

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 13 OCTOBER 2020

20C-0400 – 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 13 October 2020.

20C-0401 – ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following members were present via Zoom teleconference: Allendorf, Bernstein, Kieffer, McCoy, Westemeier, Renner

Absent: Hahn

20C-0402 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

20C-0403 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

20C-0404 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

No reports.

20C-0405 – CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

LIQUOR COMMISSION

Motion: Allendorf moved, seconded by Kieffer, to adjourn as the City Council and reconvene as the Liquor Commission.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

20C-0406 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPLICATION BY STONEY CREEK INN OF GALENA FOR A CORPORATION LIQUOR LICENSE MANAGER LICENSE FOR MITCHELL W. MCCOY, FOR STONEY CREEK INN, 900 GALENA SQUARE DRIVE

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Allendorf, to approve the application by Stoney Creek Inn of Galena for a Corporation Liquor License Manager License for Mitchell W. McCoy, for Stoney Creek Inn, 900 Galena Square Drive

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

20C-0407 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPLICATION BY ERIC BONNETAIN AND MONIQUE BONNETAIN FOR A CLASS D CORPORATION LIQUOR LICENSE FOR BREAD AND VINE BAKERY GALENA, DBA BREAD AND VINE BAKERY, 217 S. MAIN STREET

Motion: Westemeier moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the application by Eric Bonnetain and Monique Bonnetain for a Class D Corporation Liquor License for Bread and Vine Bakery Galena, DBA Bread and Vine Bakery, 217 S. Main Street.

Discussion: Council thanked them for presenting a great diagram. All items listed on page four must be received prior to issuance of the license.

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

The motion carried.

20C-0408 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPLICATION BY BREAD AND VINE BAKERY GALENA, DBA BREAD AND VINE BAKERY, 217 S. MAIN STREET, FOR A CORPORATION MANAGER LIQUOR LICENSE FOR ERIC BONNETAIN

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by McCoy, to approve the application by Bread and Vine Bakery Galena, DBA Bread and Vine Bakery, 217 S. Main Street, for a Corporation Manager Liquor License for Eric Bonnetain.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA CA20-19

20C-0409 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

20C-0410 – APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT BA21-07 TO REMEDY CARRY-OVER DEFICIT IN PARKS FUND

20C-0411 – APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICE FROM THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY FOR WATER SAMPLING PROJECT IN THE GALENA RIVER

Motion: McCoy moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve Consent Agenda, CA20-19.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

20C-0389 – PRESENTATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2020 AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT BY O’CONNOR AND BROOKS

Pat McCarthy presented the 2020 Audited Financial Report.

Allendorf questioned if any of the deficiencies noted were easily remedied. He understands some are due to the lack of staff members to insure some of the gap standards. Moran advised almost everything is tied back to the size of staff and the lack of a CPA on staff that could take care of the financial statements as McCarthy suggested.

Moran advised staff is working on reconciliations. We are looking at those processes to have more checks and balances in order to reduce the number of journal entries.

NEW BUSINESS

20C-0412 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY THE KIWANIS CLUB OF GALENA AND THE GALENA DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION TO CONDUCT A WINTER FIREWORKS DISPLAY FROM GRANT PARK ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

Motion: Westemeier moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the request by the Kiwanis Club of Galena and the Galena Downtown Business Association to conduct a winter firework display from Grant Park on Saturday, December 5.

Discussion: Bernstein stated she doesn’t feel completely comfortable with this from a safety standpoint with COVID. She stated she would be more comfortable with it if it weren’t in Grant Park. She feels, in spite of what the letter said, people will bunch up on the bridge and the levy which isn’t good given the present circumstances. Bernstein also voiced concern with the smoke.

Renner advised the City would need to make it clear that it is not a real event and gathering on the levy and bridge would not be allowed. Renner believes the concerns will all be taken into consideration by the Kiwanis and the Downtown Business Association. The City will stay in contact with them as we move forward.

Roll Call: AYES: Kieffer, McCoy, Westemeier, Allendorf,
NAYS: Bernstein
ABSENT: Hahn

The motion carried.

20C-0413 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESUMING CHARGING FOR PARKING IN THE CITY PARKING LOTS

Motion: Westemeier moved, seconded by Allendorf, to approve resuming charging for parking in the city parking lots.

Discussion: Westemeier feels due diligence was done in the beginning. He feels this is something that should have been brought up a month or so ago. He feels people have no problem paying for parking. He recommended keeping it at \$5 for the time being.

Bernstein felt the City should wait to start charging once there is no longer outdoor dining. She is concerned if we start charging now, residents are going to have to pay for parking. Westemeier disagreed stating locals know where to park.

Amended

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by McCoy, to amend the motion to start charging after outdoor dining closes.

Discussion: Kieffer agreed to resuming charging for parking. He was in favor of raising the cost to \$10.

Amended

Motion

Roll Call:

AYES: McCoy, Bernstein
NAYS: Kieffer, Westemeier, Allendorf, Renner
ABSENT: Hahn

The amended motion was denied.

Roll Call:

AYES: Kieffer, McCoy, Westemeier, Allendorf, Bernstein, Renner
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Hahn

The motion carried.

20C-0414 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY THE GALENA HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM TO PARK VEHICLES IN THE CITY HALL AND COMMERCE STREET LOTS ON OCTOBER 24 AND 25 AS A FUNDRAISER FOR THE TEAM

Motion: McCoy moved, seconded by Allendorf, to approve the request by the Galena High School Boys Basketball Team to park vehicles in the City Hall and Commerce Street lots on October 24 and 25 as a fundraiser for the team.

Discussion: Council stressed the use of face masks and social distancing.

Roll Call:

AYES: McCoy, Westemeier, Allendorf, Bernstein, Kieffer, Renner
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Hahn

The motion carried.

20C-0415 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE DEDICATION OF THE SEWER SYSTEM IN THE GATEWAY PARK SUBDIVISION

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by McCoy, to approve the first reading of an ordinance to accept the dedication of the sewer system in the Gateway Park subdivision.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call:

AYES: Westemeier, Allendorf, Bernstein, Kieffer, McCoy, Renner

NAYS: None
ABSENT: Hahn

The motion carried.

20C-0416 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PAY APPLICATION #2 FOR THE EAST SIDE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Mayor Renner advised the amount has changed. The corrected amount is \$128,703.84.

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by, to approve pay application #2 for the East Side Water System Improvement Project in the amount of \$128,703.84, 20C-0416.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

20C-0417 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE IMLRMA MINIMUM/MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

Motion: Allendorf moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the first reading, waive the second reading, of an ordinance authorizing the execution of the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement, 20C-0417.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

20C-0418 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GALENA

Motion: Allendorf moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the first reading, waive the second reading, of an ordinance enacting and adopting a supplement to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Galena.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

20C-0419 – WARRANTS

Mayor Renner made the following corrections:

- Add a Warrant to Bulletproof Concrete Coatings in the amount of \$9,913.00 for the Fire Department floor resurfacing.

- Remove the Warrant to Jerry Westemeier and make it payable to the American Legion Post 193.
- Remove the Warrant to Jo Daviess County Animal Control in the amount of \$900. The County will present a new contract at a later date.

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by McCoy, to approve the Warrants as presented with the additions and corrections, 20C-0419.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

20C-0420 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Dewey Avenue Houses – Allendorf asked for an update on the houses on Dewey Avenue.

Downtown – Allendorf noted the downtown has been busy. Most people are wearing masks and doing the best they can to follow precautions. It was a good weekend for the downtown businesses and lodging even without Country Fair.

Reserved Parking – Westemeier questioned, if the City should consider making reserved spots in the City Hall lot for employees. He noted in September/October when town is busy it is difficult for staff to find a place to park when they return from lunch.

Fire Department History – McCoy hopes everyone had a chance to read Mike Doyle's history of the Fire Department. It is neat to note that city councils have supported the Fire Department's continuous modernization.

West Street – Kieffer advised he has received a complaint about potholes on West Street at the top of the hill.

20C-0421 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Dewey Avenue Houses – Moran advised over the past week a Power of Attorney has been put in place. Staff is able to communicate clearly with him. He is interested in trying to sell both houses. He has a potential buyer for one house and has a second showing on the other one today. We are trying to align the POA with potential buyers who have interest in those properties. The potential buyers will be aware they are inheriting the substandard issues.

Outdoor Seating – Moran advised he hopes to address the outdoor seating one more time at the next meeting. The last time it was extended to October 31st. He hopes to get that moved to Sunday November 1st or longer. He will assess it as it gets closer.

20C-0422 – MAYOR'S REPORT

Fire Department – Mayor Renner expressed his gratitude for the fine job on the Fire Department report. Together we can make things work. We have a good community.

Town has been busy!

20C-0423 – MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- Collective Negotiating matters and deliberations concerning salary schedules, Section 2 (c) (2)
- Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance, Section 2 (c) (1)

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed 7:18 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

Motion: Allendorf moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the hiring of a new police officer with the selection based on the recommendation of Chief of Police, Lori Huntington.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

20C-0424 – ADJOURNMENT

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
*City Clerk