

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 22 JANUARY 2024

24C-0020 – 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 22 January 2024.

24C-0021 – ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following members were present: Bernstein, Johnson, Kieffer, Tegtmeyer, Westemeier, Wiene, Renner.

24C-0022 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

24C-0023 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

24C-0024 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

No reports.

24C-0025 – CITIZENS COMMENTS

Jared Ozga, 28 Oak Glen Drive – Ozga introduced himself. He is a professional tour guide in Colorado and is a newly hired historian for American Cruise Lines River Cruises. Ozga has a history of visiting Galena and would like to bring tourism to the river. Ozga would like to start a conversation with members of the City Council to discuss the creation of a Galena River tour experience that helps fund ecological improvement projects for the water shed.

CONSENT AGENDA CA24-02

24C-0026 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2024

24C-0027 – ACCEPTANCE OF DECEMBER 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

24C-0028 – APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR GENERAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN THE CITY OF GALENA AND JO DAVIESS COUNTY TRANSIT

Motion: Wiene moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve Consent Agenda CA24-02.

Discussion: Tegtmeyer is excited to see electric shuttles as part of the JoDavie County Transit shuttle service. While the EV buses may not be ready for the start of 2024 season, they will be deployed when they are received.

Roll Call: AYES: Johnson, Kieffer, Tegtmeyer, Westemeier, Wiene, Bernstein, Renner
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

24C-0029 – PRESENTATION BY O'CONNOR BROOKS & CO. OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2023

Scott Roberts, O'Connor Brooks & Co. gave a presentation on the Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2023.

24C-0030 – GALENA COUNTRY TOURISM QUARTERLY REPORT

Terry Mattson, Chief Executive Officer, Galena Country Tourism - Mattson introduced himself and updated the council on current and upcoming marketing campaigns.

24C-0031 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR GENERAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION WITH JO DAVIESS COUNTY TRANSIT (2024 DOWNTOWN SHUTTLES)

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Johnson, to approve an intergovernmental agreement for general public transportation with Jo Daviess County Transit for 2024 Downtown Shuttles, 24C-0031.

Discussion: Bernstein stated she is happy to see this is continuing to be successful and expanding every year. It is great for the city and the tourists, and she is happy to see they are getting electric vehicles.

Renner noted they hauled 1,000 tourists from the hotels. It is a great service, and he is happy to work with them.

Roll Call: AYES: Kieffer, Tegtmeyer, Westemeier, Wiene, Bernstein, Johnson, Renner
 NAYS: None

The motion carried.

24C-0032 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PURCHASE OF A NEW TRUCK FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Table 1. New 2024 Truck and Chassis

Dealership	Business Location	Year	Make	Cost
Runde Auto Group	East Dubuque, IL	2024	Dodge	\$58,225
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Runde Auto Group	East Dubuque, IL	2024	Ford	\$60,425
Pioneer Ford	Platteville, WI	2024	Ford	\$62,765
Galena Chrysler	Galena, IL	2024	Dodge	\$65,839

Table 2. Equipment Costs for New Truck

Company	Business Location	Cost
Monroe Truck Equipment	Monroe, WI	\$20,475
Grant County Truck	Cuba City, WI	\$28,646

Motion: Wiene moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the purchase of a new 2024 Dodge truck from Runde Auto Group for \$58,225 along with equipment package and build-up from Monroe Truck and Equipment in the amount of \$20,475 for a total cost of \$78,700, 24C-0032.

Discussion: Tegtmeyer appreciated the multiple bids and going with the lowest bid.

Roll Call: AYES: Tegtmeyer, Westemeier, Wiene, Bernstein, Johnson, Kieffer, Renner

NAYS: None

The motion carried.

24C-0033– DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SWIMMING POOL WAGES, RATES, AND SCHEDULE FOR 2024

Motion: Tegtmeier moved, seconded by Johnson, to approve the swimming pool wages, rates and schedule for 2024.

Discussion: Tegtmeier commended Hillary and team for lining up the lifeguards for this season. She advised that she would like to look into the possibility of extending the season.

Renner stated the pool is the only thing the city can offer the citizens. He commended staff on doing an excellent job.

Roll Call: AYES: Westemeier, Wiene, Bernstein, Johnson, Kieffer, Tegtmeier, Renner
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

24C-0034 – WARRANTS

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Johnson, to approve the Warrants as presented, 24C-0034.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Wiene, Bernstein, Johnson, Kieffer, Tegtmeier, Westemeier, Renner
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

24C-0035 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Thank you – Johnson thanked the street workers for keeping the streets clear of snow and thanked the EMS workers for their work.

Audit – Tegtmeier thanked O'Connor Brooks for their report. She questioned how they pose questions since the audit is so far away from the end of Fiscal Year 2023. Moran recommended forwarding any questions to either he or Jennifer Schmidt.

Website – Tegtmeier stated she is looking forward to the completion of the new website and Facebook page. She feels it will help streamline communication.

24C-0036 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Website – Moran reported the website is just weeks away from being released.

403 S. Main – Moran advised a proposal for architectural services from Straka Johnson will be added to the next agenda.

24C-0037 – MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Renner thanked the Public Works Department for an excellent job with the snow as well as the Fire Department and ambulance service for their work.

24C-0038 – ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Wiene moved, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Bernstein, Johnson, Kieffer, Tegtmeyer, Westemeier, Wiene, Renner
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 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