

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 26 MAY 2015**

**15C-0192 – 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 26 May 2015.

**15C-0193 – ROLL CALL**

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

**15C-0194 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

**15C-0195 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge was recited.

**15C-0196 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

No reports.

**15C-0197 – PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Rick Pariser 113 S. High Street** – Pariser stated he has noticed a couple of topics mentioned in the media over the last week. As a follow-up, Pariser requested Mayor Renner respond at the conclusion of the meeting. The first issue is with regard to IDOT approving \$900,000 for the Spring Street/Gear Street reconstruction project. He is curious about that and would like an update on that project.

The second issue which has been going on for weeks is with regard to the ½ percent sales tax fund. Pariser stated he has read several published accounts that address this issue of taxes that are intended to be dedicated to street and infrastructure projects. In 2008 a ½ percent sales tax was put in to fund forward going reconstruction projects. Several published reports allude the money hasn't been used for that purpose. Pariser asked the Mayor to address and clarify this at the end of the meeting. He questioned if the money is being used for what it was intended for.

**CONSENT AGENDA CA15-09**

**15C-0198 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 11, 2015**

**15C-0199 – APPROVAL OF 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MIDWEST MEDICAL CENTER FUN RUN/WALK, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2015 AT THE GALENA RIVER TRAIL FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M.**

**15C-0200 – APPROVAL OF BA16-02 FOR GALENA RIVER FITNESS TRAIL DONATIONS AND EQUIPMENT**

**15C-0201 – ACCEPTANCE OF MARCH 2015 FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Motion:** Bernstein moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve Consent Agenda CA15-09 as presented.

**Discussion:** None.

**Roll Call:** AYES: Fach, Hahn, Kieffer, Lincoln, Westemeier, Bernstein, Renner  
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **15C-0182 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GALENA FOUNDATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TURNER HALL**

**Motion:** Fach moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve an agreement with the Galena Foundation for funding for improvements to Turner Hall.

**Discussion:** Council was pleased with the rewording and agree it is important for the City to make sure we keep things updated once the project is complete.

**Roll Call:** AYES: Hahn, Kieffer, Lincoln, Westemeier, Bernstein, Fach, Renner  
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **15C-0202 – REPORT FROM AMERICAN WATER ON THE WATER AND SEWER OPERATIONS**

Jeff Saylor thanked LaVerne and Emily. It was a pleasure working with them and he appreciates the support they gave.

Saylor reported the following for February-April:

- There were 4 main breaks and 2 service line repairs.
- Numerous meter bottom replacements and interior leaks.
- There were 2 sewer related problems.
- We were able to haul 41 loads of bio-solids before the field work began.
- Repaired and started UV Disinfection – The UV Disinfection runs from May – October. It was tested in April and worked. When turned on in May it didn't work. Saylor worked with people over the phone to figure out the issues. Parts were ordered and received. A conference call was held to switch out the components. It is back up and running. The bad news is the UV System Controller was put in in 2003 and is no longer supported. While it is currently working, should it fail it would need to be replaced. The system will still work manually. It just takes more electricity. The cost for replacement would be \$12,000 to \$14,000.
- Completed and submitted monthly water and wastewater IEAP reports.
- Winter average daily usage has been dropping.
- Monthly loss is very low and within acceptable standards; however, the running total is still high. They will continue to look for leaks.

#### **15C-0203 – WARRANTS**

**Motion:** Fach moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the Warrants as presented.

**Discussion:** None.

**Roll Call:** AYES: Kieffer, Lincoln, Westemeier, Bernstein, Fach, Hahn, Renner  
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

**15C-0204 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS**

**Deer Signs** – Fach would like to see more deer signs on the highway.

**Radar Speed Machine** – Fach said it is his understanding the radar speed machine is down for the count. He would like to get a new one. He volunteered the use of his electricity for operation on the highway.

**Grant Park Flowers** – Fach questioned who is taking care of the flowers in Grant Park.

**Johnson Street** – Fach noted Johnson Street is our only brick street left. It has a big section that the bricks have been torn out and never replaced. This would be a good job for a couple of high school kids to replace.

**IDOT** – Fach stated he is unaware of the \$900,000 that Pariser referred to and asked for clarification as well.

**Thank you** – Hahn thanked the Galena Foundation for partnering with the City in putting money into Turner Hall to bring it back to what it once was. Bernstein and Westemeier concurred.

**Thank you** – Hahn thanked Jeff Saylor for his report and commended him on the good job he does. Hahn also stated everything is going well and all are doing a good job.

**Turner Hall** – Westemeier thanked the Galena Foundation for their donation. Turner Hall has been around for a long time and he doesn't feel it is something the city will ever want to sell.

**Grass** – Lincoln reported the grass at the house at the corner of Hill and Dodge Streets needs to be mowed.

**15C-0205 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

No report.

**15C-0206 – MAYOR'S REPORT**

**IDOT** – Mayor Renner stated the way he read it in the paper the \$900,000 awarded was for land acquisition on US Highway 20/Spring Street from Gear to Main Street. Apparently there was some land on Spring Street that has to be bought up yet. Mayor Renner stated he met with the Secretary of Transportation at the DeSoto Hotel last week. When asked when this was going to happen they are saying 2017 for Gear Street. They need to have everything set on Spring Street prior to beginning work on Gear Street.

**Sales Tax** – Mayor Renner advised the tax did start in 2008. At that time when the City knew the money was going to come in, they started bidding out projects. This put the fund in the hole. From that point on, the Capital Improvement Plan indicates which streets will be done. It typically goes with the oldest, heaviest traveled streets and infrastructure. When streets are done they are done from the bottom up. Where the money is spent elsewhere, Mayor Renner said he is unaware. He understands there are questions with regard to the pumps on Water Street. He isn't aware of anything else. The funds all go into the street fund. Renner recommended Mr. Pariser sit down and talk with Mark Moran if he has any further questions.

**15C-0207– MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

- Sale or lease of public property, Section 2 (c) (6)
- Review of Executive Session Minutes, Section 2 (c) (21)

**Discussion:** None.

**Roll Call:** AYES: Lincoln, Westemeier, Bernstein, Fach, Hahn, Kieffer, Renner  
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 6:51 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:21 p.m.

**15C-0208 - ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer to adjourn.

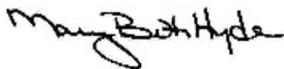
**Discussion:** None.

**Roll Call:** AYES: Fach, Hahn, Kieffer, Lincoln, Westemeier, Bernstein, Renner  
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde  
City Clerk