

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 23 MARCH 2020**

**20C-0101 – 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 23 March 2020.

**20C-0102 – ROLL CALL**

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

**20C-0103 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

**20C-0104 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge was recited.

**20C-0105 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

No reports.

**20C-0106 – CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA CA20-06**

**20C-0107 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2020**

**20C-0108 APPROVAL OF TRUE-UP COSTS PAYMENT WITH VEOLIA FOR WATER AND SEWER OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR YEAR ENDING JULY 31, 2019**

**Motion:** Allendorf moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve Consent Agenda, CA20-06.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**20C-0109 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SUSPENDING ALL ADVISORY BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AND THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**Motion:** Allendorf moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve suspending all advisory board and committee meetings, including but not limited to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Historic Preservation Commission until further notice, 20C-0109.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**20C-0110 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON NOT CONDUCTING ANY PUBLIC HEARINGS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by Allendorf, to approve action to not conduct any public hearings until further notice, 20C-0110.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**20C-0111 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SUSPENDING APPLICATIONS AND HEARINGS ON ANY NEW SPECIAL USE REQUESTS FOR ADULT-USE RECREATIONAL CANNABIS BUSINESSES UNTIL THE MONTH FOLLOWING THE ISSUANCE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS LICENSES CURRENTLY PLANNED TO BE ISSUED PRIOR TO MAY 1, 2020**

**Motion:** Westemeier moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve action suspending applications and hearings on any new special use requests for Adult-Use Recreational Cannabis Businesses until the month following the issuance of the State of Illinois licenses currently planned to be issued prior to May 1, 2020, 20C-0111.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**20C-0112 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE CITY COUNCIL CONDUCTING MEETINGS FOR NECESSARY PUBLIC BUSINESS, POSSIBLY WITH REMOTE ATTENDANCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by Allendorf, to approve the City Council conducting meetings for necessary public business, possibly with remote attendance, in accordance with the regular council meeting schedule, 20C-0112.

**Discussion:** Staff will look into the possibility of using Zoom. No budget work sessions will be held.

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

The motion carried.

**20C-0113 – WARRANTS**

**Motion:** Allendorf moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the Warrants as presented with the addition of a warrant to Veolia in the amount of \$102,492.74, 20C-0113.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

#### **20C-0114 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS**

**Good Luck** – McCoy wished everyone good luck moving forward with everything.

**Thank you** – Bernstein thanked staff for putting all the mechanisms in place to deal with the CORVID-19 situation. The community appreciates it.

**Budget** – Westemeier noted everyone will really have to clamp down on the budget. While this may be hard to get through, we are a strong town and since airlines won't be flying, hopefully people will come to Galena.

**Galena** – Allendorf stated while things are going to be a little crazy for a while, we are in a strong financial position. While things might not be pretty, we will survive.

**Businesses** – Hahn hopes that the local businesses can weather it out. He urged the City to do what we can to help people out. Stay safe!

#### **20C-0115 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**Budget** – Moran advised he is reworking the budget. Revenues will be taking a hard hit. The City is in a good position.

**Bond Rating** – The city received a AAA rating. The strong points were that we have low debt, a strong fund reserve and were able to weather difficult times in the past.

**Coronavirus** – Moran stated he will continue to update the website with information on the coronavirus. He will continue to add links with specific updates.

**Thank you** – Moran thanked staff and the community for their support over the past couple weeks.

#### **20C-0116 – MAYOR'S REPORT**

Renner noted the City will be losing all tax revenues. The last big weekend was March 14<sup>th</sup>. Sales tax will dry up. Projections are for a 30-35 percent drop. Mark will continue to work on things and he will continue to have daily talks with him. We need to move ahead.

Renner thanked the First Responders, Police Department, Fire Department and Public Works. All are doing a good job.

Renner advised staff that can work from home have been offered to do so. City Hall will continue to do the daily business.

Mayor Renner thanked Blaum Brothers Distillery for making hand sanitizer.

Mayor Renner urged all to stay positive as we enter these uncharted waters. If we move ahead strong, we can come out of it.

#### **20C-0117 – MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

- Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance, Section 2 (c) (1)
- Collective negotiating matters and deliberations concerning salary schedules, Section 2 (c) (2)
- Pending, probable or imminent litigation, Section 2 (c) (11)
- 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 6:43 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:01 p.m.

**20C-0118 – ADJOURNMENT**

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

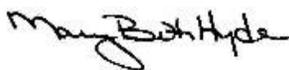
**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde  
City Clerk