

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 10 AUGUST 2015**

**15C-0294 – 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 10 August 2015.

**15C-0295 – ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Fach

**15C-0296 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

**15C-0297 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge was recited.

**15C-0298 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

No reports.

**15C-0299 – PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Dave Decker 309 N. Pilot Knob Road** – Decker stated earlier in the year, the Galena ARC submitted a request for the City to look into giving a \$25,000 donation to the ARC. So far they haven't heard anything. The ARC is coming into a challenging year. Decker urged the Council to revisit this and consider making a donation.

**Anna Hem, 226 S. High Street** – Hem stated it is her understanding another issue is going on about the deer. She noted lymes disease isn't only spread by deer. She feels killing the deer because of lymes disease is a trumped up charge. The whole issue of killing the deer or not killing the deer is causing a problem with people in Galena. This is an issue that could have been squashed in the beginning. She feels it is unfair.

**Diane Dahlby, 409 Menominee** – Dahlby appreciates the issue of the deer culling. Her property backs up to woods. She stated last fall she was opposed to the culling. This spring her husband came down with lymes disease from mowing the yard. There are eight confirmed cases of lymes disease in her four block area. In talking with Medical Associates, they stated 80 percent of bites coming in are lymes disease. They must spray down before going out to do their lawn work and have spent lots of money on deer repel this year. While she loves the deer, it has come to a health and medical issue. They have between 17 and 30 deer in their neighborhood. She understands different animals carry lymes disease. Those other animals can be live trapped or hunted in the city limits. She stated she would like to see the City allow people to bag deer in their back yards. While canvassing her neighborhood she talked to 150-200 people. Of those people, less than 5 percent were opposed to the culling. She urged the Council to provide for a safe plan for culling the deer.

**Bill Grosshans, 418 Harrison Street** – Grosshans wanted to stress that the one thing that he has found the most irritating with the deer issue is that there was never an honest counting of the deer. He feels there has to be some counting to determine if there is a population problem. He questions how someone could tell they got a deer tick from moving the yard rather than something else. He urged the Council to do this smartly and involve the whole community.

**Kristina Linenfelser, 1008 Fulton Street** – Linenfelser stated one of the worst comments she has heard is that the deer have always been here. She has and the deer have not. She has lived her whole life in the same two neighborhoods. The deer are overpopulating. Most are having twins and triplets. It is her belief that the deer do not belong in town. She voiced concern with the deer feces being tracked around and its health risks.

**LIQUOR COMMISSION**

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

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**15C-0300 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPLICATION FOR A CLASS M LIQUOR LICENSE BY MATTHEW CARROLL FOR THE JAIL HILL INN, 319 MEEKER STREET**

**Motion:** Kieffer moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve an application for a Class M Liquor License by Matthew Carroll for the Jail Hill Inn, 319 Meeker Street.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**15C-0301 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPLICATION FOR A CLASS A LIQUOR LICENSE BY ZACHARY BUCHE AND MICHELE MORGAN (BUCHE MORGAN CO.), DBA MICKEY’S LOUNGE, 243 N. MAIN STREET**

Item withdrawn at the request of the applicant.

**15C-0302 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPLICATION FOR A MANAGER’S LIQUOR LICENSE BY ALEXIS STERGER FOR MICKEY’S LOUNGE, 243 N. MAIN STREET**

Item withdrawn at the request of the applicant.

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

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA CA15-14**

**15C-0303 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 27, 2015**

**15C-0304 – APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT BA16-05 FOR STREET REPAIRS**

**15C-0305 – APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ON THE REVIEW AND POSSIBLE RELEASE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

**15C-0306 – ACCEPTANCE OF MAY AND JUNE 2015 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve Consent Agenda CA15-14 as presented.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**15C-0283 – REPORT BY THE GALENA ART AND RECREATION CENTER ON THE RECENT FOURTH OF JULY EVENT A RECREATION PARK**

Dave Decker reported this year the ARC conducted it second annual event. Attendance doubled this year. They have done a good job on many things and want it to continue to grow.

Decker presented the following ideas for next year:

- The Buckhill run doubled from 54 runners the first year to 98 runners this year. The walk stayed about the same. They would like to consider doing a color run on the walking path next year. Participants would be sprayed with a colored baking powder compound. This has become a big trend with great fundraising potential. They would propose to do it along the walking path. The colors used would be red, white and blue.
- They would like to provide Bingo next year. They are in the process of getting a bingo license for three different occasions. They feel this will bring out a group of people that weren't in the park.
- They would like to have a "main stage". They would consult with Jim Rigdon to come up with the best possible location. This would provide them with the opportunity to make announcements.
- Mud Volleyball was held this year. Next year they would propose to do a tug of war over the pits when the volleyball is finished. Decker noted cleanup for participants will be stationed far away from the public restrooms next year.

They are trying to make this a community event and would welcome any ideas and/or suggestions.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**15C-0307– PRESENTATION OF ISO PUBLIC PROTECTION CLASSIFICATION REVISED RATING FOR THE CITY OF GALENA FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES**

Fire Chief Randy Beadle along with Bill Bingham made a presentation on the revised rating for the City of Galena Fire Protection Services. They were pleased to announce the rate for Galena has gone down from a 5 to a 3. Beadle stated citizens with insurance companies involved with this rating could see their rates go down.

**15C-0308 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AWARD OF BANKING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR 2015-2020**

**Motion:** Bernstein moved, seconded by Lincoln, to award the Banking Services Contract for 2015-2020 to First Community Bank effective August 17, 2015.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**15C-0309 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE DEER POPULATION IN GALENA**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to appoint John Cox, Chair, Carmen Ferguson, Kirk Foecking, Mary Hartman and Kim Monk to a committee to study the deer population in Galena.

**Discussion:** Bernstein raised concern that two of the individuals named to the committee have signed the recent petition. She noted the information in the packet talks about keeping an open mind. She doesn't understand how signing a petition of late isn't stating your position.

Council discussed and agreed the committee would be appointed to study the deer problems and come up with a recommendation. The committee will work to a common goal to find out if there is a problem and what can be done about it if there is a problem.

**Roll Call:** AYES: Hahn, Kieffer, Lincoln, Westemeier  
NAYS: Bernstein  
ABSENT: Fach

The motion carried.

**15C-0310 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST BY AT & T FOR MODIFICATIONS TO CELLULAR COMMUNICATIONS LEASE FOR THE DODGE STREET STANDPIPE**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by Bernstein, to reject the request by AT & T for modifications to Cellular Communications Lease for the Dodge Street standpipe.

**Discussion:** The City currently has a contract in place until 2019. Council saw no need to change it.

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

The motion carried.

**15C-0311 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY JO CARROLL ENERGY FOR AN EASEMENT ACROSS CITY PROPERTY TO INSTALL ELECTRICAL SERVICE**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the request by Jo Carroll Energy for an easement across city property to install electrical service.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**15C-0312 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CONTRACT FOR SEALCOATING**

Hahn removed himself from the table for discussions on this item.

**Motion:** Kieffer moved, seconded by Lincoln, to approve a contract for sealcoating with Louie's Trenching Service in the amount of \$14,045.

**Discussion:** Westemeier stated he hopes the remaining money can be used towards other street improvements.

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

The motion carried.

**15C-0313 – WARRANTS**

**Motion:** Bernstein moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the Warrants as presented.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**15C-0314 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS**

**Thank you** – Hahn thanked the Galena ARC for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July events as well as the Galena Elk's Club for the recent corn boil. Both are great community events that can only get better. Hahn also thanked everyone involved with the ISO Rating reduction. Westemeier concurred.

**Thank you** – Kieffer thanked those willing to volunteer for the deer committee. They have a hard job ahead of them and they deserve a vote of approval. They will be giving a lot of time and energy to get this done.

**Turner Hall Excavation** – Lincoln questioned if anything was going to be done with the area that was excavated behind Turner Hall last fall. He was advised the Committee is working on it.

**Thank you** – Lincoln thanked the residents around the carriage house being reconstructed on High Street. It has been a mess for a while and will probably be for a few more months. The work is progressing and it looks great. He thanked the residents for their patience.

**Galena ARC** – Bernstein is in favor of taking a look at the budget to see if we can find some finances to support the ARC.

**Recycling Drop Off** – Bernstein advised she took some things to the recycling drop off site. She was amazed to see the number of TV's being left even though there are signs posted. She recommended adding larger signs stating we no longer accept TV's.

**General Contractor** – Bernstein thanked Mark Moran for offering to be the General Contractor for the Fire Department. She appreciates what the members have done.

**Drones** – Bernstein advised she has had an individual raise some concerns with drones flying over their property. She feels the City may want to talk about studying the benefits, problems and options for regulating drones.

#### **15C-0315 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**General Contractor** – Moran advised the Fire Department would be acting as General Contractor and not him. This should save them some money.

**Bike Trail** – The culvert has been reinstalled and improved considerably. As of this week, the resurfacing will be getting back on track. It is our hopes to have the trail open by the end of August for smooth sailing for bikers, runners and walkers.

**Community Meeting** – A Community Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, September 21 with BNSF, the EPA, and a representative from Congresswoman Bustos' office as well as a group of local responders. The meeting will be a recap looking at what happened from the moment of the derailment up to the present.

**Audit** – The audit process has been completed. We should have a final report in the next two weeks. Pat McCarthy will make a presentation at a future meeting.

**Code Red** – The Code Red System is up and running. If all went well, the first notification was sent out tonight for residents on Bench Street. People can visit the city's website to sign up for more alerts.

#### **15C-0316 – MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Renner thanked all assisting with the ISO rating.

#### **15C-0317 - ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

Regular Board Meeting

10 August 2015

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 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