

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 14 JUNE 2021**

**21C-0233 – 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 14 June 2021.

**21C-0234 – ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Bernstein, McCoy

**21C-0235 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

**21C-0236 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge was recited.

**21C-0237 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

No reports.

**21C-0238 – CITIZENS COMMENTS**

**Rick Pariser, 113 S. High Street** – City Clerk Hyde read a submitted comment from Rick Pariser. Pariser stated he was opposed to increasing the number of Vacation Rentals by Owner and Air BnB licenses.

**Alex Arroyo & Geoff Karnish, Galena** – City Clerk Hyde read a submitted comment from Arroyo and Karnish. Arroyo and Karnish, on behalf of all of the 2021 sponsors, expressed their gratitude to the Mayor, City Council, and the City of Galena for allowing Galena's first Pride Picnic. The event was a huge success. Arroyo and Karnish further thanked Riverview Center for their sponsorship of the event.

**LIQUOR COMMISSION**

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

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**21C--0239 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPLICATION BY GEOFFREY J. KARNISH AND ALEXANDER L. ARROYO FOR GALENA BAKEHOUSE LLC, 421 S. MAIN STREET**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by Wiene, to approve the application by Geoffrey J. Karnish and Alexander L. Arroyo for a Class B Liquor License for Galena Bakehouse LLC, 421 S. Main Street, 21C-0239.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**21C-0240 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CORPORATION MANAGER LIQUOR LICENSE FOR GEOFFREY J. KARNISH, GALENA BAKEHOUSE LLC, 421 S. MAIN STREET**

**Motion:** Kieffer moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve a corporation manager liquor license for Geoffrey J. Karnish, Galena Bakehouse LLC, 421 S. Main Street, 21C-0240.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**21C-0241 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPLICATION BY TIM AND THERESA PFIL FOR A CLASS A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE GOLD ROOM, 249 N. MAIN STREET**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by Wiene, to approve the application by Tim and Theresa Pfile for a Class A Liquor License for the Gold Room, 249 N. Main Street, 21C-0241.

**Discussion:** None.

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

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: Wiene, Hahn, Kieffer, Westemeier, Renner  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Bernstein, McCoy

The motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA CA21-11**

**21C-0242 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 24, 2021**

**21C-0243 – APPOINTMENT OF ALDERPERSON JERRY WESTEMEIER TO THE GALENA COUNTRY TOURISM BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS AN EX OFFICIO MEMBER FOR THE TERM OF JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024**

**21C-0244 – APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH CIVIL CONSTRUCTION FOR PAVING THE CITY PARKING LOT ON MEEKER STREET**

**21C-0245 – APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT #4 AND #5 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE EAST SIDE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**21C-0246 – APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #4 FOR THE EAST SIDE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**21C-0247 – ACCEPTANCE OF THE MARCH 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT**

**21C-0248 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR THE CANOE AND KAYAK PARK PROJECT**

**Motion:** Wiene moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve Consent Agenda, CA21-11.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**21C-0249 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY LOAN DISBURSEMENT #7 FOR THE EAST SIDE WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**Motion:** Westemeier moved, seconded by Wiene, to approve the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency loan disbursement #7 for the East Side Water Improvement Project, 21C-0249.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**21C-0250 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MODIFYING THE NUMBER OF VACATION RENTAL LICENSES**

**Motion:** Westemeier moved, seconded by Kieffer, to keep the number of vacation rental licenses the same for the downtown and residential areas, 21C-0250.

**Discussion:** Westemeier stated his biggest reason for doing so is parking. He has received numerous complaints about parking. If ample parking were to come up down the road, he would be willing to consider them at that time. Kieffer agreed.

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

The motion carried.

**21C-0251 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY THE GALENA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO CONDUCT THE HALLOWEEN PARADE AND FESTIVAL ON OCTOBER 30, 2021**

**Motion:** Kieffer moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the request by the Galena Area Chamber of Commerce to conduct the Halloween Parade and Festival on October 30, 2021, 21C-0251.

**Discussion:** Council was happy to see parades coming back.

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

The motion carried.

**21C-0252 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY THE NEW SOUTH CHURCH, 513 S. BENCH STREET, FOR A SECOND PARKING STALL FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ON SUNDAY MORNINGS IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by Wiene, to approve the request by the New South Church, 513 S. Bench Street, for a second parking stall for persons with disabilities on Sunday mornings in front of the church, 21C-0252.

**Discussion:** The additional space will be for Sunday services only.

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

The motion carried.

**21C-0253 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 151 “HISTORIC PRESERVATION” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE FREQUENCY OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETINGS FROM TWICE MONTHLY TO ONCE MONTHLY**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 151 “Historic Preservation” of the Code of Ordinances to change the frequency of Historic Preservation Commission meetings from twice monthly to once monthly, 21C-0253.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**21C-0254 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT WITH COMMUNITY FUNDING AND PLANNING SERVICES FOR AN APPLICATION TO THE ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY LEAD SERVICE REPLACEMENT LOAN PROGRAM**

**Motion:** Westemeier moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve a contract with Community Funding and Planning Services for an application to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Lead Service Replacement Loan Program, 21C-0254.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**21C-0255 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESUMING IN-PERSON MEETING SCHEDULE FOR CITY COUNCIL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by Wienen, to approve resuming in-person meeting schedules for City Council and Boards and Commissions, 21C-0255.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**21C-0256 – WARRANTS**

**Motion:** Wienen moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the Warrants as presented, 21C-0256.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**21C-0257 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS**

**Town** – Westemeier stated the town has been busy. All members agreed.

**Pride Picnic** – Wienen stated she attended the Pride Picnic over the weekend. It was a nice event.

**Thank you** – Hahn thanked Chief Lori Huntington for her years of service and welcomed new Chief Eric Hefel.

**21C-0258 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS**

**Meeker Street Parking Lot** – Moran reported the Meeker Street parking lot will be paved on Wednesday. He thanked Mat Oldenburg and the Public Works crew for their help in getting this put together. The new lot will provide 45 new spaces.

**Next Meeting** - Moran advised VisitGalena will be giving a presentation at the next meeting. An item will be added to review street performer licenses as well as the issue of parking on Bench Street.

**21C-0259 – MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Renner agrees town has been busy. He feels it is time to open up Main Street since we are now in Phase 5.

**21C-0260 – MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion:** Wiene moved, seconded by Westemeier, 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)

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 6:51 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:18 p.m.

**21C-0261 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EMPLOYEE HIRING**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve hiring Tyler Kaiser as a new Public Works laborer.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**21C-0262 – ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Wiene moved, seconded by Kieffer, to adjourn.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Beth Hyde". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

Mary Beth Hyde  
City Clerk