

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 14 SEPTEMBER 2020

20C-0351 – 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 14 September 2020.

20C-0352 – ROLL CALL

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

20C-0353 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

20C-0354 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

20C-0355 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

No reports.

20C-0356 – CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA CA20-17

20C-0357 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 24, 2020

20C-0358 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY THE GALENA LIONS CLUB TO COLLECT DONATIONS FOR LIONS CLUB MINTS AT WASHINGTON PARK ON OCTOBER 3, 2020

20C-0359 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY THE GALENA-JODAVIESS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM TO USE THE GRANT PARK PAVILION FOR THEATRICAL PERFORMANCES ON OCTOBER 3, 4, 10, 17, 18, 24, AND 25

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve Consent Agenda, CA-17.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

20C-0361 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EXTENDING OUTDOOR SEATING PERMITS THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2020

Motion: Allendorf moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve extending outdoor seating permits through October 31, 2020, 20C-0362.

Discussion: Council agreed it has worked out well. Renner noted some businesses are encroaching the fire lane which he feels should be addressed. Everyone should be moved back into the confines of the white painted lines

Allendorf recommended discussing plans for 2021 at a future meeting. Moran recommended waiting until early 2021 to see how the larger situation plays out. He recommended holding a public hearing at that time for input from the community.

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

The motion carried.

20C-0362 – FIRST READING OF THE SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES DEPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND MASTER POLE AGREEMENT

Motion: Westemeier moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the first reading of the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Ordinance and Master Pole Agreement.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

20C-0363 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 151 OF THE GALENA CODE OF ORDINANCES, “HISTORIC PRESERVATION”, TO REFERENCE THE CURRENT HISTORIC DISTRICT BOUNDARY MAP

Motion: Allendorf moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 152 of the Galena Code of Ordinances, “Historic Preservation”, to reference the current Historic District Boundary Map.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

20C-0364 – DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF IEPA LOAN 17-1946 DISBURSEMENT REQUEST #2 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$324,104.67, INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION OBSERVATION

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by McCoy, to approve IEPA Loan 17-1946 disbursement request #2 in the amount of \$324,104.67, including construction and construction observation.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

20C-0365 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RENEWAL OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH, DENTAL, LIFE, DISABILITY AND VISION INSURANCE POLICIES AND HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT DISTRIBUTIONS

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve renewal of employee health, dental, life, disability and vision insurance policies and health savings account distributions, 20C-0365.

Discussion: Moran advised the health insurance will be with Blue Cross Blue Shield. The Dental will be through Met Life. Life and short-term disability will be with Argus.

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

The motion carried.

20C-0366 – WARRANTS

Motion: McCoy moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the Warrants as presented, 20C-0366.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

20C-0367 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Revenue Reports – Allendorf stated after reading revenue reports, it is disappointing where we are from June. Other communities had their best month ever in June. He was disappointed to see this with the foot traffic. He noted some businesses are doing well. He likes the outdoor seating and hopes the city can make it happen in 2021 and remedy the parking situation making it more appealing.

Congratulations – Bernstein congratulated Matt Oldenburg on completing his master's degree.

Thank you – Bernstein thanked Janelle, Mary Beth and Shirley for stepping up to the plate and taking over Deb's responsibilities as she moves on to new challenges. It is great to see staff being proactive and receptive to change.

Masks – Bernstein voiced concern with masks. She advised whenever you go you see people wearing their mask only covering their mouth and not their nose. This is ridiculous and counter-productive. She suggested, if the opportunity arises, whether in a press release or new signage we might want to stress the fact to cover the nose and mouth with your mask.

Amusement Tax/Food and Beverage Tax – Westemeier questioned if there was a way to check on the Amusement Tax and Food and Beverage Tax or if it was just an honor system.

Washington Street Lot – Westemeier stated he is glad to see the possible bids for the Washington Street Parking Lot.

Masks – Westemeier stated whenever he goes downtown, he sees more people wearing masks than ever before.

Halloween – Kieffer stated he hopes we are able to do something for the kids. This is a night they look forward to every year. It would be great if we could go ahead with trick-or-treating.

Dewey Avenue Houses – Kieffer questioned what the status is of the houses on Dewey Avenue. They are in really bad shape.

20C-0368 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S COMMENTS

Amusement Tax – Moran advised the Amusement Tax and Food and Beverage Tax are self-reported taxes. They submit a paper form with a signature at the bottom. They are asked to report honestly.

Halloween – The Illinois Municipal League has asked the State of Illinois for guidance on this issue. An item will be added to the next agenda.

Dewey Houses – Staff has been working on them for many years. There are judgements against them in the courts that are in process. Staff met with the family and owner in order to move forward. We are planning to go back into the court and ask for fines to accrue on a daily basis with the hopes of bringing action.

Marijuana License – The State has announced those who received licenses. The applicants in Galena were not successful in obtaining licenses. They will have to wait until December of January for the next round. An item will be added to the next agenda to lift the moratorium.

Audit – The audit for the last fiscal year is complete. A presentation will be made at the next meeting.

20C-0369 – MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Renner agreed with all comments made. We have good businesspeople, good staff and good workers. We will keep plugging away to do the best we can.

20C-0370 – MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- Collective Negotiating matters and deliberations concerning salary schedules, Section 2 (c) (2)
- Pending, probable or imminent litigation, Section 2 (c) (11)

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed 6:49 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:28 p.m.

20C-0371 – ADJOURNMENT

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

Discussion: None.

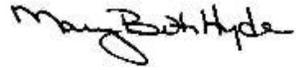
Roll Call: AYES: Westemeier, Allendorf, Bernstein, Hahn, Kieffer, McCoy, Renner

NAYS: None

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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