

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 12 APRIL 2021

21C-0129 – 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 12 April 2021.

21C-0130 – ROLL CALL

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

21C-0131 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

21C-0132 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

21C-0133 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

No reports.

21C-0134 – CITIZENS COMMENTS

Bill Grosshans/Krista Ginger, 418 Harrison St. – City Clerk Hyde read a submitted email requesting the City Council vote to forego an open burn period for Spring 2021.

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to open the Public Hearing on the proposed operating budget for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2021 and ending April 30, 2022.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

Testimony: None.

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Bernstein, to close the public hearing.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

LIQUOR COMMISSION

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

21C-0136 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPLICATION BY WALMART INC., 10000 BARTELL BOULEVARD, FOR A CORPORATION MANAGER LIQUOR LICENSE FOR CYNTHIA L. DEBERG

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve an application by Walmart Inc., 10000 Bartell Boulevard, for a Corporation Manager Liquor License for Cynthia L. DeBerg, 21C-0136.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

21C-0137 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPLICATION BY INDIGO BAR, 500 WILD INDIGO LANE, FOR A CORPORATION MANAGER LIQUOR LICENSE FOR TYLER M. BLASI

Motion: McCoy moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve an application by Indigo Bar, 500 Wild Indigo Lane, for a Corporation Manager Liquor License for Tyler Blasi, 21C-0137.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

21C-0138 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2021 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2022

Motion: Westemeier moved, seconded by McCoy, to approve the renewal of liquor licenses for the period May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022, 21C-0138.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

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

Discussion: None.

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

NAYS: None

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA CA21-07

21C-0139 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 22, 2021

21C-0140 – APPROVAL OF TAXI LICENSE RENEWAL FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2021 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2022

21C-0141 – APPROVAL OF TRANSPORTATION NETWORK PROVIDER LICENSE RENEWAL FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2021 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2022

21C-0142 – APPROVAL OF TOUR OPERATOR LICENSE RENEWALS FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2021 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2022

21C-0143 – APPROVAL OF A GENERAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GALENA AND JO DAVIESS COUNTY TRANSIT OPERATED BY THE WORKSHOP FOR MAY 1, 2021 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2022

21C-0144 – APPROVAL OF A LICENSE FOR THE USE OF AN AREA OF THE UNOPENED MEEKER STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY BY JEFF AND STEFANIE BRAUNREITER, 617 MEEKER STREET

21C-0145 – APPROVAL OF A LICENSE FOR THE USE OF AN AREA OF THE UNOPENED FOURTH STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY BY ROBERT HRENO, 307 FOURTH STREET

21C-0146 – APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH PEERLESS WELL AND PUMP FOR REPAIRS TO THE WELL AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

21C-0147 – APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REPRESENTATIVE TO SIGN LOAN DOCUMENTS FOR THE LOAN FROM THE ILLINOIS PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LOAN PROGRAM FOR THE WEST SIDE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

21C-0148 – APPROVAL OF THE TAX COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE AND AGREEMENT FOR THE WEST SIDE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

21C-0149 – APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH ALL-STAR POWER WASH FOR POOL BATH HOUSE FLOOR REFINISHING

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by McCoy, to approve Consent Agenda, CA21-07.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

21C-0150 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 110.38 “FARMERS MARKET” OF THE GALENA CODE OF ORDINANCES

Motion: McCoy moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 110.38, "Farmers Market", of the Galena Code of Ordinances.

Discussion: McCoy feels the ordinance states the City wants an open and inclusive market. Council discussed and agreed it is important for the manager to have some discretion as to who is allowed.

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

The motion carried.

21C-0151 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE BANKING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE CITY OF GALENA

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Westemeier, to renew a banking services contract with First Community Bank upon receiving an acceptable renewal proposal.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

21C-0152 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2021 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2022

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by McCoy, to approve the Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2021 and ending April 30, 2022.

Discussion: Hahn stated the budget is a lean as it can possibly get. The City has the option as the year progresses to amend the budget for things that have been taken out if we are doing better than we thought we would. Staff did a great job putting the budget together.

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

The motion carried.

21C-0153 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON OPEN BURN FOR SPRING 2021

Motion: McCoy moved, seconded by Bernstein, to continue the moratorium on open burn amended to include the City doing a curbside pickup.

Discussion: McCoy stated while he would like to see it run forever, he does not think it is right to burn at this time due to COVID.

Westemeier noted the landfill is running out of room for stuff. He questioned where people are going to put all of their yard waste. Westemeier suggested doing an open burn for 3-4 days. Kieffer agreed.

Bernstein feels people can figure out what to do with their leaves. She feels it would be irresponsible to do any kind of open burn during a pandemic. She read the following statement put out by the CDC: "People with or recovering from COVID-19 may have a diminished lung function and therefore might be at particularly high risk of respiratory health effects after exposure to smoke from open burning.

Kieffer agreed but feels the City should do something so people would not have to burn. If there is no enforcement, people are going to burn. Kieffer agreed with allowing open burn for three days maximum.

Renner noted the landfill is an allowable burn area. Staff will be pushing everything back to make more room. Renner suggested going to some type of curbside pickup for a two-week period. This would allow people who do not have a vehicle to haul it to the landfill to put it out for pickup.

Council discussed and agreed curbside pick would be a great option.

Amended

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the City doing a curbside pickup.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

Main

Motion

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

The motion carried.

21C-0154 – WARRANTS

Mayor Renner requested the following Warrant be added:

Wex Bank \$6,692.16

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the Warrants as presented, 21C-0154.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

21C-0155 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Open Burn – McCoy stated he is happy to be moving forward on working out options for open burn.

Westemeier stated he hopes it works out but is concerned with taking the city crew from the jobs they are supposed to be doing.

Kieffer stated the City needs to enforce the law on those who do burn. They should be given a citation.

Bernstein stated she has faith people will appreciate this.

Hahn stated he thinks it is the best we can do under the circumstances and getting rid of the waste under the moratorium.

Thank you – Council thanked staff for a good budget.

21C-0156 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S COMMENTS

Construction – Moran reported the Park Avenue construction is once again underway. They will be starting at the end of Park Avenue by Third Street going to Lafayette Street and up to Fourth and Fifth Streets.

Kayak Launch- The new kayak launch will be getting started shortly.

West Side Project- Plans have been submitted for the West Side Project. We should have the permits in 35-60 days.

Budget – Moran thanked everyone for their help on the budget. He will continue to monitor things throughout the year to see how revenues come in and make any opportunities for change.

21C-0157 – MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Renner thanked staff and everyone who worked on the budget. It is a very lean budget. Projects are moving along. Renner recommended getting seeding done on Park Avenue for the grass areas. We will monitor how the curbside pickup goes.

21C-0158 – MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance, Section 2 (c) (1)

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 7:18 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:26 p.m.

21C-0159 – ADJOURNMENT

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Beth Hyde". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Beth Hyde
*City Clerk