

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 28 MARCH 2022

22C-0099 – 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 28 March 2022.

22C-0100 – ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Wienen

22C-0101 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

22C-0102 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

22C-0103 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

No reports.

22C-0104 – CITIZENS COMMENTS

Jim Boho, Rocky Hill Road- Boho voiced concern the council has not discussed the critical rating at the intersection of 4th Street and Highway 20. Boho advised he met with school officials and urged them to bring awareness to the entire district on the dangers of this intersection. Boho feels the city could address the safety issue using code red guidelines. Boho also stated citizens should be allowed more than 3 minutes to address issues of concern.

CONSENT AGENDA CA22-06

22C-0105 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2022

22C-0106 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY THE GALENA LIONS CLUB TO CONDUCT OKTOBERFEST AT DEPOT PARK, OCTOBER 1, 2022

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve Consent Agenda, CA22-06.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

22C-0051 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DOWNTOWN PAY TO PARK PROPOSAL PROCESS

Motion: McCoy moved, seconded by Hahn, to commit to the downtown pay to park proposal process with the following recommendations:

1. Offer some preference for City of Galena residents.
2. Generate a positive return on investment.
3. Must have approval of the Downtown Business Association

Discussion: McCoy stated he is impressed with the potential for paid parking with the use of an app. The app could allow residents free two-hour parking and designate areas for workers working on Main Street. McCoy stated he is opposed to going back to three-hour parking like was done in the past. McCoy feels three-hour parking controls the quantity of tourists and not the quality of tourists. McCoy was in favor of looking into paid parking with the use of an app.

Kieffer voiced concern with what it will cost. He is also concerned about confusion with the parking rules or confusion with people using the mobile app.

Hahn stated he too was in favor of the pay app. He further recommended doing parking permits for residents who live on Bench Street. Hahn recommended doing away with three-hour parking this year.

Renner questioned if the main reason for paid parking is the income?

McCoy feels the app would make for happier tourists, as when they get there, they won't have to fumble around to find coins to put in a meter. McCoy noted currently 2/3 of the spaces on Main Street are filled by 10:00 a.m. and the city is doing nothing to encourage anyone to park elsewhere. McCoy feels it is important to have the Downtown Business Association on board with the plan.

Bernstein stated she would like to see the shuttle expanded and available to residential areas as well. She is concerned some people won't have phones to support the app. She was advised there will also be an option to call and pay.

Westemeier stated he was in favor of eliminating three-hour parking this year and asking shop owners and employees to stop parking on Main Street. He agrees the shuttle will get better. Westemeier recommended forming a committee of council members, residents and downtown business owners to look at the parking issue. This group could give ideas and recommendations to the council. Westemeier was also in favor of implementing a residential parking permit for one year for Bench Street, Dewey Avenue and lower Franklin Street. He agrees the app is the best way to go and the company will provide signage.

Council agreed to research the use of an app for the next year and eliminate three-hour parking.

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

The motion carried.

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

Motion: Westemeier moved, seconded by Kieffer, to table an ordinance modifying monthly service fees and charges for the waterworks system until after the budget process.

Discussion: None

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

22C-0107 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SPRING OPEN BURN DATES

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve open burn dates of May 5-8 with rain dates of May 12-15 with the city doing free curbside pickup on the four Tuesdays in May.

Discussion: Bernstein was opposed to open burn. She advised research shows that 85 percent of particulates in smoke from leaf burning are inhaled deep into the lungs and cause serious health hazards. While she is grateful the time is reduced, she feels the city needs to go further as it is a serious health problem.

Westemeier feels eliminating open burn would create a bigger issue. His concern is people will resort to burning in fire pits and they can be used 7 days per week. He was in favor of the shortened time.

McCoy stated he too was opposed to open burn. He feels the city needs to come up with a program to move to in order to eventually get people off of open burn. The only option for that would be curbside pickup. Bernstein agreed stating the city needs to start educating citizens on alternatives such as composting.

Roll Call: AYES: Westemeier, Hahn, Kieffer
NAYS: Bernstein, McCoy
ABSENT: Wiene

The motion carried.

22C-0108 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ZONING REQUEST BY ARCHER ENDEAVORS AND THE JAMES SULLIVAN GENERAL TRUST FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE GATEWAY PARK SUBDIVISION TO ALLOW THE HOTEL/MOTEL LAND USE ON LOT 2

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve the resolution for the request by Archer Endeavors and the James Sullivan General Trust for an amendment to the Planned Unit Development Plan for the Gateway Park Subdivision to allow the hotel/motel land use on lot 2, 22C-0108.

Discussion: Council agreed it would be a good spot. The plans are for 15-20 rooms.

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

The motion carried.

22C-0109 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON HIRING TO FILL THE VACANT POSITION OF FACILITIES MANAGER

Motion: McCoy moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve hiring Hillary Dickerson to fill the vacant position of Facilities Manager.

Discussion: Council agreed she will be a great addition to staff.

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

The motion carried.

22C-0110 – WARRANTS

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the Warrants as presented, 22C-0110.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

22C-0111 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Welcome – Council welcomed Hillary Dickerson to the staff.

Tourism – Hahn stated Galena is off and rolling. The weekend was phenomenal.

22C-0112 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Annexation Agreement – Moran advised The Parker Project annexation agreement will be on the agenda April 25th. The agreement is on the home page of the website for anyone interested in reviewing it.

Budget – The first budget work session will be Monday, April 4, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

22C-0113 – MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Renner welcomed Hillary Dickerson to staff. Renner noted construction projects are busy, people are coming, and people are starting to get out and about.

21C-0114 – MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance, Section 2 (c) (1)
- Review of Executive Session Minutes, Section 2(c) (21)

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 7:10 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:26 p.m.

22C-0115 – ADJOURNMENT

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

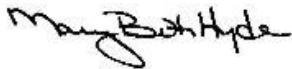
Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk