

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 28 SEPTEMBER 2020

20C-0372 – 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 28 September 2020.

20C-0373 – ROLL CALL

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

20C-0374 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

20C-0375 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

20C-0376 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

No reports.

20C-0377 – CITIZENS COMMENTS

Elizabeth Boggess & Richard Hess, 519 4th Street – City Clerk Hyde read a submitted comment. Boggess and Hess urged the Council to cancel trick-or-treating this year. Due to the current circumstances, they feel trick-or-treating and going door to door is just too risky this year.

Dennis & Leslie Waltman, 310 Park Avenue – City Clerk Hyde read a submitted comment. The Waltman's urged the Council to cancel trick-or-treating this year. They advised last year they had over 300 kids coming to their door and they were not alone. Waiting on the sidewalk were groups of parents and relatives. The sidewalks were crowded, the kids bumped into each other and people met friends. They noted people come from our whole area—East Dubuque, Elizabeth, etc., as well as Galena. They feel with the number of people who come to Park Avenue, it will be very difficult to social distance.

Richard Pariser, 113 S. High Street – City Clerk Hyde read a submitted comment. Pariser commented on the intolerable level of noise from motorcycles roaring thru our local streets on weekends. He questioned why this has been tolerated for so long. He feels it is time to put an end to it. The problem of excessive noise can be addressed thru enforcement of ordinances and state laws. Pariser urged the Council to give this their early attention.

LIQUOR COMMISSION

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Westemeier, 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-0378 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY JUAN DORANTES FOR A CLASS A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR GALENA CONVENIENT LIQUOR STORE, INC., 234 NORTH MAIN STREET

Motion: Westemeier moved, seconded by Kieffer, to table action on a request by Juan Dorantes for a Class A Liquor License for Galena Convenient Liquor Store, Inc., 234 North Main Street requesting more information on where the bar will be located and where the gaming machines will be located.

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA CA20-18

20C-0379 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

20C-0380 – APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT BA21-06 FOR SEWER TREATMENT PLANT MAINTENANCE, HEALTH INSURANCE EXPENSES, AND POLICE EQUIPMENT

20C-0381 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY THE GALENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS FOR OUTDOOR SCARECROW EXHIBITS IN DOWNTOWN PUBLIC SPACES THROUGH NOVEMBER 1

20C-0382 – APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH SPEAR CORPORATION FOR SAND FILTRATION MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR AT THE POOL

20C-0383 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY THE GALENA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO SELL HALLOWEEN POSTERS ON SATURDAYS IN OCTOBER ON MAIN STREET ADJACENT TO 412 S. MAIN STREET

20C-0384 – APPROVAL OF BACKFLOW PREVENTION INSPECTION CONTRACT WITH GEOSTAR MECHANICAL FOR THE 2020-21 INSPECTION YEAR

20C-0385 – APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH BULLETPROOF CONCRETE COATINGS FOR EPOXY COATING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT GARAGE FLOORS

20C-0386 – APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH JO DAVIESS COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES FROM DECEMBER 1, 2020 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2021

20C-0387 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY PASTOR ADAM MOSTERT TO USE SIDEWALK SPACE ON BENCH STREET FOR FELLOWSHIP GATHERINGS THROUGH 2020

20C-0388 – ACCEPTANCE OF AUGUST 2020 FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by McCoy, to approve Consent Agenda, CA-18.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

20C-0389 – PRESENTATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2020 AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT BY O’CONNOR AND BROOKS

Due to technical difficulties with Zoom, this item was removed.

20C-0390 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2020 HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT

Motion: McCoy moved, seconded by Kieffer, to allow trick-or-treating, 20C-0389.

Discussion: McCoy stated he would like to proceed. He feels people are aware and parents can decide if they want their kids to participate or not. He would encourage everyone to wear a mask. If people are concerned, they don’t have to turn their porch light on. McCoy stated he would like to see the kids have a little fun.

Allendorf respects that we want kids to be able to do this; however, we don’t know what the ripple effect will be if we allow trick-or-treating. What kind of impact will this have on our schools? Our region is dangerously close to being pushed back to Phase 3. This could prove to be bad for the community. He was opposed to allowing trick-or treating.

Bernstein stated she would not support trick-or-treating. It is unfortunate that we cannot control the fact that we have a pandemic. We have to be responsible.

Renner felt given the present-day situation, not allowing trick-or-treating is the safest thing to do. Hahn agreed.

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

The motion was denied.

20C-0391 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT WITH IIW ENGINEERS FOR THE WEST UTILITY SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Allendorf, to approve the contract with IIW Engineers for the West Utility System Improvement Project Design and Construction Services at a price not to exceed \$214,900, 20C-0391.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

20C-0392 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST BY AT&T TO MODIFY THE TERMS OF THE LEASE FOR TOWER AND GROUND SPACE AT THE DODGE STREET STANDPIPE

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Bernstein, to deny the request by AT&T to modify the terms of the lease for tower and ground space at the Dodge Street standpipe, 20C-0392.

Discussion: Council was opposed to modifying the agreement.

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

The motion carried.

20C-0393 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY APPLICATION BY RAISER, LLC, DBA UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Motion: Allendorf moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the Transportation Network Company application by Raiser, LLC, DBA Uber Technologies, Inc., 20C-0393.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

20C-0394 – WARRANTS

Motion: Allendorf moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the Warrants as presented, 20C-0394.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

20C-0395 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Signage/Masks – McCoy stated he is happy with the signage in the downtown and is happy to see people are wearing masks.

Fire Training Facility – Bernstein stated she had the opportunity to tour the fire training facility. It is extremely impressive. The Fire Department did a great thing planning and saving for the facility. They are able to train for every possible situation. It is a real asset to the community.

Parking – Westemeier stated he feels the city should start charging for parking again.

Glass Recycling – Westemeier feels the city needs to look at the glass recycling. It is costing the city \$450 per month to have the dumpster emptied as well as the fees from Dubuque.

US Water – Westemeier thanked US Water for doing a great job. The City will be getting back a few thousand dollars this year.

COVID – Allendorf stated he is concerned what will happen if Galena is forced to go back to Phase 3. Although the businesses are better prepared, they will take a huge hit. He noted the only people getting tested are those that are symptomatic. He urged people to get tested. Testing will be done in Elizabeth next week.

Dewey Houses – Kieffer advised he received a letter about the houses on Dewey Avenue. They had over 300 signatures. He feels the city should respond.

Trick-or-Treat – Hahn stated he is sad to have to cancel trick-or-treat, but he feels it is for the best.

Downtown – Hahn stated the town this past weekend was hopping and loaded with people.

20C-0396 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S COMMENTS

Dewey Houses – Moran stated he did receive the petition. He has been responding to citizens promptly. He has talked to the group who initiated the petition at the time they were doing it. He has kept them updated with what the city has been doing. Tickets have been issued on both properties. The tickets are accruing fines of \$750 per day. Within 30 days there will be in excess of \$30,000 in fines which will give the city leverage to move to the next level.

Meeting – The next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 13th due to the holiday.

COVID – Moran advised there is a possibility that we may be subject to moving back to Phase 3.

COVID Cures Act – The first request for reimbursement has been submitted. The city has been allocated \$144,000. We have to justify every dollar. The first request was for 65 individual expenses and personnel salaries. It was just over \$102,000. The city hasn't received a response yet. Moran expects to ask for the remaining amount by the end of the year.

iPad – Moran reminded those members who have not yet returned their old iPad to do so. Technicians will be here on Tuesday to set up the new iPads.

20C-0397 – MAYOR’S REPORT

COVID19 Testing – Mayor Renner urged people to go get tested.

Thank you – Mayor Renner thanked Matt Oldenburg and Country Tours for getting the ride sharing up and running.

Trick-or-Treating – Mayor Renner stated he is sorry we aren't able to have trick-or-treating.

20C-0398 – MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- Collective Negotiating matters and deliberations concerning salary schedules, Section 2 (c) (2)
- Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance, Section 2 (c) (1)

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed 7:03 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

20C-0399 – ADJOURNMENT

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

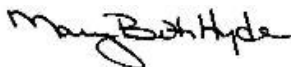
Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk