

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 13 DECEMBER 2021**

**21C-0478 – 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 13 December 2021.

**21C-0479 – ROLL CALL**

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

**21C-0480 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

**21C-0481 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge was recited.

**21C-0482 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

No reports.

**21C-0483 – CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to open the public hearing on a request by Paul and Deborah Studtmann, 11 E. Point Drive, Galena to vacate 0.17 acres of the Jefferson Street right-of-way.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**21C-0484 – PUBLIC HEARING ON A REQUEST BY PAUL AND DEBORAH STUDTMANN, 11 E. POINT DRIVE, GALENA, TO VACATE 0.17 ACRES OF THE JEFFERSON STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY**

**Testimony:** None.

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to close the public hearing on a request by Paul and Deborah Studtmann, 11 E. Point Drive, Galena to vacate 0.17 acres of the Jefferson Street right-of-way, 21C-0484.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**LIQUOR COMMISSION**

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

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**21C-0485 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPLICATION FOR A CLASS J CORPORATION LIQUOR LICENSE BY ROGER BUSSAN, BUSSAN PIZZA, LLC, DBA HAPPY JOE’S PIZZA AND ICE CREAM PARLOR, 9919 US ROUTE 20**

**Motion:** Kieffer moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the application for a Class J corporation liquor license by Roger Bussan, Bussan Pizza, LLC, DBA Happy Joe’s Pizza and Ice Cream Parlor, 9919 US Route 20.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**21C-0486 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CORPORATION MANAGER LIQUOR LICENSE FOR SONJA BUSSAN, HAPPY JOE’S PIZZA & ICE CREAM PARLOR, 9919 US ROUTE 20**

**Motion:** McCoy moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the application for a corporation manager liquor license for Sonja Bussan, Happy Joe’s Pizza & Ice Cream Parlor, 9919 US Route 20.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

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

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA CA21-23**

**21C-0487 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 22, 2021**

**21C-0488 – APPROVAL OF LICENSE TO DOUG SMITH FOR ACCESS TO PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

**21C-0489 – ACCEPTANCE OF SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2021 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**21C-0490 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST FOR SECONDARY EMPLOYMENT BY POLICE LIEUTENANT ANTHONY YETT**

**Motion:** Kieffer moved, seconded by Wiene, to approve Consent Agenda, CA21-23.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**21C-0491 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF JEFFERSON STREET**

**Motion:** McCoy moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of an ordinance providing for the vacation of a portion of Jefferson Street, 21C-0491.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**21C-0492 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY THE GALENA ART AND RECREATION CENTER FOR A FESTIVAL PERMIT FOR THE GALENA HOLIDAZE FESTIVAL, DECEMBER 3, 2022**

**Motion:** Bernstein moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the request by the Galena Art and Recreation Center for a festival permit for the Galena Holiday Festival, December 3, 2022, 21C-0492.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**21C-0493 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT FOR THE WATER TOWER DEMOLITION PROJECT**

The following bids were received:

Company	Cost
Green Demolition Contractors	\$57,650.00
Iseler Demolition, Inc.	\$72,900.00
American Demolition Corp.	\$88,665.00
Dore & Associates	\$96,800.00

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by McCoy, to approve the bid from Green Demolition Contractors in the amount of \$57,650 for demolition of the water tower, 21C-0493.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**21C-0494 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PROPOSED PLAN FOR BICYCLING IMPROVEMENTS**

**Motion:** Kieffer moved, seconded by McCoy, to approve the proposed plan for bicycling improvements, 21C-0494.

**Discussion:** Wiene stated they are installing it on the bricks near the Blacksmith Shop. She questioned if it could be removed or reinstalled. Moran advised it would just be a post so it they would only remove one brick.

Council thanked the G.O.A.T.S. bike club for donating the racks, stenciling, signs and paying for shipping.

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

The motion carried.

**21C-0495 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GALENA, JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO BORROW FUNDS FROM THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LOAN PROGRAM FOR THE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

**Motion:** Wiene moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve the first reading of an ordinance authorizing the City of Galena, Jo Daviess County, Illinois to borrow funds from the Public Water Supply Loan Program for the lead service line replacement project waiving the second reading, 21C-0495.

**Discussion:** Council advised people who believe they have lead lines should contact City Hall.

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

The motion carried.

**21C-0496 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LOAN REQUEST #1 FOR IEPA LOAN #17-5811 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$207,857.00 INCLUDING ORIGIN DESIGN INVOICES AND CFPS, INC. INVOICE #1**

**Motion:** Kieffer moved, seconded by Wiene, to approve loan request #1 for IEPA Loan #17-5811 in the amount of \$207,857.00 including Origin Design invoices and CFPS, Inc. invoice #1.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**21C-0497 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DAVIS CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**

Contractor	Base Bid	Alternate Bid	Total Bid
Louie's Trenching Service	\$16,163.00	--	\$16,163.00
D. Sproule Construction	\$22,845.00	--	\$22,845.00

**Motion:** McCoy moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the purchase of a replacement culvert for the Davis Creek bridge in the amount of \$11,976.22 with installation by Louie's Trenching Service in the amount of \$16,163.00.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**21C-0498 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FY 2022-27 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to table item 21C-0498 to the next meeting.

**21C-0499 – WARRANTS**

**Motion:** Wiene moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the Warrants as presented, 21C-0499.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**21C-0500 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS**

**Galena** – Kieffer said Galena has been busy and everyone has done an excellent job with the Christmas decorations

**Events** – Hahn thanked everyone for doing a fantastic job with Living Windows, Luminaria and Fire in the Sky.

McCoy wished all a "Merry Christmas."

**Pandemic** – McCoy stated we are blessed as a city that has been through two years of a pandemic and have financially survived. Everything has gone in the right direction, and this happened with lots of hard work.

**Living Windows** – Wiene stated she came downtown for living windows. The streets were filled with people.

**Sidewalk** – Wiene reported the sidewalk behind the Log Cabin on Perry Street needs repair. Westemeier agreed advising it cannot wait until next year to be fixed.

**Cameras** – Westemeier feels it is important to follow through with cameras. He recommended putting something in the budget next year and get the project going.

**Thank you** – Westemeier thanked the Elk's Club for their yearly Christmas basket deliveries throughout Jo Daviess County as well as all of the volunteers who helped make it possible.

**Sidewalk** – Bernstein advised the sidewalk on the east side of West Street going south from Ridge Street is also in need of repair.

**Garbage** – Bernstein stated to her knowledge we still have a pay as you throw program for garbage. She feels the new haulers need to be made aware of that. Bernstein stated when she walks around there are people with six bags of garbage out and no tags. People are not conforming to the rules. She asked that the new company be reminded of this.

Bernstein wished all a "Merry Christmas."

#### **21C-0501 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS**

**Cameras** – Moran advised research has been done and he is prepared to present it at budget time.

**Land Exchange** – Moran advised an item will be placed on the next agenda to discuss a land exchange with the school. This would involve swapping land around the water tower.

**Annexation** – Moran advised the next agenda will include a Public Hearing on the annexation of the old body shop on Gear Street.

**Capital Improvement Plan** – Moran thanked staff for their work on the Capital Improvement Plan. He feels it is the best plan ever. He directed the council to pay attention to the street improvement program. The packet includes a nice map showing street improvements since the sales tax increase was approved in 2002.

#### **21C-0502 – MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Thank you** – Mayor Renner thanked the Galena Downtown Business Association for the lights on the poles, Living windows and Fire in the Sky. Lots of people came out. Mayor Renner also thanked those organizations that stepped up and make Christmas a little better for some people.

**Vaccination** – Mayor Renner encouraged everyone to get vaccinated.

Merry Christmas!

#### **21C-0503 – ADJOURNMENT**

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

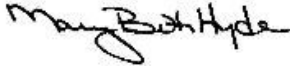
**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Mary Beth Hyde  
City Clerk