

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 26 JULY 2021

21C-0294 – 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 July 2021.

21C-0295 – ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Wiene

21C-0296 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

21C-0297 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

21C-0298 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

No reports.

21C-0299 – CITIZENS COMMENTS

Brenda Holmes, 516 Dewey Avenue – Holmes sees no mention of parking on the agenda. She was hoping for an update on a shuttle, parking garage, taxi and uber/lyft. Holmes advised visitors have nowhere to park. Dewey Avenue is a narrow two-way residential street. She advised when cars are parked along Dewey Avenue, it is impossible to give the right-of-way to oncoming traffic which makes Dewey Avenue impassable. Holmes would like to see more studies, surveys, meetings, and number analysis done. She is in support of adequate parking so families, friends, shop owner, workers and visitors can get out of their cars and enjoy Galena.

Janet Glazier, 927 N. Irish Hollow Road – Glazier proposed the city adopt an ordinance allowing UTV's on city streets. UTV's would need to be street legal. The drivers would require a valid driver's license and insurance. Glazier stated Elizabeth and Stockton currently allow the use of UTV's on city streets.

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, open the public hearing on the 2021-22 Archery Deer Hunting Program.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

21C-0300 – PUBLIC HEARING ON 2021-22 ARCHERY DEER HUNTING PROGRAM

Testimony: None.

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Bernstein, to close the public hearing on the 2021-22 Archery Deer Hunting Program, 21C-0300.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA CA21-14

21C-0301 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 12, 2021

21C-0302 – APPROVAL OF WATER TOWER CLEANING CONTRACT WITH DIFCO, INC. FOR \$4,900

21C-0303 – APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL HOMECOMING PARADE AND TAILGATE EVENT AT 4:00 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2021

21C-0204 – APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT BA22-01

21C-0305 – ACCEPTANCE OF MAY 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

21C-0306 – APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #5 FOR THE EAST SIDE UTILITY SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

21C-0307 – APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH GALENA COUNTRY FAIR FOR THE ANNUAL CONTRY FAIR, OCTOBER 7-10, 2021

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by McCoy, to approve Consent Agenda, CA21-14.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

21C-308 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2021-22 ARCHERY DEER HUNTING PROGRAM

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the 2021-22 Archery Deer Hunting program as proposed, 21C-0308.

Discussion: Council agreed the program seems to be helping.

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

The motion carried.

21C-0309 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PURCHASE OF NEW DUMP TRUCK

The following pricing was received:

Company	Location	Item	Cost
Thompson Truck & Trailer	Dubuque, IA	2022 Dump Truck	\$ 90,149.00
Henderson Products	Manchester, IA	Equipment	\$ 66,701.00
Thompson Truck and Trailer	Dubuque, IA	Trade-in 2011	\$ 32,000.00-
		TOTAL COST	\$124,850.00

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the purchase of a new dump truck from Thompson Truck & Trailer in the amount of \$90,149.00, Equipment from Henderson Products in the amount of \$66,701 less the trade in of the 2011 truck in the amount of \$32,000 for a total cost of \$124,850.00.

Discussion: Hahn stated the current truck is 10 years old and has had engine trouble. The City received a good trade in value and a truck is available so now is the time to do it. Kieffer agreed.

Bernstein questioned if the current truck would be repaired in order to delay the expense. She questioned how often it has been in the shop and what has been done to get it on the road.

Renner felt the city is getting a decent price and noted we are on somewhat of a timeframe. Westemeier agreed stating the trade-in is \$32,000. In another year it would \$8,000 and the price of the truck would be higher. He was in favor of getting the truck this year as it is needed.

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

The motion carried.

21C-0310 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY LOAN DISBURSEMENT #7 FOR THE EAST SIDE UTILITY SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Motion: McCoy moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Loan Disbursement #7 for the East Side Utility System Improvement Project.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

21C-0311 – WARRANTS

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the Warrants as presented, 21C-0311.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

21C-0312 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Construction Trailers – Westemeier stated we need to enforce getting construction trailers and construction equipment off of Main Street, Bench Street and Commerce Streets on the weekends. The vehicles should be removed on Friday and can be brought back early on Monday.

Parking/Signage – Westemeier advised the parking sign at Decatur and Park Avenue needs to be moved so people coming down the hill can see it. Only cars coming across the bridge going east can see the sign. Westemeier further recommended getting signage in the Depot Lot to advise people to park on the grass. The city is working on a trolley. Handicapped spots were put on Perry Street. They seem to be working great. Westemeier understands situation on Dewey Avenue is bad. He stated the city is working on it and doing the best we can.

Farmer's Market – Westemeier advised the city didn't move the Farmer's Market. It was the State of Illinois doings. We didn't have a choice but to use the City Hall lot for the market. The market seems to be working out well.

21C-0313 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Federal Stimulus Funds – Moran advised the state has requested the federal stimulus relief funds. Municipalities can start to apply. The city should receive \$429,000 of which half will be in 30 days and the second half sometime over the next year.

Downtown Shuttle – Moran advised a proposed agreement is in front of the county now. It will go before the committee on August 10th and will be presented to the County Board at their second meeting in August. The contract is through the JoDavie County Transit and will provide transportation from the Depot Lot to City Hall.

Parking Suggestions – Moran advised he has put together a summary list of parking recommendations given at the last council meeting and by email. There are some good ideas, and it is good to see them all in one spot. Moran has contacted a consultant to get their feelings and thoughts and hopes to share it with the council and community at a later date.

Parking – Moran advised he has ordered new signs for the purpose of directing people to park in the grass at the Depot Lot.

Introduction – Moran introduced John Lloyd. Lloyd is the new replacement for Matt Trotter at the treatment plan. Matt has moved on to another job in Rock Falls after 4 years in Galena. Lloyd comes from Iowa and has held positions there as City Administrator as well as positions with water and wastewater.

21C-0314 – MAYOR'S REPORT

Welcome – Mayor Renner welcomed John Lloyd and invited him in to talk anytime.

Parking – Mayor Renner stated the city is working on it and doing the best we can.

21C-0315 – MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: McCoy 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: McCoy, Westemeier, Bernstein, Hahn, Kieffer, Renner
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Wienen

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 6:52 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

21C-0316 – ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by McCoy to adjourn.


Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk