

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 22 JUNE 2020

20C-0242 – 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 22 June 2020.

20C-0243 – ROLL CALL

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

20C-0244 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

20C-0245 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

20C-0246 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

No reports.

20C-0247 – CITIZENS COMMENTS

Citizens Comments – City Clerk, Mary Beth Hyde read several comments submitted via email. (See attached)

Catherine Kouzmanoff – Kouzmanoff spoke in favor of allowing outdoor amplified music on patios. She stated it is very difficult for a singer to sing for three hours without the use of a microphone. She advised she is not asking for it to be any louder than what is currently permitted.

Warren Bell – Bell spoke on item 20C-0254. Bell feels maintaining the current ambiance would be a great benefit for Galena. The outdoor dining has been very well received by visitors and residents alike. He hasn't heard anything bad about it. He feels it would be good to continue it to be a feature of Galena. Bell supports extending the open use plan for Main Street. He recommended making better use of the Depot Lot by shuttling people across.

Joe Dillon – Dillon stated he opposes any and all revisions to the ordinance as addressed in the Zoning Administrator's memo. He disagreed with the memo completely.

CONSENT AGENDA CA20-11

20C-0248 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 8, 2020

20C-0249 – APPROVAL OF A STREET CLOSURE PERMIT FOR THE ALLEY BETWEEN GREEN STREET AND WASHINGTON STREET FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC JULY 4, 2020

20C-0250 – APPROVAL OF A PANDEMIC ADDENDUM TO THE TURNER HALL RENTAL CONTRACT

20C-0251 – APPROVAL OF THE FINAL CHANGE ORDER FOR THE GEAR STREET PROJECT

20C-0252 – APPROVAL OF THE ADDITION OF THE NAME OF BUSHROD B. HOWARD CAPTAIN CO. I, 19TH REGIMENT ILLINOIS VOL. TO THE CIVIL WAR MONUMENT IN GRANT PARK

20C-0253 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY THE JO DAVIESS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS TO HONOR THE CENTENNIAL OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE IN GRANT PARK AND WASHBURNE PARK, AUGUST 23-29

Motion: Allendorf moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve Consent Agenda, CA-11.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

20C-0254 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE EXTENSION OF DOWNTOWN OPEN SPACES PLAN

Motion: Allendorf moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve extending the outdoor seating through the second weekend in October, 20C-0254.

Discussion: Council agreed it has worked out well.

Allendorf recommended restaurant and bar operators arrange things so people who are dining inside aren't coming into close contact with those dining outside.

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

The motion carried.

20C-0255 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY CATHERINE KOUZMANOFF, OWNER OF THE GRAPE ESCAPE, TO PERMIT AMPLIFIED MUSIC ON APPROVED OUTDOOR PATIOS IN THE DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

Motion: McCoy moved, seconded by Allendorf, to approve the request by Catherine Kouzmanoff, owner of the Grape Escape, to permit amplified music on approved outdoor patios in the downtown commercial district through October 11, 2020 on a test basis for those who have a special use permit from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at a sound level not to exceed 70 decibels.

Discussion: Moran advised there are currently two businesses with patios and special use permits. They are the Grape Escape and Gobbie's. He noted there may be others that could apply.

Hahn advised the current ordinance allows for acoustic music on the patio. The only change would be the amplification.

Kieffer was opposed to subjecting people living downtown, or people who are downtown enjoying their dinner, to loud music.

Westemeier was in favor of approving it on a trial basis. He recommended giving each business two warnings. If it gets out of hand it will go back to the way it was.

Allendorf stated he too is skeptical but feels while we are changing things, he is willing to allow them the chance to try it. If we get noise complaints, it will go back to the way it was.

Bernstein stated comments were 50/50 for and against. She noted a lot of people who were in favor of it did not live in the city. She stated she would side with the residents and vote no.

McCoy was in favor of doing it on a test basis tied to the limited traffic on Main Street.

Renner stated he was opposed to allowing amplified music.

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

The motion carried.

20C-0256 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PERMITTING RECORDED MUSIC PLAYED THROUGH SPEAKERS IN THE ON-STREET SEATING AREAS IN THE DOWNTOWN

Motion: Allendorf moved, seconded by McCoy, to approve permitting recorded music played through speakers in the on-street seating areas in the downtown.

Discussion: Allendorf stated, as long as it is kept at a reasonable volume, he was in favor of it.

Westemeier agreed adding he would like to see the city purchase a speaker system throughout the downtown of which we would have control of the sound and music. He feels as long as the businesses use common sense it should work out.

Bernstein noted when you are saying recorded music played through speakers you are in essence saying amplified music. She stated she is envisioning if everyone, or a majority, decide to do this it will be a hodge podge of music and will make for an undesirable situation. Renner agreed.

Allendorf advised he has been downtown for dinner and drinks and the restaurants are doing a good job of policing it. No one is trying to drown out anyone else's music. They are doing a good job of keeping track of it themselves.

Westemeier feels this can be regulated just like other things. If we get complaints, then it is shut off.

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

The motion carried.

20C-0257 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN EXTENSION OF THE WAIVER OF UTILITY DISCONNECTS AND LATE PENALTIES FOR WATER, SEWER, GARBAGE, HOTEL MOTEL TAX, FOOD AND BEVERAGE TAX, AND AMUSEMENT TAX

Motion: Allendorf moved, seconded by McCoy, to tie the waiver of utility disconnects and late penalties for water, sewer, garbage, hotel motel tax, food and beverage tax and amusement tax to the Illinois Commerce Commission guidelines with regard to disconnects, which is presently July 1, 2020.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

20C-0258 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ISSUANCE OF GARAGE SALE PERMITS BEGINNING IN PHASE IV OF THE RESTORE ILLINOIS PLAN

Motion: Westemeier moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the issuance of garage sale permits beginning in Phase IV of the Restore Illinois Plan with appropriate guidelines in place.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

20C-0259 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE MARKET HOUSE RESTROOM BUILDING RETAIL SPACE SUBLEASE

Motion: Allendorf moved, seconded by Bernstein, to continue the lease of the Market House Restroom retail space with Hello Galena on a month to month basis, amended to include on a month to month basis until a new lease is drawn up.

Discussion: Allendorf stated he feels the organization has done great things for Galena. When people travel they look for shops like this. He would prefer to see the visitor information center at the depot. This would make better use of the depot parking and is a gateway to Galena. He feels it makes more sense for them to be at the depot.

Westemeier voiced concerned if the visitors center moves out of the Market House and the state doesn't do anything that building will continue to deteriorate. He feels the city should get Representative Chesney and Senator Stewart involved to see what can be done.

Hahn stated he would prefer not to see the visitor center move out of downtown Galena. The downtown business people want them to be downtown. He noted when the restroom building was built, it was built to be a visitor center. He understands why Hello Galena wants to stay. He noted the reason the city took over maintaining the restrooms is because Hello Galena wasn't doing what they were asked to do. The restrooms were a mess. If allowed to stay, Hahn recommended writing a new lease which stipulates what they need to do. He was also in favor of getting on the state to get the Market House back up to grade.

Amended

Motion: Allendorf moved, seconded by Hahn, to amend the motion to include on a month to month basis until a new lease is drawn up.

Discussion: Renner feels if Hello Galena ever exits that building, we should make that entire building public restrooms.

Amended

Motion

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

The motion carried.

Main

Motion

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: None

The motion carried.

20C-0260 – WARRANTS

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the Warrants as presented, 20C-0260.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Hahn

The motion carried.

20C-0261 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Citizens Comments – Allendorf stated he took the citizens comments in opposition to the amplified music very seriously. He is totally willing to reverse the course if need be.

Parking – Allendorf stated he couldn't help but notice the paradox in the comments by people who want to keep Main Street closed indefinitely. Evidently parking isn't a problem now. Allendorf recommended at some point doing a non-binding referendum to ask the question if the city should issue bonds to do a parking structure to see if citizens want to foot the bill for parking. We need a realistic solution.

Music – Westemeier stated he agreed with the comments made by Allendorf. He hopes the ones who get the special use permit use common sense and respect their downtown neighbors. He too would be willing to yank it if they don't make it work.

Outdoor Dining – Westemeier stated the outdoor dining is going well. The weekends have been great. He is in favor of extending it this year and taking a look at it next year.

Outdoor Dining – Bernstein commended the downtown businesses for making the outdoor dining work so well. It is wonderful to see how good it has been for residents and tourists. They have a good thing going.

20C-0262 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Events – Moran advised several large events have been cancelled: Oktoberfest, Country Fair and the Halloween Parade. While it is hard to see this happen, it is the right decision given the limitation on gatherings.

Audit – Field work for the audit began today.

20C-0263 – MAYOR'S REPORT

Renner agrees good things are happening downtown with the outdoor dining. He hopes the weather holds out for them.

Renner advised he got an email with regard to the General Grant statue in San Francisco from someone who thought the City of Galena might be interested in getting it out of there and bringing it here.

20C-0264 – 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: McCoy, Westemeier, Allendorf, Bernstein, Hahn, Kieffer, Renner
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed 7:59 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:31 p.m.

20C-0265 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EMPLOYEE HIRING, FIRING, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE AND PERFORMANCE

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Westemeier, to regretfully move to furlough Kevin Sinagra from the Public Works Department from July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. This decision is based on his skills, abilities, seniority, and as a cost cutting measure.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

20C-0266 – ADJOURNMENT

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

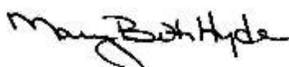
Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde

Regular Board Meeting

22 June 2020

City Clerk

Public Comments

June 22, 2020

20C-0255. Discussion and Possible Action on a Request by Catherine Kouzmanoff, Owner of the Grape Escape, to Permit Amplified Music on Approved Outdoor Patios in the Downtown Commercial District

In Opposition to amplified outdoor music:

1. Nathaniel White
2. Dick and Mary Auman
3. Joseph Dillon
4. Rick Pariser
5. Bill Grosshans
6. Jess and Kathie Farlow

In Favor of amplified outdoor music:

1. Cathie O'Malley
2. Laurie Rische
3. Stephen Grayson
4. LeeAnna Boone
5. Daniel Panici
6. Maria Stevenson
7. Melissa Grundhoefer
8. Colleen Nielsen
9. Scott Prine
10. Shane Evans
11. Blake Hamann
12. Nicholas Brosamer
13. Mark McFarlane
14. Andi McFarlane
15. Martin Raymon
16. Carole Sullivan

Mark Moran

From: Nathaniel White <nfwhite204@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 3:39 PM
To: Mark Moran
Subject: Keep Electronically Amplified Music off of Business Patios

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Mayor Rennor and Councilpersons,

My name is Nathaniel White, and I have lived in Galena on and off for the better part of 10 years. My current address is 317 Hill st. I would like to thank you for limiting the use of electronically amplified music on business patios, as with the current state of affairs I believe this would be very disruptive both to Galena residents, as well as tourists who are looking to stroll through our quaint streets without having music blasted at them from all directions. I sincerely hope this remains the case. Thank you.

We are writing in reference to agenda items 20C-0255 and 20C-0256 regarding amplified music on outdoor patios in the downtown area and recorded music played through speakers in the On-street outdoor seating areas in the downtown.

Music outside in the downtown area obviously will not be restricted to the downtown area. We live seven blocks from Main Street, and anytime music is played outside in the downtown area, it carries to our neighborhood. The Grape Escape already blasts music into the street through its open, front door which I believe is in violation of current city ordinances. Residence of this community have a right to peace and quiet, and that right will be violated by outdoor music in the downtown area.

When the City was considering a request to locate a dog park at Recreation Park, residents living across the road from Rec Park asserted that barking dogs would disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood. If a parking dog violates one's right to peace and quiet, surely amplified music does. There is no dog park in Rec Park.

Regulating the volume of music played through speakers and amplified music (is there a difference?) cannot be controlled. If a standard were to be set, is the Galena Police Dept. going to travel up and down Main Street or Bench Street measuring the decibel levels of each business playing music?

We appreciate that local businesses are struggling during this terrible, covid-19 pandemic, and that city revenues will be negatively impacted by reduced business activity, but we strongly believe the rights of residents need to be respected. We recognize that the business community pays taxes that support this community. We do as well.

Dick & Mary Auman
701 Young Street
Galena, IL 61036

To: Galena City Council
From: Joe Dillon
Subject: June 22, 2020 Galena City Council Meeting Agenda.
City Council Agenda Item 20C-0255 and 20C-0256
Date: June 21, 2020

I am writing in regard to City Council Agenda Item 20C-0255 and 20C-0256 hereafter referred to as the AGENDA ITEMS.

For the following reasons outdoor music in the Downtown Historic District should be denied. Furthermore, Galena citizens should not be forced to give up their right to a peaceful and quiet neighborhood.

From the memorandum regarding the AGENDA ITEMS to allow “sound reproducing devices ... operating outside and live entertainment in the outdoor areas” (Zoning Administrator OLDENBERG) word selection from the memorandum, and the memorandum will be discussed later.) is the elixir to the Downtown Historic District’s lack of commercial activity. Simple root cause analysis explains the lack of commercial activity. Coronavirus 19 (C-19), the fear of its spread and impact, forced the State to self-impose an economic shutdown. Commercial activity will resume to its prior level once a vaccine is available. Between now and then a consumer’s risk appetite (risk aversion) and disposable income (DI) will determine the level of commercial activity. That is, what activities consumers are willing to participate in and what is the probability consumers will contract C-19 from that activity, and available DI will determine commercial activity. For example, if a consumer’s risk appetite is low the less likely the consumer will participate in an activity or at the minimal an activity with a low probability of contracting C-19 versus a consumer with a high risk appetite will participate in an appealing activity even if the probability of contracting C-19 is high. The second variable to this equation is DI. Consumers are out of work or do not know their income stability, and are reprioritizing their spending. No matter whether one’s risk appetite is low or high, if the DI is not there, money will not be spent. Now from OLDENBERG’s memorandum are we to conclude by allowing “sound reproducing devices ... operating outside and live entertainment” in the Downtown Historic District will increase the Downtown Historic District’s commercial activity? Will this also resolve a consumer’s risk aversion and DI issues which are core reasons after C-19 for the lack of commercial activity in the Downtown Historic District?

Agenda Item 20C-0255

Item 20C-0255 states a discussion and possible action on a request by Catherine Kouzmanoff (KOUZMANOF) owner of the Grape Escape to permit amplified music on approved outdoor patios in the downtown commercial district. I see no such request in the agenda for the June 22, 2020 Galena City Council Meeting posted by City Administrator Mark Moran (MORAN). Since no request has been included in the agenda and no evidence of such a request being submitted, one can only conclude no such request was made, and an error exists in the June 22, 2020 Galena City Council Meeting Agenda. Contrast this to agenda item “20C-0249: Approval of a Street Closure Permit for the Alley Between Green Street and Washing ton Street for a Neighborhood Picnic on

July 4, 2020.” For this agenda item a permit request was completed with a clear purpose, and start and end time, and identified organizers. Thus, with no identifiable submitted request and no such request available to determine whether the criteria for such a request has been satisfied neither can a citizen adequately comment on nor can the Galena City Council take action on a request never submitted. Therefore, the AGENDA ITEMS pertaining to this topic need to be stricken from the June 22, 2020 Galena City Council Meeting Agenda and not discussed.

Zoning Administrator Memorandum.

After reading Galena Zoning Administrator OLDENBURG’s memorandum, the only conclusion possible (in the form of a question) was when did the Galena Zoning Administrator loose his objectivity and impartiality, and become an advocate (or lobbyist if you want) for one segment of the community at the expense of Galena residents. What is the quid pro quo? It is clear in the fourth and last paragraph of page 2 of 7 of the memorandum of OLDENBURG’s intent when OLDENBERG states “Is this something we should consider for the pandemic period, or should it be more long-term with ordinance revision? I believe we have room for improvement in our existing ordinances and can develop ways to protect the residents while allowing good ambiance Downtown (fourth paragraph)” [Allow “sound reproducing devices ... operating outside and live entertainment ...”]; and from the last paragraph “Now is the time for deliberate and controlled experimentation. If this goes well and protects the enjoyment of respectable noise levels at surrounding residential areas, I (OLDENBERG) recommend considering a revision to our existing ordinances to facilitate a better Downtown experience that still protects noise levels for residents and also allows City Staff a means to enforce noise issues without getting too technical.” [Allow “sound reproducing devices ... operating outside and live entertainment ...”.] Instead of rambling for two pages Zoning Administrator OLDENBERG needs to clearly state his objective: to allow sound reproducing devices ... operating outside and live entertainment in the outdoor areas ...” (OLDENBERG’s word selection from the memorandum) to operate outside in the Downtown Historic District along with “Consider a provision for businesses outside the Downtown Historic District as well.” Wordsmithing at its ... ?

Further Flaws from the Zoning Administrator’s Memorandum.

Page 1 last paragraph of the memorandum OLDENBERG states “These regulations [referring to Galena City Ordinances is the conclusion here] were probably a cookie-cutter language from planning consultants and based on studies.” Why the hyperbole? Either Galena City Ordinances contain cookie cutter language or they do not. If the ordinances contain cookie cutter language identify the cookie cutter language but do not mislead Galena citizens in allowing them to think the language is cookie cutter when it is not. OLDENBERG further states in the same paragraph that the study of acoustic is incredibly complicated and proceeds with his examples. OLDENBERG finds it unrealistic to place a quantifiable ordinance on decibel reading alone and states “perhaps a case-by-case adjustment can be made for each venue” Still, OLDENBERG does not tell us what these adjustments are, and wants Galena Citizens to give up the peace and quiet of their neighborhood for this wordsmithing.

Proposed Query.

Are Galena citizens willing to give up the peace and quiet of their neighborhoods?

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Dillon
304 North Division Street
Galena, Illinois 61036

Mark Moran

From: richard pariser <rickpar@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2020 10:06 PM
To: Mark Moran
Subject: Public Comments: City Council Meeting 6-22-20

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Members of the City Council:

I talk with many local residents who walk past my house. The vast majority of these folks want less noise and i certainly agree. We didn't ask for or want amplified music polluting our neighborhoods. Also, the racket from motorcycles roaring down local streets is inexcusable and illegal. I really have to question why local and State laws are not being enforced. We don't need more noise, we deserve a whole lot less.

Rick Pariser
113 S. High Street

Mark Moran

From: William Grosshans <wjgrosshans@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 7:08 AM
To: Mark Moran
Subject: Public Comment--June 22, 2020

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[Mark--please send my comments this morning, below, to members of the city council and mayor. I respectfully also ask that my comments be read aloud during the "Public Comments" section of the council meeting tonight. Please confirm receipt of these comments and transmission to the council members and mayor. Thank you.]

My name is Bill Grosshans. I reside at 418 Harrison Street, Galena, IL which is located directly above the Jail Hill Inn. I respectfully request that the city council deny the application by Catherine Kouzmanoff, owner of The Grape Escape, to allow amplified music on approved patios in the downtown commercial district. As you know I wrote to each of you earlier this year suggesting that parts of Main Street be closed to vehicle traffic in order to allow visitors and citizens a better opportunity to social distance while they visit in the downtown area, allowing bars and restaurants to open their businesses outdoors. I, too, recognize that music is an important cultural aspect to our downtown experience for guests and residents, and have actively enjoyed and financially supported various musical venues in Galena. The special permit awarded to The Grape Escape in 2017 that allows that business to play live unamplified acoustic music only on the patio is more than sufficient for that space. My reasons for this request are as follows:

1. Ms. Kouzmanoff's written request to the city to allow "amped music" on her patio is without merit other than she finds the current ordinance "idiotic". She does not provide any empirical data showing that her business will suffer any loss in revenue if she continues to provide only non-amplified music. The patio is small and is in a grotto-like setting which provides good acoustics for that outdoor room (see photo, below). As you can plainly see there is no need for amplified music in this small area.
2. I find her comment in her written request about residents who "CHOSE" to live near the downtown area to be very insulting and telling with respect to her lack of consideration for everyone's cooperation in this extraordinary time. We also contribute to the city's tax base, paying substantial taxes. The quality of life for nearby homeowners should be strongly considered and supported by our elected officials.
3. As her patio is in this grotto-like setting and facing Franklin Street the music, particularly amplified music, bounces off the walls and travels toward the surrounding residential area. In the first two weekends of the city's approved Downtown Galena Open Spaces plan she played live AMPLIFIED music on the patio in direct violation of the 2017 special permit. It was as if the musicians were playing in our yard. We have a porch facing downtown which we utilize extensively in the warmer months. The amplified music interferes with our conversations and our own background music. It is more than annoying; it is a nuisance and negatively impacts our quality of life. For the past two weekends she has played only NON-AMPLIFIED music due to city intervention and enforcement of the 2017 special permit. We can hear the music, but it is muffled and is not a nuisance. Thus, "the time for deliberate and controlled experimentation", as Mr. Oldenburg states in his memorandum has already taken place at this business.
4. Visitors to the downtown area and to the patio who do not like the music can leave and go to another venue, we cannot. If the city council approves her request we will be subjected to it for up to 12 hours a day, seven days a week.

5. Information provided by the city reveals that The Grape Escape has been cited previously for noise disturbances, in one incident paying a \$200 fine. And, as stated previously in just the first two weeks of the Downtown Galena Open Spaces plan that business violated the 2017 special permit which allows for only non-amplified music by playing amplified music until the city intervened. The police have more to do than monitor noise levels emanating from that business' patio, but I can guarantee from past experience, that there will be "noise creep" if she is allowed to play amplified music and, thus, there will be continuous police and city government involvement.

In conclusion, in this trying time we need the cooperation of businesses and residents. There is no harm to Ms. Kouzmanoff's business by continuing the 2017 special permit for only non-amplified music. It is not "idiotic", it is being courteous and respectful to all concerned. Mr. Oldenburg points out in his memorandum to the council members, " It is my limited understanding that the study of acoustics is incredibly complicated...". To make it less complicated and respectful to all concerned--the neighboring residents, the police, the city government, and The Grape Escape--I respectfully request that you deny her application to play amplified music on her patio.

Thank you for your consideration.



Mark Moran

From: jessfarlow@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 10:04 AM
To: Mark Moran
Subject: Citizens Comments 6/22/2020 City Council Meeting

Good morning Mark,

Would you please read the following as a citizens comment:

*Jess & Kathie Farlow
411 Meeker St
Galena, IL*

We are in opposition to changing the ordinance to allow amped music. In our estimation there is no real need or benefit to having amped music in such a small outdoor area. Please do not change the present ordinance.

Thank you,

Jess & Kathie

Mark Moran

From: Cathie Omalley <comalley33@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 3:12 PM
To: Mark Moran
Subject: Subject: Allow Electronically Amplified Music on Downtown Business Patios

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Dear Mayor Rennor and Councilpersons,
I am Cathie O'Malley and live at 415 Broadway, Galena. I am writing today in support of allowing electronically amplified entertainment on the patios of local businesses in downtown Galena. I have been delighted to take advantage of the increased outdoor dining and entertainment options during the last month. I am also hearing impaired so the need for amplified entertainment is essential for me to have equitable access to entertainment. Judging by the numbers of people enjoying the entertainment as of late, I would say others are enjoying it too. Please allow amplified entertainment to help performers, tax revenues and those of us with hearing issues. Thank you.

Cathie O'Malley

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Cathie O'Malley

Mark Moran

From: Laurie Rische <lauribelle516@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 3:10 PM
To: Mark Moran
Subject: Amplified music in Galena

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Please email mmoran@cityofgalena.org
Subject: Allow Electronically Amplified Music on Downtown Business Patios

Dear Mayor Rennor and Councilpersons,
I am Laurie Rische and 206 S High St. Galena IL. I am writing today in support of allowing electronically amplified entertainment on the patios of local businesses in downtown Galena.

Mark Moran

From: Stephen Grayson <sgrayson34@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 3:16 PM
To: Mark Moran
Subject: Allow Electronically Amplified Music on Downtown Business Patios

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Mayor Rennor and Councilpersons,
I am Stephen Grayson and I visit Galena frequently. I am writing today in support of allowing electronically amplified entertainment on the patios of local businesses in downtown Galena.

Respectfully,

Stephen

Sent from my iPhone

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Mark Moran

From: Leeanna Boone <leeanna@united-drywall.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 3:52 PM
To: Mark Moran
Subject: Allow Electronically Amplified Music on Downtown Business Patios

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Mayor Rennor and Councilpersons,

I am LeeAnna Boone and I live at 14984 230th Ave, Anamosa, IA 52205. I am writing today in support of allowing electronically amplified entertainment on the patios of local businesses in downtown Galena.

My husband and I are regular visitors to Galena and were just there this weekend. The best part of our stay was sitting at the patio of the Grape Escape listening to the entertainment. The seating was far apart, the patio was not crowded and everyone did what they are supposed to be doing. We spent the majority of our day there, in fact. One of the best parts about going to Galena is visiting the different establishments and listening to the variety of entertainment that is available. During this time, especially with everything starting to re-open, businesses need every opportunity that is available to them to get people back in their places of businesses. As the Executive Director of our local Chamber of Commerce, I commend you for the outdoor seating and the other concessions you have provided for your businesses, but to take away this entertainment option is a huge mistake and I urge you to change your minds on this.

Respectively

LeeAnna Boone

Mark Moran

From: Katie Panici <kpanici211@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 4:12 PM
To: Mark Moran
Subject: Music

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Dear Mayor Rennor and Councilpersons,

I am Katie Grayson and live in Monticello, Indiana. I am writing today in support of allowing electronically amplified entertainment on the patios of local businesses in downtown Galena.

Thank you for your time! We always enjoy our time in Galena!

Sent from my iPhone

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Mark Moran

From: Maria Stevenson <knotme83@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 6:05 PM
To: Mark Moran
Subject: Amplified Music Downtown

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Dear Mayor Rennor and Councilpersons

My name is Maria Stevenson and I reside at 22 Susquehanna Rd, Galena, IL 61036. I am writing to you to show my support of amplified entertainment downtown at our local bars patios. We need to support our local merchants and musicians. Some of our musicians depend solely on the opportunity to play at local venues. Maybe put a time limit on the the music so our merchants and musicians have a chance to recoup some of the revenue they lost. Please consider this option. I appreciate you listening to my concern. Stay well

Maria Stevenson

Sent from my iPhone

Mark Moran

From: Melissa Grundhoefer <melissagrundhoefer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 7:26 PM
To: Mark Moran
Subject: Allow Electronically Amplified Music on Downtown Business Patios

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Dear Mayor Rennor and Councilpersons,
I am Melissa Grundhoefer and live at 506 Spring St., Galena. I am writing today in support of allowing electronically amplified entertainment on the patios of local businesses in downtown Galena.

Regards,
Melissa

Mark Moran

From: Colleen Nielsen <colnie@mac.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 8:11 PM
To: Mark Moran
Subject: allow electronically amplified music in Downtown Business Patios

Dear Mayor Rennor and Councilpersons,

I am Colleen Nielsen and live at 101 3rd Street, Galena, IL . I am writing today in support of allowing electronically amplified entertainment on the patios of local businesses in downtown Galena. Amplified music can mean amplified voice, amplified acoustic instruments etc. It does not mean that it will be an electronic rock concert that will be loud and intrusive to neighboring businesses or residences. As one of the performers in Galena, my voice rarely registers above acoustic instruments and will quickly fade out to a gravelly whisper after a short 30-45 min performance. Galena needs the support of its performers to draw in the public to shop, dine and stay the evenings. With the outdoor patios, this can be achieved while maintaining social distancing. Please consider allowing amplified music on the outdoor patios.

Thank-you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Colleen Nielsen

Mark Moran

From: Scott Prine <scott.prine1965@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 9:54 PM
To: Mark Moran
Subject: Allow Electronically Amplified Music on Downtown Business Patios

Mayor Rennor and Councilpersons,

I am Scott Prine and I own a residence at 312 Gear Street. I am writing in support of allowing electronically amplified entertainment on the patios of local businesses in downtown Galena. I have been coming to Galena for many years and my motivation to own property in the town of Galena was inspired by the history, the people, and the live music scene. It seems, in many cities and towns, that Covid-19 has taken the life out of living and given oxygen to the type of people who would complain about anything. This is more than evident on social media. While I can appreciate both sides of this issue I hope you will be able to come to a resolution that allows for some amplification and begins moving Galena closer to restoring the dynamic Main Street atmosphere that many citizens and the tourism visitors have come to enjoy.

--
Scott Prine
815.988.1255

Mark Moran

From: Shane <smevansod@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 10:10 PM
To: Mark Moran
Subject: Outdoor entertainment

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Dear Mayor Rennor and All Councilpersons,

I live at 200 N Bench.

I am writing today in support of allowing amplified outdoor entertainment on the patios of local Bars and Restaurants in downtown Galena on Main Street.

My wife and I have enjoyed the opportunity to experience the "new" outdoor dining and Music you have allowed since this COVID-19 era started.

I hope you allow this to continue and that you support the Main Street Businesses.

I hope this outdoor Main Street venue becomes an annual tradition.

Blocking Main and allowing an outdoor venue (Promenade) will continue to increase tourism and bring more revenue to the city. This is a great way to continue to make Galena relevant to the 30 and 40 year old generation. Thus sustaining the tradition of Galena as a destination for years to come.

To me, it's an exciting concept.

Respectfully,

Shane Evans

200 N. Bench

Sent from my iPhone

Mark Moran

From: Blake Hamann <blake@r1dmediagroup.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 9:02 AM
To: Mark Moran
Subject: Allow Electronically Amplified Music on Downtown Business Patios

Dear Mayor Rennor and Councilpersons,

I am Blake Hamann and live in Colorado, originally from the Quad Cities and am a very avid Galena tourist. I am writing today in support of allowing electronically amplified entertainment on the patios of local businesses in downtown Galena. Sadly when I was informed of these changes, it's making us contemplate our trip back home which includes stops in Galena with two nights at the Jail Hill Inn and a weekend of spending. Traditionally we come in over the 4th of July, but are postponing our trip this year until later in the season when everything opens up fully.

Please don't tie the hands of the places that bring in the revenue to your town!



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Mark Moran

From: Nicholas Brosamer <nsbrosamer@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 11:09 AM
To: Mark Moran
Subject: Downtown Galen

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Dear Mayor Rennor and Councilpersons,

First and foremost, thank you for allowing the street dining through Galena Main Street. This is such a plus, during the COVID-19 reopening phases.

....However, please don't stop there! There is so much you could do to keep and make this a permanent solution. Buy some of the abandoned buildings on Back Street (Flying Horse, US Bank, etc) and put parking garages! Thus keeping the Main Street Bistro dining, and affording alternative parking at the same time. Additionally, have City Trolley on a continuous loop. And for those complaining they live on Bench St and can't find parking...make Bench Street Resident Permit Parking only and allow residents to purchase and/or offer free parking permits!

Additionally, while you were very proactive in affording our residents and our Visitors with the outdoor dining during the reopening, you too should allow the electronically amplified entertainment on the patios of local businesses in downtown Galena. This is a draw for our community and business.

As for those Naysayers, that says it is too loud..."it is the day time"! If need be, make it and ordnance for no outside night time music after 9pm or something! This is needed and really brings the community together!

I am Nicholas Brosamer and live at 6 Persimmon Drive Galena IL 61036. I am writing today in support of allowing electronically amplified entertainment on the patios of local businesses in downtown Galena and the continued Bistro dining in Galena Illinois.

Respectfully,

Nicholas Brosamer

Mark Moran

From: Mark McFarlane <mark422@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 2:18 PM
To: Mark Moran
Subject: Allow Electronically Amplified Music on Downtown Business Patios

Dear Mayor Rennor and Councilpersons,

I am Mark McFarlane and have a vacation home at 135 Walnut Hill Drive in the Galena Territory. I am writing today in support of allowing electronically amplified entertainment on the patios of local businesses in downtown Galena. I feel it brings a nice ambiance to the environment and if at a controlled level shouldn't bother any of the neighbors. I also know that if music is being played people will spend more time and money in downtown galena to help all the businesses..

Regards,

Mark McFarlane
C:630-200-5911

Mark Moran

From: andik116@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 9:17 PM
To: Mark Moran
Subject: Outdoor music in downtown Galena

Dear Mayor Rennor and Councilpersons,

I have written to you before in support of outdoor dining on Main Street. WHAT A GREAT JOB the restaurants have done to make it work!! Thank you for your support.

We live at 135 Walnut Hill in the Territory.

I am writing today in support of allowing electronically amplified entertainment on the patios of local businesses in downtown Galena. We are allowed outdoors again – that should go hand in hand.

Music is good for the soul and as we move forward in our reopening, it is safer to enjoy it outdoors.

There are so many POSITIVE things that would come out of this; employment for performers, additional people to entertain (in appropriate numbers) downtown bringing in additional tax revenue, repeat business, etc.

Not to mention, bringing joy to many that may have had so much taken from them during the Pandemic.

I trust the owners of these locations. Just look at how thoughtful and responsible they have been since outdoor dining opened!

You made great decisions in outdoor dining – I hope you will for this situation as well.

Sincerely,
Andi McFarlane
135 Walnut Hill, Galena

Mark Moran

From: Martin Raymon <miamimart@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 11:51 PM
To: Mark Moran
Subject: Allow Electronically Amplified Music on Downtown Business Patios

Dear Mayor Rennor and Councilpersons,

I am Martin Raymon and live at 4112 General Grant Dr., Galena IL 61036. I am writing today in support of allowing electronically amplified entertainment on the patios of local businesses in downtown Galena. As a working musician who's income source is from performing, this restriction is causing me a significant loss of income. The music performance is not a detriment to this town in any way shape or form and the "noise" issue is false as the volume is no greater than normal street traffic. In fact, many of the motorcycles that visit this town are a greater annoyance as far as noise. This town needs a lot less New England and a lot more New Orleans.

miamimart@sbcglobal.net

Mark Moran

From: sle@sullivanlavacek.com
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 11:44 AM
To: Mark Moran
Subject: citizen comments about amplified music

Carole Sullivan, 7211 Buckhill Rd, Galena

I am looking at the question of amplifying singers as a health issue.

As someone who spent many years as a professional singer, I can attest that to sing without a microphone one needs to use much more breath, and exhale much more than if they have amplification. I worry not only about the additional possible aerosol spread if a singer could have the virus, but also worry about the performers, who need a full deep inhalation to be able to project loudly. They also are at risk, if inhaling more deeply than they would need to inhale when using a microphone, in the case that any of the audience members might have the virus.

At least for the time being, I recommend that performers be allowed amplification for their music.

Thanks,
Carole

Public Comments

June 22, 2020

20C-0259. Discussion and Possible Action on the Market House Restroom Building Retail Space Sublease

In Favor of continuing occupancy of space adjoining the public restrooms:

1. Marie McDonough
2. Clinton Stockwell
3. James LaCaeyse
4. Mary Laugesen
5. Jane Yoder
6. Charlotte Kennedy
7. Arlene Ehtessabian
8. Toni Klingler
9. Carol Bell
10. Larry Cording
11. Colleen Tuma
12. Carl Johnson
13. Carole Sullivan
14. Gertrude Saltenberger
15. John Hundrieser
16. Sandra Principe
17. Karen Stockwell
18. Denise Pozen

In Opposition to discontinuing occupancy of space adjoining the public restrooms:

- None

Mark Moran

From: Marie McDonough <m.a.mcdonough@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 6:23 PM
To: Mark Moran
Subject: Public comments- June 8, 2020

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Hello Galena is often times the only place new and upcoming artist are able to show and sell their work. Galleries take 40- 50 percent commissions on the artists work. It has been there supporting local artists for over 15years! Why would you close a business in Galena when so many artists are already struggling not to mention small businesses. The city is definitely able to rent space easier than a group of artists - many who are senior that have lived in Galena and supported it for years!!! They volunteer to help support other artists and make a little extra money to spend in Galena. This is just so wrong to treat an established business this way!!! PLEASE do not close this Co-Op organization.

Marie McDonough

Marie's Wood Carvings

Sent from my iPhone

Mark Moran

From: Clinton Stockwell <clintonstockwell@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 9:01 PM
To: Mark Moran
Subject: Public Comment June 8, 2020

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Mr. Moran, members of the City Council and residents of Galena. This has been a rough time with COVID 19 and the attempts at restarting businesses downtown. Grace and support are needed for all these entities. This is no less true for Hello Galena. It hosts the work of artists locally just off Main Street and is a store unique in its holdings and culture that it supports and extends. The City of Galena in my view has an obligation to honor, support, and uphold this treasure. In addition to sponsoring local artists, Hello Galena sponsors several community events each year, one that my spouse, Karen Stockwell, has been a regular participant.

I urge you to continue to support Hello Galena and its 60 plus contributing, artists. It has been a good use of space and provides a unique service, not only for its artists but for the Galena community and visitors as well.

Sincerely,
Clinton E. Stockwell
107 N Bench
Galena, Illinois 61036

Mark Moran

From: James LaCaeyse <hiatherdowns@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2020 8:28 AM
To: Mark Moran
Subject: Hello galena

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I am one of the artists at Hello Galena. We need to stay open please. So many people come through there and love all the creative art that is there. So many repeat customers come to find items that aren't in the stores.. thanks

Sent from my iPad

Mark Moran

From: mary laugesen <bml06032006@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2020 12:55 PM
To: Mark Moran
Subject: Hello Galena

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Categories: Email Response Needed

Dear Mr. Moran, We have been artists for Hello Galena for 13 years. We enjoy bringing our art for the visitors to purchase. We love doing the Market House Art Festival. We meet people from all over the world,such a elited day. Hello Galena brings alot business for Galena. The artists love dining at great restaurants Galena has to offer. Please keep our wonderful Hello Galena open for our great artists,families and visitors. Thank

You

Mary Laugesen

Mark Moran

From: Jane Yoder <yodergram@mchsi.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2020 2:42 PM
To: Mark Moran
Subject: Public Comment-June 22, 2020

Dear Mr. Moran,

I have been a volunteer at Hello Galena since 2009 and would like to support **Hello Galena** remaining in its current location on Commerce Street. Even though I am not one of the contributing artists I so appreciate, and so do our patrons, that we have a location so readily accessible that people can see and purchase the outstanding contributions of our local artists (including authors). I know that our patrons enjoy meeting many of the artists personally, that with their purchases **Hello Galena** is adding revenue to our city (which also includes their purchases, their selection of dining and lodging venues right here in town when they visit the second largest Galena festival). As stated, I am not only speaking for myself and the **Hello Galena** artists but for our patrons: new as well as former! Please take this into careful consideration. Thank - you!

Most sincerely, Jane Yoder (yodergram@mchsi.com)

Mark Moran

From: Charlotte Kennedy <charsweb946@att.net>
Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2020 3:58 PM
To: Mark Moran
Subject: Hello Galena

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saying 'goodbye' to Hello Galena is a mistake...it's been personally and professionally rewarding. Keep it please. Char Kennedy

Mark Moran

From: Arlene Ehtessabian <tuffmama9@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2020 6:49 PM
To: Mark Moran
Subject: Public Comment June 8, 2020

Dear Council Members,

Anyone acquainted with Hello Galena knows the artistic charm and tourism it brings to our community. It's remarkable that a team of 60 local, talented artists display in one location. Taking Hello Galena from our community will create a void in both the arts and tourism. I ask, and encourage all of you, to find other options for the GCT, and please keep Hello Galena in its present location.

Thank you,
Arlene Ehtessabian
10 Waterford Dr. Galena

Sent from my iPhone



Mark Moran

From: Toni Klingler <toniklingler@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2020 9:29 PM
To: Mark Moran
Subject: Public Comment – June 22, 2020

Mr. Moran, Mayor Renner, members of the City Council and residents of Galena.

For the last nine years I have been the manager of Hello Galena! It has been my pleasure to work with some very special and talented artists. Since we are a little non for profit, this small space that the State Historic Sites offered us 15 years ago is perfect for what we do.

Hello Galena! provides an outlet for about 60 local artists to display and sell their work. We also sponsor the second largest festival in the City. Around 5,000 people attend the Market House Square Art Festival each year. Those people eat in the local restaurants and sleep in the local lodgings. We interact with tourists

Mark Moran and I have discussed the fact that our lease technically ran out on 2011. But he felt that we were fine to just continue as we had without formally signing a new lease. Since the city has not required us to sign a new lease in 10 years that should not be held against Hello Galena!

I urge you to continue to support Hello Galena! and its artists. It has been a good use of space and provides a unique service, not only for its artists but for the Galena community and visitors as well. Hello Galena! has been a very good tenant at 121 N Commerce and we would like to stay there. After a slow winter then being closed for 3 months because of COVID-19 we are all excited to reopen and invite visitors in.

Sincerely,

Toni Klingler, Manager Hello Galena!

5 Visita Ridge

Galena, Illinois 61036

Mark Moran

From: Carol Bell <sconcho@carolbeldesigns.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2020 10:04 PM
To: Mark Moran
Cc: Toni Klingler
Subject: "Public Comment-June 8, 2020"

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Dear Mr Moran,

Our Hello Galena shop is and has been very special to our local artists including myself for well over a decade. We provide a place for Galena artists to volunteer their time to interact with tourists and show our art work. We welcome the tourists to Galena and need to continue our mission to support art and the city of Galena with our unique venue. Our Market House Art Festival draws thousands of people each year who support our restaurants and hotels.

Galena is fortunate to have an artistic community which feeds all our souls in a world much needing this. Please, may we retain our Hello Galena shop as is.

Thank you,

Carol Bell

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Mark Moran

From: Larry Cording <cordingl@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 8:51 AM
To: Mark Moran
Subject: Public Comment- June 22

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June, 22, 2020

Dear Mayor Renner and City of Galena Council Members,

I am writing to support Hello Galena (Galena Cultural Arts Alliance)'s location in the west end of the restroom building on Market Square. Hello Galena has been at this location for 15 years. We are a co-op that provides 60 local artists an outlet for their crafts and artistic creations.

When we opened our shop, we started working with the State of Illinois, helping to keep the restrooms clean and in good repair, as well as opening and closing them for our guests. When the City of Galena began leasing the building from the Illinois DNR in 2010, The Galena Police Department took the responsibility for opening and closing the restrooms, and the city took over cleaning, repair, and maintenance of the restrooms. We at Hello Galena began paying rent for the part of the facility we occupy, and we were happy to welcome guests who came through our area, truly living up to the name "Hello Galena."

We have enjoyed welcoming guests to our town, answering questions about Galena, and directing our guests to places they were trying to find. Whenever the Market House GCT was open, we always directed the guests to the Market House where they could find visitor services and helpful people to assist them. When the Market House GCT was closed, we did our best to answer all the visitors' questions.

As one of the partners in GCAA, we are proud to have donated thousands of dollars in scholarships to area high school students who were furthering their education in an area of fine arts. We also have a summer Market House Square Art Festival that draws around 5000 people each year. Of course, these people spend money in Galena's restaurants, shops, and hotels, boosting our local economy.

I understand why GCT is interested in locating visitor services in the area Hello Galena now occupies, but I urge you to consider all that our city and community will lose if Hello Galena is removed from this building. I strongly believe the City of Galena will want to encourage organizations, such as the GCAA, who are builders and sustainers of our local community. In this year when all of us are facing great challenges, please allow us to continue doing all the good we can at our current location.

Mark Moran

From: colleen tuma <colleen.tuma@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 9:20 AM
To: Mark Moran

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Please do not move the information Center into Hello Galena spot. It would decimate 60 local artists and the festival that draws in 5000 attendees. Not to mention the followings that several of these artists have developed. Covid 19 has had a major impact on art community and associated retailers. Forcing Hello Galena to move will be the final nail in the coffin for those of us who are struggling to hang on.

Thank you

Tom and Colleen Tuma

Mark Moran

From: Carl Johnson <cjart@cjart.net>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 10:43 AM
To: Mark Moran
Subject: Public Comment

To the City Council

When the Chamber Moved the Information Center off Main Street to the Depot, it was considered perfect. Easy to find, easy to park, easy bathrooms and easy to get information...perfect! I was sad when it closed and happy to hear it was going to re-open. Please stay with that plan.

As an artist, I've been involved with "Hello Galena". It's in the perfect place, too. If it ain't broken, don't fix it!

Thanks for your consideration.

Carl H. Johnson Jr.
Carl Johnson's Gallery
204 S. Main Street

Mark Moran

From: sle@sullivanlavacek.com
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 11:52 AM
To: Mark Moran
Subject: citizen comments about Market House/Hello Galena

Carole Sullivan, 7211 Buckhill Rd, Galena

I would be sad to see the "Hello Galena" non-profit art gallery be forced to leave the building they now inhabit. Galena's artists enhance her image in so many ways, and add to the wonderful history, amazing geography, and diversity of restaurants and retail stores in Galena. My preference would be to see the welcome and information center back at the Railroad Depot. That might also encourage tourists to park in the lot on the East side, and walk to our beautiful downtown.

Thank you,
Carole Sullivan

Mark Moran

From: Gertrude Saltenberger <gertrudesaltenberger@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 12:34 PM
To: Mark Moran
Subject: Public Comment June 8, 2020

Dear Mr. Moran, It is important to the city of Galena and to the artists that volunteer at Hello Galena to keep the artists co-op open. The city of Galena is a tourist destination in part because of its cultural attractions, theaters, and art galleries. Hello Galena is an integral part of that scene. We volunteers are welcoming to all the tourists that come to use the restrooms and then stop to browse and chat in our shop. We also sponsor an Art Fair that is very popular with tourists. Hello Galena is also important to the 60 plus artists that present their work in the co-op. We are an art community and we all live in the area. We need and value the co-op to show our work. It is a mutually beneficial arrangement to Galena and to the members of Hello Galena. Please don't destroy that by forcing our closure. Thank you. **Trudy Saltenberger**

Mark Moran

From: john hundrieser <jwhundrieser@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 1:05 PM
To: Mark Moran
Subject: Public Comment June 8, 2020

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The City of Galena and all its enterprises need Hello Galena and its 60 local artists. Hello Galena is a viable retail space that brings in revenue. It also hosts the Market House Square Art Festival that is attended by 5000 people each year. We at Hello Galena are good ambassadors to the tourists who come to use the rest rooms. Many shop at the store. We talk to them and answer their questions about the artists and their work. For these reasons it's important to keep Hello Galena open in its present space.

Sincerely,

John W Hundrieser

Sent from my iPhone

Mark Moran

From: Sandra Principe <skprincipe@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 1:40 PM
To: Mark Moran
Cc: Toni Klinger; Toni Klingler
Subject: Public Comment June 8 in support of Hello Galena

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I am writing to express my support for the Hello Galena Artists Gallery. I hope the City continues its lease to Hello Galena.

There is a long-standing relationship between the City and Hello Galena which should be honored.

There are 60 artists displaying work at this center. Galena is known as an artists community.

Hello Galena has always been a good tenant and should remain in this space.

Sincerely,

Sandra Principe

Sent from my iPhone

Mark Moran

From: Karen D. Stockwell <stockwellcottage@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 2:06 PM
To: Mark Moran
Subject: Status of Hello Galena!

Hi Mark,

I may be late for the meeting today, but I want to add my comments regarding the status of Hello Galena! in its current location.

As an artist, I've had my work exhibited in the Hello Galena! space for a number of years. I've also participated in its annual Market House Square Art Festival. This is a unique gallery that gives both an opportunity for local artists to be highlighted and sell their work, and for visitors to Galena to purchase it. Tourists also have the opportunity to speak with the artists who create the work, since they man the gallery on a cooperative basis. Because the artists participate at that level, they also make more money than they would at a standard gallery, which can take as much as 50% of the sales. Artists at Hello Galena! get to keep 75% of the sales.

The argument might be made that Hello Galena! could move to another location. But the truth is it could not afford the rent on Main Street. It's highly likely the gallery would not survive if it could no longer stay in its current location. As restrictions have eased during the pandemic and the summer months are here, this is a prime time for sales at Hello Galena! We are anxious to re-open.

If this reaches you in time, please consider these comments.

Thank you.

Karen Stockwell, a participating artist at Hello Galena!

107 N. Bench St.
Galena, IL 61036

Mark Moran

From: photos@pozenservices.com
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 4:19 PM
To: Mark Moran
Subject: Public Comment – June 8, 2020 - Mr. Mark Moran

Dear Mark,

As one of the artist members of Hello Galena! I would like to request that the sublease which allows Hello Galena! to operate in the Restroom Building not be terminated. My understanding is that if this lease is terminated, Hello Galena! will have to go out of business. I've been a member of the co-op since 2016 and appreciate the opportunity to sell my photos and related product to both visitors and residents of Galena. Having lost that opportunity for the past 3+ months, I have been looking forward to the reopening of Hello Galena! and the resumption of sales. Terminating the sublease, with the result of Hello Galena! closing its doors permanently, will have a negative impact on the approximately 60 artists who sell products and contribute to the economy of Galena. Please let us continue to support Galena by allowing the store to remain in business in its current location.

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