe Mound Preserve. This could also include new "Welcome to Galena" and "Thanks for Visiting Galena" signs.

Consedine advised the next steps would be:

- Convene a meeting of stakeholders to develop a concept plan for the project.
- Meet with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) District 2 to get feedback and gain their support.
- Present the results to the City Council and request approval to proceed.

Potential future actions by the City would be as follows:

- Agree to be a project sponsor.
- Prepare a Phase I Engineering Project Development Report. There likely would be costs associated with preparing this report. However, the concept plan needs to be developed and reviewed with IDOT before a reasonable cost estimate for the DR can be made.
- Prepare an ITEP grant application.
- Secure local match – 20% of project cost. The local match could come from other grant funds or local contributions of land, materials or services.
- Update the Comprehensive Plan to address the future of Gateway Park.

Consedine stated he has been to the Jo Daviess County Board. They had good discussions and there were not objections. They did not vote on the matter. They urged the group to keep going and see what the city says and bring back a proposal.

Renner stated this is all in the preliminary stages. The City would need more information down the road. He feels dollar wise the city's money is tied up and it could take a long time to get a grant.

Consedine advised at this time he is just looking to have a meeting between the City of Galena, Jo Daviess County and the Jo Daviess County Conservation Foundation. They would like to work with them to put together something on paper with different concepts and from there talk to IDOT to see if it is acceptable.

Renner felt it would be premature on the city's part to jump in with both feet. We would need dollar amounts. Consedine stated before he can get dollar amounts, he would like to have feedback from the stakeholders. It is hard to do dollar amounts at this time until the concept plan is approved.

Council agreed to postpone action until such time as there is more information available.

Bernstein requested, as they move forward, they keep the city advised of progress and thinking.

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Westemeier, to table action until such time as they come back with more information.

19C-0499 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO REZONE SEVEN PARCELS IN UNIT 2 OF THE 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: Allendorf moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the first reading of an Ordinance amending the Zoning Map to rezone seven parcels in Unit 2 of the 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-0499.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

19C-0500 – WARRANTS

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Allendorf, to approve the Warrants as presented, 19C-0500.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

19C-0501 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Fire in the Sky – Allendorf reported there was very good attendance at the weekend events. It is good to promote these types of events in these low tax months.

Kayak Park – Bernstein stated she has noticed in the reports that we have to keep postponing work on the Kayak Park because of flooding. She questions if the City needs to take another look at it. If it continues to flood there, where will the water go if we had more concrete.

Energy Districts – Bernstein reported there has been a lot of interest in the area with regard to creating energy districts. Bernstein has attended two meetings. The main reason for the districts would be to keep energy dollars local and reduce fossil fuel emissions. The next meeting will be held on January 23rd at 10:30 a.m. The venue is yet to be determined. They hope to find people at the meeting to serve on the board. Bernstein will let everyone know where the meeting will be held.

Fire in the Sky - McCoy stated he enjoyed the fireworks and the music over the weekend.

19C-0502 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Glass Recycling – Moran reported we are getting very close on glass recycling. The dumpster is in Galena and should be put in place at Piggly Wiggly sometime this week. Moran thanked Tammy at Tammy’s Piggly Wiggly and Ripple Glass for their involvement. The Dubuque Solid Waste Management Agency is ready to accept glass. They have the agreement with Ripple Glass. We are a partner in the background.

Moran thanked Pam Bernstein for bringing the concept forward and pursuing it.

Passenger Rail – Moran advised, Alderman Chris Allendorf, participated in a meeting on passenger rail. It was a good meeting. The next step is putting together a feasibility study of the route. The Dubuque Council of Governments will do that with guidance from the committee.

Capital Improvement Plan – The Capital Improvement Plan will be presented at the next meeting.

19C-0503 – MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Renner stated the weekend activities with the music and fireworks were very nice. He reminded everyone this weekend will be luminaria and living windows.

19C-0504 – ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Allendorf to adjourn.

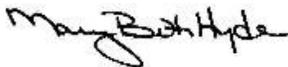
Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk