

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 28 MARCH 2016

16C-0105 – 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 March 2016.

16C-0106– ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Westemeier

16C-0107– ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

16C-0108– PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

16C-0109 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

None.

16C-0110 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bonnie Garrity, Galena said she is concerned about the new street lights installed by Jo Carroll on Park Avenue and Adams Street as well as Division and Fulton Streets as part of a test program. These lights say they are full cut off, but they are in the blue range, which has been shown to be harmful to our health, and the lights are very bright and cause a glare. They violate some of the principals of good lighting - they should be fully cutoff and should only provide light where and when it is needed. It seems wasteful that the lights are shining on houses. We should be asking for yellow light and if possible dim them or put them on timers. New lighting should be better for humans as well as provide cost savings.

Ryan Getz, 1102 Franklin Street, Galena is the author of the memo for agenda item, 16C-0115. He would be glad to answer any questions the Council has when discussing Gateway Park and Buehler Preserve.

Kathy Oberbroeckling, Galena Chamber of Commerce said she was available if the Council had questions concerning the proposed lease for the Depot building.

Jason Allen, 729 Bluff Street Dubuque Iowa is the owner of Aerosol Endeavors. He asked the Council why no one contacted him about his proposal when the changes were being made to the Street Performers ordinance. He worked with the City Administrator and the Police Chief before submitting his proposal. He feels he was treated unfairly and this is wrong.

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Kieffer, to open the Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Operating Budget.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

16C-0111 – PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 OPERATING BUDGET

City Attorney Nack swore in those wishing to testify.

Testimony: Dave Decker, Director, Galena Arts and Recreation Center, 413 S Bench Street Galena said he appreciated the Council considering their request for a monetary donation for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Decker invites any council member to visit the ARC and look at their budget, fundraising programs, the building and classes. With the help of fundraising their programs are fairly self-supporting, but administratively they need help. They provide programs that meet the needs of Galena. Recently they began a 3-4 year old preschool program because the community needed it. Communities provide necessary services for its residents and sometimes those services do not pay for themselves.

Steve Repp, 227 S Dodge Street Galena said he too wished the Council would budget for the support of the ARC. He also wanted the Council to know that over the years many of his tour patrons have commented on the distinctive antique brick pavers that are part of the downtown sidewalks. He hopes there is some way to keep these bricks.

Motion: Lincoln moved, seconded by Kieffer, to close the Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Operating Budget.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA CA16-06

16C-0112 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2016 AND SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 21, 2016

16C-0113 – APPROVAL OF REQUEST BY THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION FOR SIDEWALK SALES MAY 13-15, 2016 AND AUGUST 12-14, 2016

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve Consent Agenda CA16-06 as presented.

Discussion: Renner asked that the minutes for the budget work session be corrected to indicate that Lincoln was not in attendance. Hahn agreed.

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

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

16C-0077 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PROPOSAL BY THE GALENA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO MODIFY THE TERMS OF THE LEASE FOR THE DEPOT

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to deny the proposal by the Galena Chamber of Commerce to modify the terms of the lease for the Depot.

Discussion: Hahn said the lease is a good deal as it is without modifying the terms. He would consider looking at this again if they would come back with a more equal agreement. Too much is being asked of the City – the Chamber needs to take on more.

Fach said when renters pay the utilities they are more conscientious of what they are using. The City taking that on is too much.

Bernstein agreed with Fach. She said the City might be able to make a little money by renting the second floor as proposed by the Chamber but considering the difficulty in renting the main floor it does seem unlikely that we would find a tenant.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

16C-0114 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST BY DALE GLICK TO PERFORM MAINTENANCE AT THE OLD CITY CEMETERY

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve the request by Dale Glick to perform maintenance at the Old City Cemetery.

Discussion: Renner said this is a great undertaking and a big job.

Bernstein said it is nice to see someone wanting to volunteer to do this.

Lincoln asked if staff was okay with the nonchemical cleaner that would be used.

Moran said yes.

Hahn said Glick has already worked on a couple other cemeteries in the area and did a great job.

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

The motion carried.

16C-0115 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY THE JO DAVIESS CONSERVATION FOUNDATION FOR PRESCRIBED BURNING AT GATEWAY PARK AND THE BUEHLER PRESERVE FOR ECOLOGICAL PURPOSES

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve the request by the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation for prescribed burning at Gateway Park and the Buehler Preserve for ecological purposes.

Discussion: Kieffer asked if the fire chief was ok with what was being proposed.

Renner said they were. Currently there is no provision for a prescribed burn so if approved tonight the Conservation Foundation would work with the fire chief to schedule the burn.

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

The motion carried.

16C-0116 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AUDITING SERVICES CONTRACT

The following bids were received:

O'Connor, Brooks 2016 2017 2018 3-Year Total
Financial Statements \$22,000 \$22,300 \$22,700 \$67,000
Single Audit \$5,000* \$5,000 \$5,000* \$5,000
Component Unit \$4,625 \$4,625 \$4,625 \$13,875
\$85,875

Wipfli 2016 2017 2018 3-Year Total
Financial Statements \$22,000 \$22,400 \$22,800 \$67,200
Single Audit \$3,000* \$3,000 \$3,000* \$3,000
Component Unit \$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000 \$3,000
\$73,200

***Note: A single audit is not expected in 2016 or 2018 so the amount has been omitted from the 3-year total**

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the Auditing Services Contract with O'Connor Brooks in the amount of \$85,875.00.

Discussion: Kieffer thought we should stay with O'Connor Brooks. We've used them for nine years, they are a local company and we've not had any issues.

Bernstein thought we should considering giving Wipfli the contract. They would save the city some money, they seem well qualified and have good references.

Lincoln agreed. The savings could go to good use.

Fach asked if there is a lot of additional work for staff when switching to a new company.

Moran said there may be some additional work but it hard to know until you are into the audit. Wipfli would follow the same standards but they would be starting from scratch.

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

The motion carried.

16C-0117 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PHASE 3 OF THE GALENA RIVER TRAIL

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve engineering services for Phase 3 of the Galena River Trail.

Discussion: Hahn said IDOT is trying to keep up with all the required changes. They are working with the City to use the FFM money which would offset the increase in costs. It's no small project and it seems they have done a good job. The extra costs are warranted.

Renner said the increase can be offset with the FFM and ITEP grant money.

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

The motion carried.

16C-0118 – WARRANTS

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the Warrants as presented, 16C-0118.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

16C-0119 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Gateway Park - Fach thought the City should secure or protect the PVC pipes on the concrete slab in order to prevent vandalism.

Street Names – Fach asked how streets are named. Does a request always come to the City Council for approval? How did Sproule Lane come to be?

Renner said there is a plat map that we refer to.

Moran said that street was part of the subdivision plat when the final plat was approved. The streets are named by the developer.

Volunteerism – Fach thought the community is really in need of a volunteer program/coordinator. There is a great need for volunteers and the volunteers are out there. We need to find a better way to bring them together.

16C-0120 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Moran said Prairie Ridge has submitted their plans and they obtained and paid for the permit – about \$56,000. This is now in the plan review process so there won't be any major construction happening just now. They did obtain a land disturbance permit so they could create a staging area for equipment and materials. Bids have gone out for the City Hall solar project which are due back in April. Bids for Phase Three of the Galena River Trail have been sent by the Department of Transportation and are due back in April or May. Roadside cleanup has begun

with community volunteers working to pick up garbage and litter that accumulated over the winter. This volunteer project has been in place for several years.

16C-0121 – MAYOR’S REPORT

Renner commented on the success of the Easter Egg hunt held at Grant Park. Thank you to Dillon’s who sponsors the event and to all the volunteers including Bobby Hahn and Dave Decker, who make this happen.

16C-0122 – MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- Collective negotiating matters and deliberations concerning salary schedules, Section 2 (c) (2)
- Review of Executive Session Minutes, Section 2 (c) (21)

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 7:03 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

16C-0122 - ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Hanh moved, seconded by Kieffer, to adjourn.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Price
Deputy City Clerk