

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 13 SEPTEMBER 2021

21C-0353 – 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 13 September 2021.

21C-0354 – ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following members were present: Bernstein, Hahn, McCoy, Westemeier, Wiene, Renner

Absent: Kieffer

21C-0355 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

21C-0356 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

21C-0357 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

No reports.

21C-0358 – CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA CA21-16

21C-0359 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 23, 2021

21C-0360 – APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ON THE REVIEW AND POSSIBLE RELEASE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

21C-0361 – APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT BA22-02 FOR DOWNTOWN SEWER REPAIRS

21C-0362 – APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE (ANNUAL MOTOR FUEL TAX RESOLUTION)

21C-0363 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY SAMANTHA BRUCK AND MATTHEW DWORAK FOR A WEDDING RECEPTION AT REC PARK ON MAY 21, 2022, FROM 2:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

21C-0364 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY THE GALENA PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A STORY TRAIL AT GATEWAY PARK

21C-0365 – APPROVAL OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH DAVID FOLEY, 501 DEWEY AVENUE, FOR THE USE OF THE ADJACENT NORTH JACKSON STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR AN OFF-STREET-PARKING AREA

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Wiene, to approve Consent Agenda, CA21-16.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

21C-0366 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE WEST SIDE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Motion: McCoy moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve awarding a contract to Fischer Excavating in the bid amount of \$1,047,207.25 for the West Side Water System Improvements 2021 – Contract A project.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

21C-0367 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT PROJECT PROPOSAL BY BLACKHAWK HILLS REGIONAL COUNCIL

Motion: Westemeier moved, seconded by Wiene, to approve the Sidewalk Assessment Project Proposal by Blackhawk Hills Regional Council, 21C-0367.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

21C-0368 – PRESENTATION OF 2021 ALICE T. VIRTUE YEAR-END POOL REPORT

Janelle Kieffer gave a summary of the pool report included in the packet.

Kieffer advised she has already started working on next season. She will be doing a competitive wage study with businesses as well as other pools in the area. She will be looking at adding more permanent shade structures as well as replacement of the men's locker room shower heads. She will also be looking at painting and insulating the pump room.

Mayor Renner thanked Janelle and staff for doing a super job. It was overall a good year, and the water quality was really clear.

21C-0369 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FINAL LOAN DISBURSEMENT FOR EAST SIDE WATER IEPA LOAN PROJECT

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by McCoy, approve the final loan disbursement for the East Side Water IEPA Loan Project to Community Funding and Planning in the amount of \$7,500.00 and invoices in the amount of \$13,966.00 and \$3,268.75 to Origin Design for construction observation services.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

21C-0370 – WARRANTS

Motion: Wiene moved, seconded by McCoy, to approve the Warrants as presented, 21C-0370.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

21C-0371 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Littering – Bernstein stated she noticed in the Police report that they made an arrest for littering. She was pleased to see that.

Concrete – Bernstein stated she noticed we were concreting the parking area at Meeker Street. She requested that, in the future, we think of other alternatives to concrete. She advised climate experts are advising we are going to see more severe rainstorms. Concrete doesn't absorb the water; it just causes stormwater runoff. There are other alternatives such as permeable concrete or gravel and other substances that are more forgiving.

21C-0372 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Thank you – Moran thanked the Galena Area Land Enthusiasts for their recent help on the bike trail as well as at Horseshoe Mound and Gateway Park.

Shuttle – Moran reported the shuttle is off to a good start. The shuttle ran the past two Saturdays, and they had 160 riders both days. Moran thanked the Jo Daviess County Transit for running the service.

Ribbon – The ribbon cutting for the new kayak park will be held on September 23, 2021, at 11 a.m.

Pool – Moran stated one thing Janelle didn't mention in her report was that she was able to put together a new website with online payment and online registration features. This was a great benefit that came about after the pandemic.

21C-0373 – MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Renner stated the stair climb went well and the fireman's dance was great. He thanked Janelle Keeffer, pool staff and city hall staff for a good season.

21C-0374 – ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Bernstein to adjourn.

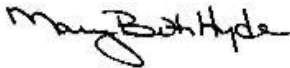
Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk