

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

**20C-0291 – 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 July 2020.

**20C-0292 – ROLL CALL**

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

**20C-0293 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

**20C-0294 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge was recited.

**20C-0295 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

No reports.

**20C-0296 – CITIZENS COMMENTS**

**John Huschik, 805 Shadow Bluff** – Huschik thanked the Council for all they have done during the pandemic to keep everyone safe. Great job!

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**20C-0297 – PUBLIC HEARING ON 2020-21 ARCHERY DEER HUNTING PROGRAM**

**Motion:** Allendorf moved, seconded by Kieffer, to open the Public Hearing on the 2020-21 Archery Deer Hunting Program.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**Testimony:** **John Huschik, 805 Shadow Bluff** – Huschik voiced his opposition to the new hunting area on Klockow Street.

**Motion:** Allendorf moved, seconded by Kieffer, to close the Public Hearing on the 2020-21 Archery Deer Hunting Program.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA CA20-14**

**20C-0298 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 13, 2020**

**20C-0299 – APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT BA21-03 FOR TELECOMPUTING EQUIPMENT AND WATER SYSTEM EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by McCoy, to approve Consent Agenda, CA-14.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**20C-0282 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY THE KIWANIS CLUB TO CONDUCT A FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 FROM BROOKE COURT IN THE TIMP SUBDIVISION**

**Motion:** Kieffer moved, seconded by Allendorf, to approve the request by the Kiwanis Club to conduct a firework display on September 6, 2020 from Brooke Court in the Timp Subdivision, 20C-0282.

**Discussion:** Council received emails both for and against.

Bernstein stated with the upward trend on COVID cases, she would like to review it again a reasonable amount of time before the event.

Westemeier stated there will not be large crowds of people gathered where they will be shooting the fireworks off. The fireworks will be able to be seen from anywhere in town, so he doesn't feel people will congregate to watch them. Hahn and Kieffer agreed.

Renner recommended leaving it up to the Kiwanis to decide what to do if things continue to spike.

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

The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**20C-0300 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2020-21 ARCHERY DEER HUNTING PROGRAM**

**Motion:** Allendorf moved, seconded by McCoy, to approve the 2020-21 Archery Deer Hunting Program amended to include qualifying the 4 new hunters and placing them on a reserve list.

**Discussion:** The program is laid out the same as it was last year. Renner suggested qualifying the four new hunters and placing them on a reserve list to be used in case we lose any hunters.

**Amended**

**Motion:** Allendorf moved, seconded by McCoy, to amend the motion to include qualifying the 4 new hunters and placing them on a reserve list.

**Discussion:** None

**Amended  
Motion**

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

The motion carried.

**Main  
Motion**

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

The motion carried.

**20C-0301 – DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF IEPA LOAN 17-1946 DISBURSEMENT  
REQUEST #1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$102,432.00, INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DESIGN  
SERVICES FROM IIW ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS**

**Motion:** Allendorf moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve IEPA Loan 17-1946, disbursement request #1 in the amount of \$102,432.00, including construction design services from IIW Engineers and Surveyors, 20C-0301.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**20C-0302 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PROPOSAL FROM GALENA  
COUNTRY TOURISM TO PROVIDE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT ON MAIN STREET ON  
THURSDAYS FROM 5-7 P.M. IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER**

**Motion:** McCoy moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the proposal from Galena Country Tourism to provide live entertainment on Main Street on Thursdays from 5-7 p.m. in September and October.

**Discussion:** Bernstein voiced concern with how this was going to work. How will we keep people away from each other when we are providing live entertainment on Main Street?

McCoy noted people won't be bringing chairs. There will be movement of people up and down the street.

Kieffer stated he was in favor of anything that might bring business to downtown.

Allendorf stated he agreed with Bernstein stating he couldn't, in good conscience, support the idea. We can't trust people to do the right thing if we allow this. While he has no doubt Galena Country Tourism will make sure people comply, there will be people that don't. Allendorf stated he couldn't support this at this time not knowing how September and October are going to look relative to COVID.

Westemeier noted there are people not paying attention to the rules now. He feels with signage and it being on Thursday night, the number of people will be low. They are also setting up in areas where people can spread out, listen and move on.

Renner stated he is against it at this time. He noted the City is not issuing Street Performer licenses at this time either.

Bernstein noted Galena's COVID cases was holding at 22 and has now gone up to 64. She stated it doesn't matter how many or how few are standing in front of an artist. If they are standing to close together, it's a problem. She voiced concern if this were allowed, Street Performers would want to do it too.

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

The motion carried.

### **20C-0303 – WARRANTS**

**Motion:** Kieffer moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the Warrants as presented, 20C-303.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

### **20C-0304 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS**

**Deer Hunting Program** – Allendorf noted this is the first year we haven't had any comments against the archery program. He stated he understands the concern of the adjoining property owner. Allendorf feels this is a testament to city staff and the hunters that we have it pretty well figured out. It is going well and he hopes for a good safe year.

Hahn agreed stated he has gotten nothing but good comments. He agrees it is a testament to staff, the hunters and the property owners.

Bernstein agreed stating the only problem is the deer are smarter than we give them credit for as they tend to congregate where we can't get them.

**Tours** – Bernstein stated she received a call with regard to the issue of tours in Galena. The individual runs a tour by vehicle. This individual was questioning the fact that the city doesn't require any liability insurance for walking tours. They questioned if the City might want to consider putting a cap on those tours and require more responsibility of the walking tour organizer. Bernstein feels this is something the City might want to talk about.

**Main Street** – McCoy stated he has had the opportunity to be on Main Street on the weekends. It's been great. He stated we will know we have success when we get complaints about parking.

**Downtown** – Kieffer stated it is great to see the downtown busy. He is happy for the businesspeople.

### **20C-0305 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS**

**Budget Amendment** – Moran explained the Federal CARES Act provided funding for states to help manage the pandemic. Funds are now set aside for local governments – called Local

Government CURE Funds. All counties, cities and villages in Illinois have been allocated funds based on population; \$141,000 is set aside for Galena. Eligible reimbursable expenses are those that are: necessary due to the public health emergency, not budgeted and incurred between March 1, and December 30, 2020. Staff has been documenting COVID related expenses since the beginning of the crisis and will be prepared to apply for reimbursement nearer the end of the year. IML is proposing new rules that would guarantee every city receives full allocation.

**COVID Campaign** – Moran advised he is working with the Galena Chamber, Galena County Tourism and the GDBA to develop a campaign that could be used county-wide aimed at preventing the spread of the virus and keeping businesses open. They hope to be able to present a proposal at the meeting of August 10<sup>th</sup>. The program expenses could be eligible for reimbursement under the CURES program.

**COVID Numbers** – Information can be found on the Illinois Department of Public Health website. They provide totals by county and totals by zip code. This gives a better understanding of the distribution of cases in the county.

### **20C-0306 – MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Renner advised he had a meeting last Friday with board chairs, EMS, Mayors and the Health Department with reference to the spike in the number of positive cases. We all need to do our part. They are sending out letters to individual businesses to encourage the use of face masks, hand washing and hand sanitizing. More signage has been purchased. We all need to do our part to get a lid on this the best we can.

### **20C-0307 – MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

- Collective negotiating matters and deliberations concerning salary schedules, Section 2 (c) (2)

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed 7:02 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

### **20C-0308 – 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 7:15 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting

27 July 2020

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Beth Hyde". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

Mary Beth Hyde  
City Clerk