

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 22 FEBRUARY 2021

21C-0062 – 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 08 February 2021.

21C-0063 – ROLL CALL

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

21C-0064 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

21C-0065 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

21C-0066 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

No reports.

21C-0067 – CITIZENS COMMENTS

No comments.

CONSENT AGENDA CA21-04

21C-0068 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2021

21C-0069 – APPROVAL OF THE ASSIGNMENT OF TIM BUSSAN TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT FOREMAN IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

21C-0070 – ACCEPTANCE OF DECEMBER 2020 FINANCIAL REPORT

21C-0071 – APPROVAL OF THE EXTENSION OF THE FILMING PERMIT FOR ROUNDING LLC TO FILM “ROUNDING”, FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 8

Motion: McCoy moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve Consent Agenda, CA21-04.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

21C-0072 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT FOR THE ANNUAL AUDIT PREPARATION FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021-23

Table 1. Audit Cost Proposal

Item	Actual Fees			Proposed Fees		
	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY 22	FY 23
City of Galena Audit	\$22,700	\$22,900	\$23,200	\$23,200	\$23,500	\$23,800
Single Audit	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500

Motion: McCoy moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve a contract for the annual audit preparation for Fiscal Years 2021-23 with O'Connor Brooks as proposed.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

21C-0073 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PARTICIPATION IN THE COST OF UNDERGROUNDING UTILITIES FOR THE SPRING STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Westemeier, to not participate in the cost of undergrounding utilities for the Spring Street Improvement Project.

Discussion: Council discussed and felt the cost was prohibitive. They prefer not to put the city in that much debt at this point.

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

The motion carried.

21C-0074 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON HIRING FOR UTILITY BILLING CLERK AND RECEPTIONIST POSITIONS

Motion: Westemeier moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve hiring Sue Simmons for the position of Utility Billing Clerk beginning March 8, 2021 at a rate of \$18.00 per hour.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

Motion: Westemeier moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve hiring Maria Atibagos for the position of Receptionist beginning March 24, 2021 at a rate of \$17.50 per hour.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

21C-0075 – WARRANTS

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the Warrants as presented, 21C-0075.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

21C-0076 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Thank you – Bernstein thanked the Health Department for all of their efforts in putting together vaccination clinics. They are extremely well run. It takes a lot of effort to keep everyone safe and she commends them for that.

Galena Country – Westemeier congratulated Galena Country for winning another award. It is good for the city and Jo Daviess County.

Thank you – Westemeier thanked the Public Works Department for putting out the barricades and the Galena Police Department for organizing the closing of Franklin Street for Steve Allendorf's services.

21C-0077 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Galena Country Tourism – Galena Country Tourism will be having visitor center hours on the weekends now for walk in visitors on a limited basis.

West Side Project – The west side project is moving forward. We are hoping for early summer bidding and contract letting with construction in the fall. Staff has been working with school administrators to tie the project in with their project.

Budget – The first draft of the budget will be ready March 22, 2021.

21C-0078 – MAYOR'S REPORT

On behalf of himself and city employees, Mayor Renner expressed his sympathy to Dianne and Chris Allendorf with the passing of Steve Allendorf. Mayor Renner also thanked the police and fire crews for their participation.

21C-0079 – MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by McCoy, 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)

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 6:47 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:58 p.m.

21C-0080 – ADJOURNMENT

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
*City Clerk