

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 10 SEPTEMBER 2018

18C-0332 – 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 September 2018.

18C-0333 – ROLL CALL

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

Chris Allendorf was sworn in and took his seat at 6:37 p.m.

18C-0334 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

18C-0335– PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

18C-0336 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Turner Hall Committee – A meeting was held last Thursday morning. The tile work in the entry is complete and looks great. A wooden mop board will be added. There is still a problem with the floor buckling. The humidity is coming down in the hall. Worst case scenario will be that some of the floor will have to be torn up and the pieces narrowed before reinstalling. The next meeting will be held on November 1st at Turner Hall.

18C-0337 – CITIZENS COMMENTS

Peg Becker, Vice President of Operations, Veolia North America – Becker came here to meet city staff and local water/wastewater staff to introduce herself and become familiar with the staff we have. She is excited to be part of the community and looks forward to working with everyone. She provided council with a packet of qualifications of the company. Veolia has been in business for a long time and is the largest in the world. They have a great presence in Illinois. They currently have 7 municipalities in Illinois on water and wastewater contracts. She looks forward to continued visits and looks forward to future discussions.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to open the Public Hearing on a request by William Farrell, 1013 Franklin Street, to vacate 0.04 acres of Franklin Street right-of-way adjacent to his property.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

18C-0338 – PUBLIC HEARING ON A REQUEST BY WILLIAM FARRELL, 1013 FRANKLIN STREET TO VACATE 0.04 ACRES OF FRANKLIN STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY ADJACENT TO HIS PROPERTY

Testimony: None.

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to close the Public Hearing.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA CA18-17

18C-0339 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 27, 2018

18C-0340 – APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF KATIE WIENEN, JACK DENNERLEIN AND MATTHEW CARROLL TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION FOR TERMS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 AND EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

18C-0341 – APPROVAL OF 2018 BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE INSPECTION CONTRACT WITH GEOSTAR MECHANICAL FOR \$38.50 PER DEVICE INSPECTION

18C-0342 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY THE GALENA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE GALENA BALLOON GLOW, OCTOBER 26 AND 27, 2018

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Fach, to approve Consent Agenda, CA18-17.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

18C-0343 – SWEARING IN OF CHRIS ALLENDORF AS WARD II ALDERPERSON FOR THE TERM OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2018-APRIL 30, 2019

City Clerk, Mary Beth Hyde, swore in Chris Allendorf as Alderperson for Ward II.

18C-0344 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE VACATING PART OF FRANKLIN STREET TO WILLIAM FARRELL, 1013 FRANKLIN STREET

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of an ordinance vacating part of Franklin Street to William Farrell, 1013 Franklin Street.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

18C-0345 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PRESENTATION BY IIW ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, AND SURVEYORS ON THE FRANKLIN STREET WATER TOWER

John Wandsnider and Marie Amundson of IIW, Engineers gave a presentation on the existing Franklin Street Water Tower. They advised there appears to be sufficient capacity to remove the Franklin Street Water Tower. Their recommendation would be to proceed with a city-wide water system model and progressive evaluation. The study would include the following:

- Analysis of the existing infrastructure for its ability to deliver water from the wells to the storage facilities.
- Analysis of existing wells and pumps for their ability to meet the new demand
- Changes to the pressure zones to reduce the gaps in allowable pressure and minimize the need for upgrades to booster pump stations and PRV stations.

Fach questioned what the backup plan would be if something catastrophic were to happen to the standpipe in Industrial Park. Wandsnider advised the three wells would kick in. He advised the second study would help to better understand and have more confidence whether or not this is a good idea. The second study will compare repairing the existing tower as well as removing the tower. Mayor Renner asked that replacement of the tower be added as a third comparison.

Amundson advised the Phase II study would be useful for more than just the water tower elimination. It can be updated down the road to build and add on to.

Motion: Fach moved, seconded by Kieffer, to postpone item 18C-0345 to the next meeting.

18C-0346 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DEER HUNTING SITES FOR 2018-19 ARCHERY DEER HUNTING PROGRAM

Motion: Allendorf moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve the deer hunting sites for the 2018-19 Archery Deer Hunting Program amended to exclude the Spring Street and Prospect Street sites and postpone the Turney Street site.

Discussion: Moran advised a couple months ago 11 sites were approved. Of those sites, 7 of them were private sites each being 3 acres or more in area. Council discussed each site individually taking into account the state law of no hunting within 300 feet of occupied structures.

City owned sites:

- Site A – This site is Scenic Meadows and is a total of 35 acres. The recommendation is this would be a good area to hunt.
- Site B – This site is the old city landfill and is a total of 10 acres. It is an isolated site. The closest residence is not within 300 feet. The recommendation is this would be a good area to hunt.
- Site C – This site is the area below Rec Park and is a total of 10 acres located in the low lands and flood plain. It is not in the park itself. There is a little bit of conflict on the North edge; however, it still leaves 30 acres to hunt. The recommendation would be to allow hunting on this site.
- Site D – This site is the Wastewater Treatment Plant and is 44 acres. Most of the site would be able to be hunted. The recommendation would be to allow hunting on this site.

Private sites:

- **Fulton Street Hunting Site** – While there is some conflict, conceivably there is enough area left to be effectively hunted. Bernstein advised she has had some complaints raised on this site. School children walk home in this area. Westemeier advised the hunting would be in the ditch line. He feels this is one of the safest locations to hunt. The area may be larger based on landowner consent. The owner believes she can get more consent.
- **Donegan Street Hunting Site** – This site is the old city landfill. There is some conflict; however, there is still sufficient land to hunt.
- **Grady Hill Hunting Site** – This site is between Highway 20 and 4th Street. There is some conflict with nearby homes. It is a large site with a lot of wooded land.
- **Meadow View Hunting Site** – This is located on the Northwest side of the Indian Ridge Subdivision. It is 16 acres in total. Some area would be lost with the 300 foot perimeter; however, there would be plenty of area to hunt.
- **Prospect Street Hunting Site** – This site is known as the Linmar Gardens. Due to the density of housing, this site has been eliminated. The property owner is not willing to attempt to obtain consent from surrounding property owners.
- **Spring Street Hunting Site** – Due to the density of housing, this site has been eliminated.
- **Turney Street Hunting Site** – Some consent forms have been received. A recommendation was made to table this site until the next meeting.

Amended

Motion: Allendorf moved, seconded by Hahn, to amend the motion to exclude the Spring Street and Prospect Street sites and postpone the Turney Street site.

Amended**Motion****Roll Call:**

AYES: Hahn, Kieffer, Allendorf, Westemeier

NAYS: Bernstein, Fach

The motion carried.

Main**Motion****Roll Call:**

AYES: Allendorf, Hahn, Kieffer, Westemeier

NAYS: Bernstein, Fach

The motion carried.

18C-0347 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BUDGET AMENDMENT BA19-02 TO ESTABLISH THE GALENA POLICE DEPARTMENT K-9 PROGRAM AND RELATED REVENUE AND EXPENSE LINE ITEMS

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve Budget Amendment BA19-02 to establish the Galena Police Department K-9 Program and related revenue and expense line item on the condition of the \$36,000 in donations.

Discussion: Fach stated he would like to see a better spread of time for the population. While 4 days is better than nothing, he feels it would seem we should be able to arrange it so we have the dog in a wider time frame than just 4 days. He voiced concern with long wait times should the officer and dog have to be called in. Fach would prefer to see a 5 day dog to spread out the availability of the dog.

Westemeier advised if our dog isn't available a dog from the Sheriff's Department could be brought in to assist.

Fach suggested having the officer do 8 hour days. He was advised the officers currently work 12 hour days and are under a union contract. That can't be changed at this time.

Bernstein noted that the investment in training and purchasing the dog is considerable. She recommended the City or Police Department request a letter of commitment from the officer.

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

The motion carried.

18C-0348 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EMERALD ASH BORER ACTION PLAN

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the Emerald Ash Borer Action Plan, 18C-0348.

Discussion: There are approximately 159 trees to be removed. The Public Works Department will remove the smaller ones with the larger trees being put out for bid. Public Works should be able to remove approximately 86 of the trees.

Moran suggested the bid include language that the successful bidder will go on to private properties for tree removal. This could achieve a cost savings for the property owners.

Council agreed the worst trees should be removed immediately by the Public Works Department. The rest can be budgeted for in the new budget. Bernstein recommended the city consider replacing as many of the trees as possible as it is really going to be devastating to lose that many trees.

Jo Carroll is in the process of reviewing the inventory as well. They will remove any trees that are in their utility lines.

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

The motion carried.

18C-0349 – WARRANTS

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the Warrants as presented, 18C-0349.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Kieffer, Westemeier, Allendorf, Bernstein, Fach, Renner
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Hahn

The motion carried.

18C-0350 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Bike Racks – Fach recommended the city look into adding bike racks at either Wasburne Park or the winery lot for people who come in on bikes and wish to walk Main Street.

Sidewalks – Bernstein stated she has received some complaints about the sidewalks. People are unhappy and suggest when replacing them that they not be piece mealed but a whole run done at one time.

Grass Mowing – Westemeier commended the grass mowers for keeping up with the grass. Everything is green and well maintained.

Allendorf stated he is happy to be here and looks forward to working with everyone.

18C-0351 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Sidewalks – We are still moving forward with the grant process with the former Revolving Loan Fund. Staff will be working on the project scope this winter. There is \$320,000 set aside to start replacement in the spring. Staff will present a plan of what can be accomplished with that money and what more would be needed to get it all done in one go.

Street Paving – Paving will be pushed in to October. The weather has put everything behind.

Meeting – Moran advised on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, he will be working with Visit Galena and the International City Managers Organization to meet with 18 Ukrainian local government officials here at City Hall to learn about local government management and economic development.

Payoff – Moran advised one of the Warrants is a payoff on the first bit of debt from the .5 percent sales tax debt. The final payment has been made. Three more loans will be paid off in the next 2 years and another a couples years later.

Open House – The open house for the GGMI will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 from 5-7 at the Old Train Depot. All are invited to attend.

18C-0352 – MAYOR’S REPORT

The Hero's for History Run went well with 140 participants. The Fire Department dance went well.

The sidewalks were all replaced when Main Street was remodeled and will be replaced again. Hence forth Mayor Renner believes the property owners should be responsible for the sidewalks.

18C-0353 – MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance, Section 2 (c) (1)
- Purchase or lease of real estate, Section 2 (c) (5)
- Review of Executive Session Minutes, Section 2 (c) (21)

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 7:35 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:06 p.m.

18C-0354 - ADJOURNMENT

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 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