

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 27 SEPTEMBER 2021**

**21C-0375 – CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Kieffer called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Chambers at 101 Green Street on 27 September 2021.

**21C-0376 – ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Renner

**21C-0377 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Mayor Pro Tem Kieffer announced a quorum of Board members present to conduct City business.

**21C-0378 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge was recited.

**21C-0379 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

No reports.

**21C-0380 – CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA CA21-17**

**21C-0381 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2021**

**21C-0382 – APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH TOP NOTCH PLUMBING, HEATING AND ELECTRICAL FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A ROOFTOP AIR CONDITIONING UNIT AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**21C-0383 – APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH GEOSTAR MECHANICAL FOR THE 2021 CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL DEVICE (BACKFLOW) INSPECTION PROGRAM**

**21C-0384 – APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING IEPA REQUIRED LANGUAGE FOR CONTRACT OPERATING SERVICES WITH THE USW UTILITY GROUP**

**21C-0385 – APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT FOR LOAN ADMINISTRATION SERVICES WITH COMMUNITY FUNDING AND PLANNING SERVICES FOR THE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

**21C-0386 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY THE GALENA KIWANIS CLUB TO CONDUCT A FUN RUN ON THE GALENA RIVER TRAIL ON APRIL 30, 2022**

**21C-0387 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY THE GALENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS FOR THE “ART THAT STANDS OUT IN ITS FIELD...SCARECROWS” EXHIBIT THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2021**

**21C-0388 – ACCEPTANCE OF JULY 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve Consent Agenda, CA21-17.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**21C-0389 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON WATER SYSTEM PROJECT PLAN AMENDMENT FOR THE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

**Motion:** McCoy moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve an amendment to the Water System Project Plan for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project.

**Discussion:** McCoy noted this is a forgiveness loan.

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

The motion carried.

**21C-0390 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE GALENA-JO DAVIESS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S PLANS TO CONSTRUCT NEW MUSEUM FACILITIES AND APPLY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION FUNDING FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT**

**Motion:** Westemeier moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve a resolution of support for the Galena-Jo Daviess County Historical Society's plan to construct new museum facilities and apply for Economic Development Administration funding from the American Rescue Plan Act.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**21C-0391 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RENEWAL OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH, DENTAL, LIFE, DISABILITY AND VISION INSURANCE POLICIES AND HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT DISTRIBUTIONS**

**Motion:** Bernstein moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve renewal of employee health, dental, life, disability and vision insurance policies and Health Savings Account distributions.

**Discussion:** Council was pleased that nothing really went up much and Blue Cross/Blue Shield went down by 8 percent.

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

NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: Wiene  
ABSENT: Renner

The motion carried.

**21C-0392 – WARRANTS**

**Motion:** McCoy moved, seconded by Wiene, to approve the Warrants as presented with the addition of a warrant to Louie's Trenching Service in the amount of \$6,902.98, 21C-0392.

**Discussion:** Moran advised the added warrant to Louie's Trenching Services is the final pay app on the kayak launch.

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

The motion carried.

**21C-0393 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS**

**Picnic** – Wiene stated the city employees had a nice picnic at the park last Friday. She said it was nice to see the culture it promoted and was very enjoyable. City Hall staff did a nice job.

**21C-0394 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS**

**Spring Street** – Moran advised the Department of Transportation has confirmed Spring Street will be let for bidding in January with a spring start. Even though it will be considered a spring start, it may be delayed due to difficulties getting materials. The construction crew will be here for 3 years. They tried to keep it to 2 years, but it was not possible due to the amount of rock. The detour using Gear Street would not occur until the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> years. Kieffer questioned if there was any way to work with Jo Carroll on a grant to bury the utilities on Spring Street. Moran advised they have looked at that and to this point nothing has been identified. They are not planning to bury the utilities at this time.

**Grant** – Moran advised he has been working with Rose Noble of VisitGalena on a potential tourism grant. They have been working to put together a project that fits the scope of the grant for safer pathways from event spaces. The project includes adding lighting to all of the parking lots, lighting bollards on the levee and a potential place where the shuttle service can wait in the depot parking lot. Blackhawk Hills Regional Planning has been working on the project. Since the grant didn't fit the city's needs, they are working with the museum. The grant is for up to \$3 million dollars. The museum appreciates the city's support.

**Downtown Parking** – Moran reported he has been working on the downtown parking. He has been working with vendors with regard to pay stations, mobile pay options and permit options for resident parking. It is a complex project, and he hopes to bring something to council in the coming weeks.

**21C-0395 – MAYOR'S REPORT**

None.

**21C-0396 – ADJOURNMENT**

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


**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Beth Hyde". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Beth Hyde  
City Clerk