

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 28 JULY 2014

14C-0285 – 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 July 2014.

14C-0286 – ROLL CALL

Upon roll call the following members were present: Bernstein, Kieffer, Lincoln, Renner

Absent: Fach, Greene, Painter

14C-0287 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

14C-0288 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

14C-0289 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

None.

14C-0290 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Hamilton, President, VisitGalena – Hamilton introduced himself as the new president of VisitGalena.

Eric Lieberman, 751 Dewey Avenue – Lieberman spoke with regard to the ordinance discussion on expanding the number of full tour operator's licenses. He urged the Council to consider the pollution, congestion, noise and property values and how they would impact the community. Lieberman noted these factors are in the preamble to the Tour Operators Ordinance. All were considered to be important when the ordinance was put into effect. Lieberman requested council not waive the second reading of the ordinance in order to allow adequate time for people to do some homework and allow people to be heard.

John Yorkman, 434 Harrison – Yorkman spoke with regard to the Trolley Ordinance. He stated it seems unreasonable that a business that has been in business for long as Galena Trolley Tours, can appear to be manipulated to have problems that cause them not to be able to be in business. Yorkman advised he has performed work on those trolleys and they were fine. He stated he has talked to the inspector and it would appear it is simply someone with an ax to grind. Yorkman felt it was unreasonable for another trolley company to come in and take the trolley license away from Brill; and not allow her to continue her business. She does a good job.

Joan Wallace, 703 S. Bench Street – Wallace stated it seems odd that from the time Brill's business was in violation in November of last year there was no action to remedy the violations until it got down to the wire where Amelia's trolley was awarded the license. Wallace questions why there was so little done to remedy the situation.

Mike Hillard – Tri-State Trolley – Hillard stated his concern going forward is the fact that Brill violated state and federal laws. The fact that the vehicles are not operable from the standpoint of being safe is all the city needs to know. When the City hears that a business is asked to cease operations that is all they should need. Since approval of the license back in April, Brill has still not taken care of it. Hillard stated, in his view, it is not fair to have three licenses.

Ronald Leinen, Attorney, 122 ½ N. Main Street – Leinen advised he was here on behalf of Noreen Brill. He wished to clarify some comments made. Brill has been working with state and federal authorities to remedy the problems. To state she is not concerned with the alleged violations is inaccurate. He also stated to say the trolleys are unsafe is also not accurate.

CONSENT AGENDA CA14-14

14C-0291 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 14, 2014

14C-0292 – APPROVAL OF THE FIRST AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE DECLARING SURPLUS PROPERTY TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF 2008 CHEVROLET ONE TON TRUCK WITH LOW AND SPREADER FOR \$21,000

14C-0293 – ACCEPTANCE OF MAY AND JUNE 2014 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve Consent Agenda CA14-14.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Kieffer, Lincoln, Bernstein, Renner
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Fach, Greene, Painter

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

14C-0294 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A RESOLUTION FOR A MAP AMENDMENT TO REZONE 6.68 ACRES AT 219 SUMMIT STREET TO A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT WITH AN UNDERLYING DISTRICT OF NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL AND A PRELIMINARY PLAT AND PLAN FOR THE PUD

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve a resolution for a map amendment to rezone 6.68 acres at 219 Summit Street to a Planned Unit Development with an underlying district of Neighborhood Commercial and a preliminary plat and plan for the PUD as proposed by the zoning board.

Discussion: Bernstein felt the proposal was very complete. The Zoning Administrator has looked it over carefully and noted any potential considerations.

Roll Call: AYES: Bernstein, Kieffer, Lincoln, Renner
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Fach, Greene, Painter

The motion carried.

14C-0295 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR THE ARTS AND SENIOR CARE CENTER SUBDIVISION

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve a resolution approving a preliminary plat for the Arts and Senior Care Center subdivision.

Discussion: Items for Phase II that don't fall under the PUD or Special Use Permit would come back for approval.

Roll Call: AYES: Bernstein, Kieffer, Lincoln, Renner

NAYS: None
ABSENT: Fach, Greene, Painter

The motion carried.

14C-0296 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 114.04 OF THE GALENA CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF UNRESTRICTED TOUR OPERATORS LICENSES

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Kieffer, to defer this item to the next agenda.

14C-0297 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF COLORS FOR AMELIA’S GHOST TOURS TROLLEY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 114.09 OF THE GALENA CODE OF ORDINANCES

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the colors for Amelia’s Ghost Tours Trolley in accordance with Chapter 114.09 of the Galena Code of Ordinances amended to include in accordance with the Historic Preservation Standards for colors and lettering.

Discussion: Renner recommended Amelia meet with Duff Stewart to select colors and lettering in accordance with the Historic Preservation Standards.

Amended

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Kieffer, to amend the motion to include in accordance with the Historic Preservation Standards for colors and lettering.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Bernstein, Kieffer, Lincoln, Renner
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Fach, Greene, Painter

The motion carried.

14C-0299 – WARRANTS

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve the Warrants as presented with the exception of the payment to Galena Laundry and with the addition of a payment to M & N Sproule Construction in the amount of \$12,517.68 for the Fire Department Training Facility.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Kieffer, Lincoln, Bernstein, Renner
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Fach, Greene, Painter

The motion carried.

14C-0300 – ALDERPERSONS’ COMMENTS

Trolley License – Lincoln advised he preferred to defer action on the trolley license until we have a full council.

Police Department Relocation – Lincoln asked for an update on the Police Department relocation.

Storm Damage – Bernstein commended the Public Works Department for the job they have done with the last two storms.

14C-0301 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Police Department Relocation – Plans should be complete and ready for bid by the end of this week. Staff has been working on assembling some quotes on items that are not included such as lighting and computer wiring.

Unit 3 Scenic Meadows – We are finishing up on plans. They should be distributed by the end of the week. Once done the contractor will have 90 days to start the work. When it is all finished we should have a nice street, curb and gutter, sidewalks and street lighting.

Bike Rack – Moran announced the Galena Goats have donated \$775 following their 4th July fundraiser for bike racks for the City Hall property.

14C-0302 – MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Renner commended the Public Works crew and the citizens for their patience in getting the storm damage cleaned up. We will continue to steadily work at getting everything done.

14C-0303 – MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Bernstein, to recess to Executive Session to discuss the following:

- Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance, Section 2 (c) (1)
- Review of Executive Session Minutes, Section 2 (c) (21)

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Bernstein, Kieffer, Lincoln, Renner
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: Fach, Greene, Painter

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 6:53 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:22 p.m.

14C-0304 - ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Lincoln to adjourn.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Bernstein, Kieffer, Lincoln, Renner
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: Fach, Greene, Painter

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Beth Hyde". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk