

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 13 JANUARY 2020**

**20C-0001 – 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 13 January 2020.

**20C-0002 – ROLL CALL**

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

**20C-0003 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

**20C-0004 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge was recited.

**20C-0005 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

No reports.

**20C-0006 – CITIZENS COMMENTS**

**Rose Noble, President, Galena Country Tourism** – Noble advised Galena Country Tourism has an item on the agenda asking for a series of events for Summer 2020. #AmazingForAllBridge, a pop-up campaign installation on the Pedestrian Bridge, June 1-28. They are asking for this event to be extended to four weeks this year. This will take place in June. Noble advised they would ask to use the city's flag pole's like last year.

American Flag Stairs is a similar application with decals added to the Green Street stairs June 28-July 19. The design will be an American flag. Galena Country will work with downtown businesses to decorate for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July as well.

The Field of Dreams activation will include a pop-up campaign along Main Street in partnership with select Main Street businesses. This would include decals on the sidewalks. Galena Country will maintain all decals. With approval, they would propose to park a car, much like the car in the movie, on Main Street for photo opportunities. In addition, they are partnering with Galena Historical Society to do a drive-in movie in Depot Park. They are hoping to create a buzz and commotion around the Major League game to be played in Dyersville.

The Food Truck Fight will be a one-day family-friendly event in Depot Park on Saturday, June 6. The event will feature traveling and local food vendors with a portion of the proceeds to local charities.

The Farm-to-Table on Main will be a one-day, high-end culinary event on Main Street, Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Noble advised they would work with everyone to reroute traffic and to provide proper signage.

**CONSENT AGENDA CA20-01**

**20C-0007 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 23, 2019**

**20C-0008 – APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT 3 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH IIW ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS AND SURVEYORS FOR THE EAST SIDE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**20C-0009 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY THE GALENA LIONS CLUB FOR OKTOBERFEST 2020, OCTOBER 3, 2020 IN DEPOT PARK**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by Allendorf, to approve Consent Agenda, CA20-01.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

**Motion:** Bernstein moved, seconded by McCoy to approve initiatives that city staff has started relative to parking improvements, changing the all-day parking for special events to \$10 and postpone any decision on paid parking on Main Street until we see how the changes work out for us.

**Discussion:** Bernstein stated she would like to see the city follow through on some the improvements that are easy to facilitate. There are some potential areas for additional parking. She feels setting up paid parking on Main Street would be a lot of work by staff. She prefers to wait to see what is gained from the other initiatives.

Hahn feels staff should proceed with looking further into doing paid parking on Main Street. With the upgrades needed in the parking lots, we need the money to do it.

Kieffer noted the kiosks are expensive. He feels Main Street is something we can continue to work on.

Mayor Renner agreed this is something we can continue to work on. He stated he would be in favor of getting a traffic control officer back downtown. We have a good program going with the first ticket being a courtesy ticket.

McCoy felt it doesn't make sense to have paid parking in the lots and nothing on Main Street. One of the biggest complaints he hears is the three-hour parking. While he doesn't like the cost of the kiosk, he would love to see the phone app implemented. He suggested easing into it. While he likes the idea of a shuttle, he would prefer it to be privately run through the Downtown Business Association, Chamber or hotels/motels.

Renner voiced concern how paid parking would set with the locals. Westemeier advised local people know where to park. He noted all summer at least 50 percent of the cars on Main Street were business people. Westemeier was in favor of raising the lots to \$10. A priority should be made to get the Commerce Street lot upgraded. He advised, in the past, we had two parking control officers. They worked 7 days per week and got people to move their cars. While kiosks are expensive, they pay for themselves in a short time. Westemeier also likes the phone app so people don't have to return to their car to move it.

Allendorf stated one criticism he receives is that people don't have access to Uber or Lyft. He feels the easiest thing to do is change the all-day parking to \$10 and allow the ride share app. The second biggest priority would be to address the Commerce Street lot.

Hahn was in favor of getting a traffic control officer back. He feels the paid parking will pay for itself. Kieffer agreed.

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

The motion carried.

**19C-0514 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MARKETING INITIATIVES AND EVENT PROPOSALS BY GALENA COUNTRY TOURISM, INCLUDING: AMAZING FOR ALL BRIDGE, AMERICAN FLAG STAIRS, FIELD OF DREAMS INTERACTIVE WALKING TOUR, FIELD OF DREAMS AT DEPOT PARK, FOOD TRUCK FIGHT AT DEPOT PARK, AND FARM-TO-TABLE DINNER ON MAIN STREET**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by Allendorf, to approve action on marketing initiatives and event proposals by Galena Country Tourism, including: Amazing for All Bridge, American Flag Stairs, Field of Dreams Interactive Walking Tour, Field of Dreams at Depot Park, Food Truck Fight at Depot Park and Farm-to-Table Dinner on Main Street.

**Discussion:** Kieffer voiced concern with closing down Main Street for the dinner. He questioned if it could be done in the Green Street Plaza area. Noble advised Galena is one of five places chosen for this event. Main Street was picked because of the cover on the travel guide. The picture is this section of Main Street. She advised they would provide signage for the traffic flow. She is concerned if they aren't allowed to use this section of Main Street it could be a deal breaker.

Westemeier feels this is the best block to close. It has been done in the past for car shows. He doesn't have a problem with blocking it off. It will work with proper signage. Noble advised they would work with everyone to keep everyone up to date on what is happening.

Renner questioned if deliveries would be able to be made and also noted Friday morning is garbage pickup. Noble advised there could still potentially be deliveries in that block on Thursday. She will check with Montgomery Trucking on garbage pickup.

Renner stated he doesn't have a problem with it. He is concerned about deliveries. Renner asked that they go to each business in that block to advise business owners the block will be closed off at 10:00 a.m. They could then get in contact with any deliveries they would be receiving and prepare as much as possible.

Kieffer questioned if the pride flags would be up for a month. He was advised they would.

Renner advised the banner across Main Street could be up for no longer than 15 days.

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

The motion carried.

**19C-0517 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021-25**

This item was removed from the agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**20C-0011 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2020 SWIMMING POOL RATES AND WAGES**

**Motion:** Allendorf moved, seconded by Kieffer to approve 20C-0011, action on 2020 swimming pool rates and wages.

**Discussion:** Allendorf questioned why we would open on Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend rather than Saturday. Keffer explained one of the challenges we face is trying to find training time for staff during the month of May. She noted Friday and Saturday of that weekend are typically used for training days.

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

The motion carried.

**20C-0012 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 90 OF THE GALENA CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING INOPERABLE HISTORIC VEHICLES**

**Motion:** Allendorf moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Galena Code of Ordinances regarding inoperable historic vehicles, 20C-0012.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**20C-0013 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY (SURPLUS PROPERTY)**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by Allendorf, to approve to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of an ordinance authorizing the sale of municipally owned personal property, 20C-0013.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**20C-0014 – WARRANTS**

**Motion:** Kieffer moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the Warrants as presented, 20C-0014.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**20C-0015 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS**

**Open Burn** – McCoy stated the number one complaint he receives is with regard to the burning of leaves. He feels this is something that should be looked at as there are people with asthma, allergies, etc.

**Happy Holidays** – Hahn wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He has heard great things went on during the holidays and he thanked everyone for all they did to make these events happen.

**Snow/Ice** – Kieffer commended the Public Works crew for a job well done with the recent ice and snow.

**Uber/Lyft** – Allendorf stated the biggest complaint he gets from tourists is the lack of Uber and Lyft. He emphasized how important this is as a stop gap.

**Galena Gazette** – Allendorf gave a shout out to the Galena Gazette for the editorial on the lack of citizen participation in local government. It was spot on. He noted for people to come out after a decision has been made makes it a lot harder to change. He would prefer to see people here before rather than after a decision has been made.

**20C-0016 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**Kayak Launch** – Moran received confirmation that the grant from the state for the kayak launch has been extended another year.

**Budget** – Moran advised he has sent out the budget schedule via email.

**20C-0017 – MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Renner thanked Tammy's Piggly Wiggly for allowing the glass recycling dumpster to be placed in their parking lot.

Mayor Renner thanked the Public Works Department for their hard work and staff for their work on the parking issues.

**20C-0018 – MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion:** Allendorf moved, seconded by Kieffer, to recess to Executive Session to discuss the following:

- Collective negotiating matters and deliberations concerning salary schedules, Section 2 (c) (2)
- Review of Executive Session Minutes, Section 2 (c) (21)

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried

The meeting recessed at 7:04 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:12 p.m.

**20C-0019 – ADJOURNMENT**

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

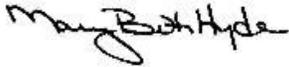
**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Beth Hyde". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Beth Hyde  
City Clerk