

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 11 MAY 2020

20C-0177 – 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 11 May 2020.

20C-0178 – ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Hahn (Hahn connected at 6:53 p.m. and attended executive session)

20C-0179 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

20C-0180 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

20C-0181 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

No reports.

20C-0182 – CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA CA20-09

20C-0183 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 27, 2020

20C-0184 – APPROVAL TO CONDUCT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETINGS AS NEEDED USING ZOOM TELECONFERENCING

20C-0185 – APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT BA21-01 FOR RECEIPT OF REBUILD ILLINOIS GRANT FUNDS

20C-0186 – APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #4 FOR THE DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

20C-0187 – APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR TRANSIT SERVICE WITH JO DAVIESS COUNTY TRANSIT FOR MAY 1, 2020 TO APRIL 30, 2021

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

20C-0188 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT WITH KAREN WHITE FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by McCoy, to approve an independent contractor agreement with Karen White for janitorial services at the Police Department.

Discussion: Mayor Renner stated the city has decided to outsource the janitorial services rather than using city staff.

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

The motion carried.

20C-0189 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE 2020 SWIMMING POOL SEASON

Motion: McCoy moved, seconded by Bernstein to move the opening of the swimming pool to 2021.

Discussion: McCoy noted we would have to get to Phase 5 of the reopening in order to be able to open the pool. The logistics of that are very difficult. He voiced concern if the pool were to open it would be very difficult to control social distancing. With the risk factors and expenses involved, he feels it isn't going to happen this year.

Kieffer agreed stating he doesn't think it is feasible to spend \$10-\$12,000 to open for a month. He was in favor of waiting till next season.

Allendorf stated while he would love to see the pool open, he doesn't feel the city should put people's safety in jeopardy. Renner agreed.

McCoy thanked Mark Moran and staff for the unbelievable evaluation of the situation.

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

The motion carried.

20C-0190 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PAY APPLICATION #7 AS A SPECIAL ACCOUNT WARRANT TO LOUIE'S TRENCHING SERVICE FOR THE DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Allendorf, to approve pay application 7 as a special account warrant to Louie's Trenching Service for the downtown sidewalk reconstruction project in the amount of \$93,861.81, 20C-0190.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

20C-0191 – WARRANTS

Motion: McCoy moved, seconded by Allendorf, to approve the Warrants as presented, 20C-0191.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

20C-0192 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Local Businesses – Allendorf thanked Mark Moran and Chief Huntington for the information to businesses downtown. They did a nice job stating the current situation. Allendorf hopes we can do what we can within the guidelines to drive a little more business to downtown. He would like to see information on that. He understands the businesses are badly off. He hopes the city can come up with a plan to help businesses, as the state is failing us pretty bad right now.

Thank you – McCoy thanked everyone for the petition and emails. He does sympathize with the businesses. He agrees we do need to open Galena, but we need to do it as safe as possible. We still need to be ahead of the curve, and we want to be known as a safe tourist destination.

20C-0193 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Grant – We have been notified by IDOT that we will receive a grant for capital projects such as roads and bridges. The grant will be distributed in 2 disbursements each year for 3 years. We will receive \$75,000 per year for a total of \$225,000 over 3 years.

Downtown Sidewalks – The downtown sidewalk and crosswalk replacement in the downtown is complete. The City received a \$372,000 grant for the sidewalk and crosswalk replacement. The majority of the work was completed last spring. The final 9 crosswalks were finished last week.

Rec Park – The construction of parking at Rec Park has restarted. They will be adding 36 new parking spaces. Most of the curb and gutter is now installed and the asphalt paving will be done in about three weeks. This is a \$52,000 project, of which \$50,000 is grant funded.

Advocacy/IML – IML has sent a letter to the Governor asking to divide the state into the original 11 EMS regions instead of the 5 that are part of the Restore IL plan. This would shrink our region in half. They are also requesting to revise the timeline for assessing stability in a region from 28 days to 14 days. This would effectively provide a region the chance of advancing to the next phase of reopening in half the time.

Illinois Restaurant Association – The Illinois Restaurant Association is advocating to allow restaurants to open earlier, in Phase 3 instead of Phase 4. Staff is working through Galena Country Tourism to communicate the potential importance of outdoor dining in Galena for restoring our economy and, making sure the rules for reopening restaurants allow for outdoor dining with proper safeguards.

Reopening Local Economy – Under the Governor's Restore Illinois Plan, there will be a possibility of all retail opening on May 29. The GDBA will be holding a teleconference tomorrow

morning where they will discuss reopening considerations, marketing and the outlook for events through

20C-0194 – MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Renner thanked Mark Moran and staff for the prepared information for the downtown businesses. He appreciated the good news about the grant.

20C-0195 – MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Allendorf moved, seconded by Westemeier, 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)
- Review of Executive Session Minutes, Section 2 (c) (21)

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 6:53 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:16 p.m.

20C-0196 – ADJOURNMENT

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

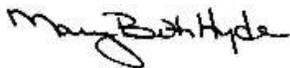
Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk