

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 27 APRIL 2020**

**20C-0144 – 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 27 April 2020.

**20C-0145 – ROLL CALL**

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

**20C-0146 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

**20C-0147 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge was recited.

**20C-0148 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

No reports.

**20C-0149 – CITIZENS COMMENTS**

No comments.

**LIQUOR COMMISSION**

**Motion:** Allendorf moved, seconded by Hahn, to adjourn as the City Council and reconvene as the Liquor Commission.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**20C-0150 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2020**

**Motion:** Westemeier moved, seconded by McCoy, to approve the renewal of liquor licenses for the year beginning May 1, 2020 as listed, 20C-0150.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**20C-0151 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPLICATION FOR A CORPORATION MANAGER LIQUOR LICENSE BY GALENA ASSOCIATES, INC., DBA DESOTO HOUSE HOTEL, 230 S. MAIN STREET, FOR MICHAEL STEINHOFF**

**Motion:** Westemeier moved, seconded by McCoy, to approve an application for a Corporation Manager Liquor License by Galena Associates, Inc., DBA DeSoto House Hotel, 230 S. Main Street, for Michael Steinhoff, 20C-0151.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**20C-0152 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPLICATION FOR A CORPORATION MANAGER LIQUOR LICENSE BY WALMART INC., 10000 BARTELL BLVD., FOR JESSE SERTLE**

**Motion:** Bernstein moved, seconded by Allendorf, to approve the application for a Corporation Manager Liquor License by Wal-Mart, Inc., 10000 Bartell Blvd., for Jesse Sertle.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**20C-0153 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPLICATION FOR A CLASS D CORPORATION LIQUOR LICENSE BY GALENA TAJIN, INC., DBA GALENA'S TAJIN MEXICAN RESTAURANT AND CANTINA, 124 N. COMMERCE STREET**

**Motion:** Allendorf moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the application for a Class D Corporation Liquor License by Galena Tajin, Inc., DBA Galena's Tajin Mexican Restaurant and Cantina, 124 N. Commerce Street, 20C-0153.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**20C-0154 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPLICATION FOR A CORPORATION MANAGER LIQUOR LICENSE BY GALENA'S TAJIN MEXICAN RESTAURANT AND CANTINA, 124 N. COMMERCE STREET, FOR NOEL HERRERA PULIDO**

**Motion:** Westemeier moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the application for a Corporation Manager Liquor License by Galena's Tajin Mexican Restaurant and Cantina, 124 N. Commerce Street, for Noel Herrera Pulido.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**20C-0155 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPLICATION FOR A CLASS D CORPORATION LIQUOR LICENSE BY CANNOVA’S GALENA, IL LLC, DBA CANNOVA’S PIZZERIA, 247 N. COMMERCE STREET**

**Motion:** Kieffer moved, seconded by Allendorf, to approve the application for a Class D Corporation Liquor License by Cannova’s Galena, IL LLC, DBA Canova’s Pizzeria, 247 N. Commerce Street, 20C-0155.

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

The motion carried.

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

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA CA20-08**

**20C-0156 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2020**

**20C-0157 – APPROVAL OF TROLLEY SERVICE LICENSES, HORSE DRAWN CARRIAGE LICENSE, AND TOUR GUIDE BUSINESS LICENSE FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2020**

**20C-0158 – APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH BRYCER, LLC FOR THE COMPLIANCE ENGINE FIRE INSPECTION, TESTING AND CODE COMPLIANCE REPORTING AGREEMENT**

**20C-0159 – APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS FOR THE PERIOD MAY 12, 2020 TO MAY 10, 2021**

**20C-0160 – APPROVAL OF UTILITY ACCOUNT WRITE-OFFS OF \$462.61 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 2019 TO APRIL 30, 2020**

**20C-0161 – APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF NEW FLOW METERS FOR WELLS 6 AND 7 FOR \$7,900**

**20C-0162 – ACCEPTANCE OF MARCH 2020 FINANCIAL REPORT**

**20C-0163 – APPROVAL OF THE RENEWAL OF TAXICAB LICENSE FOR ECO-CAB, LLC FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2020**

**Motion:** Allendorf moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve Consent Agenda, CA20-08.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**20C-0164 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PROPOSAL TO DISPLAY BANNERS OF GALENA HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ON DOWNTOWN LIGHT POSTS FROM MAY 1-MAY 30, 2020**

**Motion:** McCoy moved, seconded by Allendorf, to approve the proposal to display banners of Galena High School seniors on downtown light posts from May 1-May 30, 2020.

**Discussion:** Council agreed this was a wonderful gesture, a great idea, and the least we can do for our seniors who aren't going to have a graduation.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Kieffer lost connection at this point in the meeting.

**20C-0165 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING MONTHLY SERVICE FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM OF THE GALENA CODE OF ORDINANCES**

**Motion:** Allendorf moved, seconded by Westemeier to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of an ordinance modifying monthly service fees and charges for the Waterworks System of the Galena Code of Ordinances, 20C-0165.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**20C-0166 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ABATING CERTAIN TAXES HERETOFORE LEVIED BY THE CITY OF GALENA, ILLINOIS FOR THE PALACE CAMPGROUND**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of an ordinance abating certain taxes heretofore levied by the City of Galena, Illinois for the Palace Campground.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**20C-0167 – APPROVAL OF FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR MAY 1, 2020-APRIL 30, 2021 WITH THE GALENA-JO DAVIESS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM**

**Motion:** McCoy moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve a funding agreement for May 1, 2020-April 30, 2021 with the Galena-Jo Daviess County Historical Society and Museum amending the amount to \$3,500.

**Discussion:** McCoy stated the amended amount provides for a 30 percent reduction.

Westemeier recommended giving \$2,500 to non-profits receiving donations this year.

Bernstein felt reducing the amounts by 30 percent for non-profits was appropriate and accounted for the shortfall the city is anticipating.

McCoy stated he understands where Alderman Westemeier is coming from. He too is not quite sure what the City should be donating this year. However, he feels, in these times, it would be harsh to just plain cut the donations off. We currently owe the Historical Society for last year. They will have the whole year to fund utility bills. He stated he feels reducing the amount by 30 percent this year with no guarantees in the future is appropriate.

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

The motion carried.

**20C-0168 – APPROVAL OF A FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR MAY 1, 2020-APRIL 30, 2021 WITH THE GALENA ART AND RECREATION CENTER**

**Motion:** McCoy moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the funding agreement for May 1, 2020-April 30, 2021 with the Galena Art and Recreation Center reducing the amount to \$10,000.

**Discussion:** McCoy stated the amended amount provides for a 30 percent reduction. McCoy noted the ARC is always in need of funds. The City provides the parks and the ARC provides the activities for those parks.

Westemeier stated he would stand with his previous comments to reduce the amount for all non-profit donations to \$2,500.

Renner stated he would like to see the amount be a little bit less. He noted the ARC charges for everything anyway. He feels the \$10,000 is still quite a bit of money this year. He feels the City needs to tighten our belts and they should as well.

Bernstein stated she would be inclined to reduce the amount to \$7,500. Her motion to do so died for lack of a second.

Westemeier voiced concern with giving money away with the potential of having to furlough employees.

McCoy noted this is a contract for services provided.

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

The motion carried.

Kieffer rejoined the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

**20C-0169 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE MODIFICATION AND RENEWAL OF THE DESTINATION MARKETING MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH JO DAVIESS COUNTY AND GALENA/JO DAVIESS OFFICE OF TOURISM**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the modifications and renewal of the Destination Marketing Management Agreement with Jo Daviess County and the Galena/Jo Daviess Office of Tourism.

**Discussion:** Allendorf was in favor of reducing the amount held by the City to 4 percent. He stated he prefers to have the professionals keep the money to market Galena as a destination. They are in a much better position to spend it vs. the City using it to plug holes in the budget. He prefers to see more money stay with them.

Westemeier noted the money can only be used for tourism items. This money can be used for Police overtime and barricades for events. Renner agreed noting this money helps defray costs for events.

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

The motion carried.

**20C-0170 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON NOTICE OF INTENT AWARD FOR THE EAST SIDE UTILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**Motion:** McCoy moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the notice of intent to award for the East Side Utility Improvement Project with Louie’s Trenching Service in the amount of \$1,383,717.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**20C-0171 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 OPERATING BUDGET**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by McCoy, to approve the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Operating Budget amended to include reducing the donations to the following:

- Galena Chamber of Commerce/Halloween Parade \$2,500
- Kiwanis Club/4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks \$2,500
- Northwest Economic Development \$2,500.

**Discussion:** The budget contemplates a complete freeze on hiring.

Allendorf questioned if the donations discussed at the previous meeting were reduced by 30 percent as well. Hahn felt the donation to the Kiwanis for 4<sup>th</sup> of July shouldn’t be reduced.

Westemeier stated he would again recommend they get \$2,500. Renner noted if the events don’t take place, they wouldn’t get the money. He recommended Council look at the budget every two months and decide then if more cuts need to be made and what works. Kieffer and McCoy agreed.

Bernstein feels the \$3,000 to the economic development group will probably be well spent considering the situation the small businesses are currently in. She feels any money spent that can help small businesses is money well spent.

**Amended**

**Motion:** Westemeier moved, seconded by McCoy, to amend the motion to include reducing the donations to the following:

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| • Galena Chamber of Commerce/Halloween Parade    | \$2,500  |
| • Kiwanis Club/4 <sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks | \$2,500  |
| • Northwest Economic Development                 | \$2,500. |

**Discussion:** None.

**Amended**

**Motion**

**Roll Call:**

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

The motion carried.

**Main**

**Motion**

**Roll Call:**

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

The motion carried.

**20C-0172 – WARRANTS**

**Motion:** Kieffer moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the Warrants as presented, 20C-0172.

**Discussion:** None.

**Roll Call:**

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

The motion carried.

**20C-0173 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS**

**State Reopening** – Allendorf stated his observations have made him think that we should strongly urge the state to look at some kind of reasonable plan for reopening in the near future. There are alarming reports that rapid COVID-19 tests are available in Chicago and not being made available to rural areas. Those tests are the key to reopening. They have prioritized Chicago, Cook County and the collar counties with those tests. Allendorf stated it is sad that they are not treating other parts of the state in reasonable fashion. Hopefully things will change.

**Air B and B's** – Allendorf stated he has noticed lots of out of state plates on Main Street. He questioned if they are people staying at Air B and B's. He questioned if the City should be putting out a statement on whether to stay here or not. Allendorf feels, at this point, it is not a good idea.

**Open Burn** – McCoy stated he appreciates that the City has put the open burn on hold due to COVID-19. He would like to take a look at that sometime in the near future. He would be in favor of eliminating open burn permanently. Kieffer noted people are already abusing it and burning all over town. Bernstein agreed. She noted she has been against open burn for quite a long time. She feels it is especially important to prohibit in the current situation with COVID-19.

**Letter** – Kieffer commended Mayor Renner on the recent letter in the Galena Gazette with regard to Coronavirus and what the City has done and how we are dealing with it. Bernstein thanked Mayor Renner as well and felt it was well timed and extremely important.

**Crosswalks** – Kieffer stated the crosswalks look nice.

**Thank you** – Westemeier thanked the people of Galena along with the hospital and nursing home for doing such a good job containing the virus. The nursing home has done a fantastic job.

**Donations** – Westemeier stated he has nothing against any of the organizations. He feels the City needs to run like a business and try to watch spending. The City has to spend money wisely.

**Events** – Bernstein stated she would like to hear from Rose Noble in the near future to keep up to date on events that have been cancelled or rescheduled. Bernstein was impressed with her report about what they have done relative to the COVID-19 virus.

#### **20C-0174 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S COMMENTS**

**Pool Season** – Moran advised he and staff have still been thinking about pool season. We are preparing as if we are going to open and getting the facility ready. Reality is the COVID-19 virus may be an obstacle. An item will be placed on the agenda of May 11 for discussion. Staff will provide the facts and options.

**Zoning Board Meetings** – Moran advised an agenda item will be presented at the next meeting to reinstate Zoning Board meetings via teleconference. A project proposal for a mixed-use development with retail on the first floor, 4 units up and 1-unit underneath. It is a good development and they would like to get it through the zoning process.

**Funding** – Moran advised he has been working to identify funding to assist local government. At this time, there is nothing out there for cities under 500,000. There is a strong lobby out there to demonstrate the need for assistance to municipalities. Hopefully something will come down in the form of a federal relief package.

**Economic Development Grant** – The grant is designed for shovel ready projects that affect businesses affected by the pandemic. Completing the downtown sidewalks and crosswalks would make a competitive application. Moran advised he would provide more information in the near future.

#### **20C-0175 – MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Renner stated one bright light would be getting grant funding. Things are never ending. He is happy to get the Zoning Board back up and working on projects. He urged all to stay healthy and stay safe.

#### **20C-0176 – ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Discussion:** None.

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

NAYS: None

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Mary Beth Hyde  
City Clerk