

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 26 OCTOBER 2020

20C-0425 – 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 October 2020.

20C-0426 – ROLL CALL

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

20C-0427 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

20C-0428 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

20C-0429 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

No reports.

20C-0430 – CITIZENS COMMENTS

Joseph Dillon, 304 N. Division St. – Dillon stated the minutes weren't posted to the website on Friday. He questioned how action could be taken since they weren't posted.

CONSENT AGENDA CA20-20

20C-0431 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 13, 2020

20C-0432 – APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT BA21-08 FOR SALARIES, WAGES AND WATER MAIN REPAIR

20C-0433 – APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE EAST SIDE UTILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

20C-0434 – APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF EAST SIDE UTILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PAY APPLICATION #1 TO LOUIE'S TRENCHING SERVICE

20C-0435 – APPROVAL OF REQUEST BY THE GALENA HIGH SCHOOL SPANISH CLUB TO PARK VEHICLES IN THE PUBLIC PARKING LOT BELOW THE GAZETTE ON OCTOBER 31

20C-0436 – APPROVAL OF POOL CHEMICAL PROCESS CONVERSION PROJECT

Motion: Allendorf moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve Consent Agenda, CA20-20.

Discussion: Bernstein noted a correction to the minutes on page 8. She noted she voted against the motion on item 20C-0412.

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

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

20C-0415 – SECOND READING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE DEDICATION OF THE SEWER SYSTEM IN THE GATEWAY PARK SUBDIVISION

Motion: Allendorf moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the second reading of an ordinance to accept the dedication of the sewer system in the Gateway Park subdivision, 20C-0415.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

20C-0437 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE EXTENSION OF OUTDOOR SEATING PERMITS BEYOND OCTOBER 31, 2020

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Allendorf to approve the extension of outdoor seating permits to November 1, 2020 amended to extend outdoor seating permits to November 9, 2020.

Discussion: Allendorf advised, in speaking to restaurant owners, some have made efforts to heat outdoor facilities. They would like to continue longer. He recommended considering allowing them to go until December 7th.

Westemeier questioned how many still have tables and tents on Main Street and how long it would take to get them removed if it snows. He voiced concern with snow removal should we get a snowstorm before they are removed. Westemeier was in favor of extending it to November 9th. Kieffer agreed to extending it to the middle of November and reviewing it again at that time.

Allendorf understands the snowplowing issue but feels the restaurants may be forced to shut down indefinitely. Technically, at this time, no indoor dining is allowed. For most, outdoor dining is the only option open to them if they are following the state guidelines. Some are and this is their only source of business. Allendorf stated he would be fine extending it to November 9th but feels it should be reviewed at that time. He also recommended coming up with a snow removal plan that doesn't force them to dine inside.

McCoy voiced concern that a good number of the tents are outside of the marks.

Council agreed to extend outdoor seating to November 9th at which time they will review it again. A recommendation was made to have Jim Rigdon look at the possibility of snow removal.

Renner feels another two weeks is appropriate. However, at that time, he feels they need to be removed.

Amended

Motion: Westemeier moved, seconded by Kieffer, to amend the motion to extend outdoor seating to November 9th.

Discussion: None.

Amended Motion

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

The motion carried.

Main Motion

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

The motion carried.

20C-0438 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FINANCING AGREEMENT FOR NEW PUBLIC WORKS DUMP TRUCK

The following bids were received:

Lender	Interest Rate	Principal	Interest	Fees	Total Cost
U.S. Bank	1.99%	\$116,700	\$5,998.75	\$0	\$122,698.75
First Community Bank	2.55%	\$116,700	\$7,787.20	\$100	\$124,587.00
Illinois Bank and Trust	3.5%	\$116,700	\$10,831.09	\$250	\$127,781.09

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the financing agreement for the new Public Works dump truck with U.S. Bank for a total cost of \$122,698.75, 20C-0438.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

20C-0439 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REVISED CONTRACT WITH JO DAVIESS COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES FROM DECEMBER 1, 2020 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2021

Motion: Allendorf moved, seconded by Hahn to postpone item 20C-0439 to the next meeting.

Discussion: Council discussed and requested clarification on the \$300 charge per dog.

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

The motion carried.

20C-0440 – WARRANTS

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by McCoy, to approve the Warrants as presented with the addition of a payment to Dorner in the amount of \$12,783.00 for a pressure reducing valve, 20C-0440.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

20C-0441 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Thank you – Hahn thanked everyone for checking in on him during his sickness.

Downtown – Hahn noted there were cars everywhere this weekend. Town looked to be busy.

Parking – Westemeier stated he is happy the City started charging for parking again. We had a good first week and people don't have a problem paying for parking.

Welcome Back – Allendorf stated it was good to see Alderman Hahn back.

Outdoor Dining – Allendorf stated he doesn't know what we can do for the businesses downtown. He understands the plowing issue, however, feels if there is a way for them to stay open through the winter, we need to do what we can to help. Winter is the leanest months for downtown businesses. Kieffer agreed stating he is glad to see they are getting another couple of weeks.

20C-0442 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Davis Property – Moran reported we have received the deed for the Davis property on the east side. It has been recorded. The Community Development Fund of Galena has a contract to have the building removed. This will be the second piece of property removed to clean up that property.

Thank you – Moran received a thank you from the boys' basketball team for allowing them to park cars in the City Hall and Commerce Street lots this past weekend. They were able to raise \$1,500 for uniforms and equipment.

Galena River Water Shed Committee – The committee will present their final plan for approval at the next meeting.

Tax Levy – The first draft of the tax levy will be presented at the next meeting.

Master Pole License Agreement – Verizon has applied for an agreement to install a small cell facility in the downtown.

20C-0443 – MAYOR'S REPORT

Renner stated it was good to see everyone!

20C-0444 – MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Allendorf 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)
- Purchase or lease of real estate, Section 2 (c) (5)

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed 7:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:11 p.m.

20C-0445 – ADJOURNMENT

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

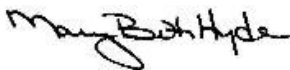
Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
*City Clerk