

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 22 MARCH 2021

21C-0101 – 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 22 March 2021.

21C-0102 – ROLL CALL

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

21C-0103 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

21C-0104 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

21C-0105 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

No reports.

21C-0106 – CITIZENS COMMENTS

Dolores Nack, 208 Lafayette St. – Nack spoke in support of appointing Susie Droessler as Farmer’s Market Manager. Droessler is very organized and has done a good job with publicity for the market. The market includes a variety of vendors and she makes everyone feel welcome. Nack stated she also supports moving the market to the city hall parking lot. She feels it will be a nice place to be as it would provide parking and would be in the center of town.

Bob Gobtop, 903 N. 7th Street, Roselle – Gobtop stated he has been a vendor at the Farmer’s Market. He endorsed Susie Droessler as the Market Manager as well as the move to the city hall parking lot.

LIQUOR COMMISSION

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

21C-0107 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPLICATION FOR A CLASS D LIQUOR LICENSE BY CATHERINE KOUZMANOFF FOR THE GALENA TAPHOUSE, INC., 215 DIAGONAL STREET

Motion: McCoy moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve Consent Agenda, CA21-05.

Discussion: Moran advised when the bakery started, they went before the Zoning Board for outside dining and seating. At that time, it was grated for the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Kouzmanoff will go before the Zoning Board that have those hours extended to the way it is today in the downtown commercial district.

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

The motion carried.

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA CA21-06

21C-0108 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 8, 2021

21C-0109 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY THE GALENA KIWANIS CLUB TO LAUNCH A FIREWORKS DISPLAY FROM GRANT PARK ON JULY 4, 2021

21C-0110 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY ALICIA EDMONDS AND MEGAN WEBER TO CONDUCT A HALF MARATHON AND 8K ON THE GALENA RIVER TRAIL, THE MORNING OF SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021

21C-0111 – APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF UPDATED FINANCIAL SOFTWARE

21C-0112 – APPROVAL OF JANITORIAL CONTRACTS WITH MARY HALSTEAD, WHITE CONSTRUCTION, AND KAREN WHITE FOR THE PRIOD MAY 1, 2021- APRIL 30, 2022

21C-0113 – APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A UTILITY TRAILER FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

21C-0114 – ACCEPTANCE OF JANUARY 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve Consent Agenda, CA21-06.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

21C-0115 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RELOCATING THE FARMERS MARKET TO THE CITY HALL PARKING LOT

Motion: McCoy moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve relocating the Farmers Market to the City Hall parking lot naming Susie Droessler as Market Manager and limiting the number of nonfood vendors to 50 percent.

Discussion: McCoy stated he had the opportunity to talk to Susie Droessler on Saturday. He was impressed with her and likes the idea of keeping the market more food oriented rather than a craft fair. He was in favor of limiting nonfood items to 50 percent.

The market will use half of the lot closest to the old bank building. The other half will be open for electric cars and car parking. The hours of the market will be 7 a.m. – Noon.

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

The motion carried.

21C-0116 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A RETAIL SPACE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GALENA AND THE GALENA CULTURAL ARTS ALLIANCE FOR SPACE IN THE MARKET HOUSE RESTROOM BUILDING

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by McCoy to approve a retail space lease agreement between the City of Galena and the Galena Cultural Arts Alliance for space in the Market House restroom building for \$800 to cover costs incurred. Amended to set the rent at \$500 per month.

Discussion: Moran stated expenses are project to be at least \$11,550. He advised the proposed increase in janitorial costs would increase them a little bit as well.

McCoy stated he fee \$800 is excessive. He stated he would be in favor of a slight increase but only extending the lease to November. This will give them time to decide if they want to renew and gives them time to find a new location if they decide not to renew. Bernstein agreed.

Westemeier recommended \$400 rent and half of the utilities. Kieffer suggested \$500 utilities included.

Hahn stated they were told the last time it was renewed that the city has talked about raising the rent so it should be no surprise. Hahn voiced concern with subsidizing one group of people over the rest of the town.

Amended

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to amend the motion to set the rent at \$500 per month.

Amended

Motion

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

The motion carried.

Main

Motion

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

The motion carried.

21C-0117 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPLICATION BY JUSTIN JONES FOR A FILMING PERMIT TO FILM A COMMERCIAL ON MAIN STREET FOR THREE NIGHTS IN APRIL

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Hahn, to postpone item 21C-0117 until more information is received about the project.

21C-0118 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GALENA TO BORROW FUNDS FROM THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LOAN PROGRAM

Motion: McCoy moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of an ordinance authorizing the City of Galena to borrow funds from the Public Water Supply Loan Program, 21C-0118.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

21C-0119 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ABATING CERTAIN TAXES HERETOFORE LEVIED BY THE CITY OF GALENA FOR THE 2020 BONDS

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of an ordinance abating certain taxes heretofore levied by the City of Galena for the 2020 Bonds, 21C-0119.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

21C-0120 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ABATING CERTAIN TAXES HERETOFORE LEVIED BY THE CITY OF GALENA FOR THE 2012A BONDS

Motion: Westemeier moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of an ordinance abating certain taxes heretofore levied by the City of Galena for the 2012A Bonds, 21C-0120.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

21C-0121 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ABATING CERTAIN TAXES HERETOFORE LEVIED BY THE CITY OF GALENA FOR THE 2012B BONDS

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by McCoy, to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of an ordinance abating certain taxes heretofore levied by the City of Galena for the 2012B Bonds, 21C-0121.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

**21C-0122 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ABATING CERTAIN TAXES
HERETOFORE LEVIED BY THE CITY OF GALENA FOR THE PALACE CAMPGROUND**

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by McCoy, to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of an ordinance abating certain taxes heretofore levied by the City of Galena for Palace Campground 21C-0122.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

21C-0123 – WARRANTS

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by McCoy, to approve the Warrants as presented, 21C-0123.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

21C-0124 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Summer – Kieffer noted things are starting to get really busy in time. It is going to be a busy summer. Council agreed stating there were lots of cars in town.

21C-0125 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Budget Meeting – The first work session will be held April 5th at 5 p.m. via zoom. The draft budget has been distributed and is on the city website.

21C-0126 – MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Renner agreed things are picking up. He hopes everyone stays health, gets their vaccine, and continues to wear masks so we can move ahead and have a great year for everyone.

21C-0127 – MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance, Section 2 (c) (1)

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Kieffer, McCoy, Westemeier, Bernstein, Hahn, Renner

NAYS: None

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 7:05 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

21C-0128 – ADJOURNMENT

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


Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
*City Clerk