

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 14 MARCH 2022

22C-0073 – 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 March 2022.

22C-0074 – ROLL CALL

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

22C-0075 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

22C-0076 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

22C-0077 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

No reports.

22C-0078 – CITIZENS COMMENTS

Brenda Holmes, 516 Dewey Avenue – Holmes urged the council to have discussions on parking solutions. Holmes wasn't opposed to paid parking; however, it isn't a solution to having no parking. Holmes feels there are areas for parking garages.

James Boho, 1477 S. Rocky Hill Road - Boho stated at the zoning meeting of February 9th for the Marine Hospital project, he brought forward six items of information that went into the evidence in the minutes of the zoning board meeting. The only one of those that has been discussed so far has been the Highway 20 and 4th Street intersection. Boho advised the Illinois Department of Transportation has a rating assigned to that intersection. The two highest ratings are A and B. The B rating involves the highest level of traffic accidents. The A critical rating includes the B rating of accidents but adds the high level of personal injury. Boho advised an A critical rating has been assigned to the intersection of 4th Street and Highway 20. During the February 28th City Council meeting, all alderman and the mayor discussed the intersection; however, no one discussed IDOT's A critical rating relating to personal injury at that intersection. Boho feels since this A critical rating was brought up at the zoning board and at the city council meetings, it should be discussed at the council level with IDOT officials. Boho noted this project will be increasing the traffic flow into this already critical intersection. Boho feels the council did not consider the 675 county tax parcels whose Blackjack corridor must funnel into this intersection. Boho feels these homeowners should have been considered since the traffic flow at that intersection will be increasing significantly due to the new development that has been approved.

Boho voiced concern that the many new visitors to town will be required to stop for traffic on a warning graded hill and make a left turn into the oncoming traffic when this intersection is already rated A critical. Boho stated there has been no discussion on his other five pieces of information brought forward.

CONSENT AGENDA CA22-05

22C-0079 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 28, 2022

22C-0080 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY THE GALENA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE 44TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE, OCTOBER 29, 2022

22C-0081 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY THE GALENA PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THE 2ND ANNUAL PRIDE PICNIC, JUNE 11, 2022, FROM 12 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

22C-0082 – ACCEPTANCE OF 2021 FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

22C-0083 – ACCEPTANCE OF JANUARY 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve Consent Agenda, CA22-05.

Discussion: McCoy commended City Clerk Hyde for a job well done on the minutes from the previous meeting.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

22C-0084 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPLICATION TO DESIGNATE THE MARINE HOSPITAL STRUCTURE, 1304 PARK AVENUE, A LOCAL LANDMARK

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Wiene, to approve the application to designate the Marine Hospital structure, 1304 Park Avenue, a local landmark, 22C-0084.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

22C-0085 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN ELECTRIC FRANCHISE FOR JO CARROLL ENERGY

Motion: McCoy moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of an ordinance approving an electric franchise for Jo Carroll Energy, 22C-0085.

Discussion: None

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

The motion carried.

22C-0086 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE WEST SIDE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR \$3,320.71

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve Change Order #1 for the West Side Water System Improvement Project in the amount of \$3,320.71, 22C-0086.

Discussion: Hahn advised the contractor encountered rock coming down the hill into Cobblestone.

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

The motion carried.

22C-0087 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LOAN REQUEST #4 FOR IEPA LOAN 17-5811 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,600.27, INCLUDING ORIGIN DESIGN INVOICE #76879 FOR \$13,011.50 AND FISCHER EXCAVATING PAY APPLICATION #3 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$112,588.97 FOR THE WEST SIDE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Wiene, to approve loan request #4 for IEPA Loan 17-5811 in the amount of \$125,600.27, including Origin Design invoice #76879 for \$13,011.50 and Fischer Excavating pay application #3 in the amount of \$112,588.97 for the West Side Water System Improvement Project, 22C-0087.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

22C-0088 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING MONTHLY SERVICE FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM

Motion: McCoy moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the first reading of an ordinance modifying monthly service fees and charges for the waterworks system as per item 22C-0088.

Discussion: Council stated this increase is needed to cover the loan. The rate will go from \$5.46 per 1000 gallons to \$6.02 per 1000 gallons.

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

The motion carried.

22C-0089 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ABATING CERTAIN TAXES HERETOFORE LEVIED BY THE CITY OF GALENA FOR THE 2020 BONDS

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

22C-0090 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ABATING CERTAIN TAXES HERETOFORE LEVIED BY THE CITY OF GALENA FOR THE 2012A BONDS

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

**22C-0091 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ABATING CERTAIN TAXES
HERETOFORE LEVIED BY THE CITY OF GALENA FOR THE 2012B BONDS**

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

**22C-0092 – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ABATING CERTAIN TAXES
HERETOFORE LEVIED BY THE CITY OF GALENA FOR THE PALACE CAMPGROUND**

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

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

22C-0093 – WARRANTS

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Wiene, to approve the Warrants as presented, 22C-0093.

Discussion: Bernstein questioned an amount for the Galena Gazette which indicates credit, however, does not reflect a credit. Moran advised the description was incorrect. It was a charge for an ad.

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

The motion carried.

22C-0094 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Congratulations – McCoy congratulated Finance Director, Cindy Pepple, on the announcement of her retirement after 23 ½ years with the city.

Roundtable Discussion – Bernstein advised she received a letter from the head of the Galena EMS asking for a roundtable discussion. Bernstein would like to move forward with setting that up.

Parking – Westemeier stated he feels it would be wise to put a small committee together including businesspeople as well as Bench Street residents to discuss parking. This will allow the city to get more views from businesspeople and locals.

Turner Hall Curtains – Wiene stated the new curtains at Turner Hall look fabulous.

Camera Project – Wiene stated she would like to have an update on the camera project.

22C-0095 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S COMMENTS

Cameras – Moran advised cameras have been added to the draft budget.

Budget – The first draft of the budget will be distributed at the next meeting. The first budget meeting will be held Monday, April 2, 2022.

West Side Project – We are in the process of replacing seven pressure reducing stations of which 3 are on Gear Street. The work on Highway 20 near Oldenburg Lane is also part of this project. Matt Oldenburg has been doing a great job notifying people using the code red system. Moran asked that residents be patient. The work should be complete by the end of April with the water tower being taken down in June.

22C-0096 – MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Renner noted we are working on the budget, parking and cameras. The city is moving ahead. Mayor Renner complimented Cindy Peple on her retirement and Janelle Keeffer on her new job.

21C-0097 – MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance, Section 2 (c) (1)
- Pending, probable or imminent litigation, Section 2(c) (11)

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 6:54 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:05 p.m.

22C-0098 – ADJOURNMENT

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

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: McCoy, Westemeier, Wiene, Bernstein, Hahn, Keeffer, Renner

NAYS: None

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 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