

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 11 APRIL 2022**

**22C-0116 – 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 11 April 2022.

**22C-0117 – ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Renner

**22C-0118 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

**22C-0119 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge was recited.

**22C-0120 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

No reports.

**22C-0121 – CITIZENS COMMENTS**

**Jim Boho, Rocky Hill Road** – Boho stated he feels the city would be stepping away from the Upper Mississippi Watershed Coalition by annexing the Marine Hospital. He feels future grants are less likely to be accepted because of it. Boho urged the council to delay the April 25<sup>th</sup> public hearing for annexation of the Marine Hospital to allow more time for the county and citizens to bring information forward.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**22C-0122 – PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 CITY OF GALENA OPERATING BUDGET**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by Bernstein, to open the public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2023 City of Galena Operating Budget, 22C-0122.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**Testimony:** None.

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by Wienen, to close the public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2023 City of Galena Operating Budget, 22C-0122.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

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

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

### **LIQUOR COMMISSION**

#### **22C-0123 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPLICATION BY HARTIG DRUG COMPANY, 11002 BARTELL BOULEVARD FOR CORPORATION MANAGER LIQUOR LICENSE FOR REBECCA S. MORHARDT**

**Motion:** Westemeier moved, seconded by Wiene, to approve the application by Hartig Drug Company, 11002 Bartell Boulevard for a corporation manager liquor license for Rebecca S. Morhardt, 22C-0123.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

#### **22C-0124 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CLASS A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR CHRISTINA M. STAFFORD, DBA MR. D'S GENERAL STORE, 234 NORTH MAIN STREET**

**Motion:** McCoy moved, seconded by Wiene, to approve the application by Christina M. Stafford, DBA Mr. D's General Store, 234 North Main Street, 22C-0124.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by Wiene, to adjourn as the Liquor Commission and reconvene as the City Council, 22C-0124.

**Discussion:** None.

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

NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Renner

The motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA CA22-07**

**22C-0125 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 25, 2022, AND THE BUDGET WORK SESSION OF APRIL 4, 2022**

**22C-0126 – APPROVAL OF JANITORIAL CONTRACTS WITH MARY HALSTEAD, WHITE CONSTRUCTION, AND KAREN WHITE FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2022-APRIL 30, 2023**

**22C-0127 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY THE NORTHERN ILLINOIS WINE GROWERS TO HOST THE “CORKLESS IN GALENA” FESTIVAL IN DEPOT PARK, JUNE 25, 2022**

**22C-0128 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY THE GALENA SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ALLOW PARKING DURING SCHOOL HOURS ON THE EAST SIDE OF FRANKLIN STREET FROM HILL STREET TO THE NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL DRIVEWAY**

**22C-0129 – ACCEPTANCE OF FEBRUARY 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT**

**22C-0130 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2022, THROUGH APRIL 30, 2023**

**22C-0131 – APPROVAL OF TOUR OPERATOR LICENSE RENEWALS FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2022, THROUGH APRIL 30, 2023**

**22C-0132 – APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF BILL LAITY TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FOR THE TERM AUGUST 1, 2022, THROUGH JULY 31, 2027**

**Motion:** McCoy moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve Consent Agenda, CA22-07.

**Discussion:** McCoy stated he is happy to see volunteers stepping up to serve on boards.

Bernstein noted the following correction to the Budget Work Session minutes of April 4, 2022:

*Bernstein stated she doesn't have a problem removing the Comprehensive Plan; however, we do need to consider doing it ~~sometime~~ ~~soon~~ in next year's budget.*

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

The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**22C-0133 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY THE GALENA ELK'S CLUB FOR A ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL, PARADE AND RUN**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve including \$2,000 in the budget for the Galena Elk's Club for a St. Patrick's Day festival, parade and run.

**Discussion:** Hahn stated this is a community event that draws people. It is well attended. He feels it is worth trying to keep it going and expand upon it to draw even more people.

McCoy voiced some concern with setting a precedent; however, noted the city contributes to the Halloween Parade and other groups as well.

Bernstein questioned if \$2,000 was too much. Others felt it was not.

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

The motion carried.

**22C-0134 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LOAN REQUEST #5 FOR IEPA LOAN 17-5811 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$459,165.03 INCLUDING INVOICES FROM FISCHER EXCAVATING, ORIGIN DESIGN AND CFPS, INC.**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded by Wiene, to approve loan request #5 for IEPA Loan 17-5811 in the amount of \$459,165.03 including invoices from Fischer Excavating, Origin Design and CFPS, Inc.

**Discussion:** None

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

The motion carried.

**22C-0135 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 OPERATING BUDGET**

**Motion:** McCoy moved, seconded by Hahn, to move action on this item to after executive session.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**22C-0136 – WARRANTS**

**Motion:** Bernstein moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve the Warrants as presented, 22C-0136.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**22C-0137 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS**

**Committees** – McCoy stated he is glad to see we have volunteers stepping up for committees. It is sometimes a tough job.

**Canoe/Kayak Park** – McCoy congratulated Mark Moran and staff on completion of the canoe/kayak park. After eight years, the project is complete.

**Highway 20** – Westemeier stated it is nice to see stuff being done on Highway 20. While it will be a process, it will be a great project when it is completed.

**22C-0138 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S COMMENTS**

**Annexation** – Moran advised the Marine Hospital annexation agreement will be on the April 25, 2022, agenda. He advised once it is opened, it can be delayed to a later date if the council wishes to do so.

**West Side Project** – Moran advised we are close to wrapping up the West Side Water Project. All seven pressure reducing stations have been installed and the roads will be repaired in early May.

**Spring Street Project** – Moran reported the Spring Street project is underway. They will begin planting trees outside of the area going west.

**Canoe/Kayak Park** – Moran thanked McCoy for his comments and advised the city has been reimbursed for the \$80,000 grant which was awarded in 2014.

**22C-0139 – MAYOR’S REPORT**

No report.

**21C-0114 – 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)
- Review of Executive Session Minutes, Section 2(c) (21)

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 6:49 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:38 p.m.

**22C-0141 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EMPLOYEE HIRING**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded McCoy, to hire two police officers, Shoaib Asad and Joseph Santoro, as well as a new public works employee, Ben Kammes.

**Discussion:** None.

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

NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Renner

The motion carried.

**22C-0142 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 OPERATING BUDGET**

**Motion:** McCoy moved, seconded Hahn to approve the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operating Budget with the changes described on page 5 of the April 11, 2022, Galena City Council agenda and packet with the addition of a \$2,000 donation to the Elk's Club for the St. Patrick's Day event.

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

**Motion:** McCoy moved, seconded Westemeier to approve a 5% plus a \$2.00 per hour pay increase for the four full-time hourly rated employees in the Police Department and at City Hall.

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

The motion carried.

**Alderson Wiene recused herself and left the council chambers.**

**Motion:** Hahn moved, seconded Westemeier to approve a pay increase of \$1.50 per hour for Matt Wiene in the Public Works Department in association with his move from the Operator 2 to Operator 1 job classification. And, to approve a pay increase of \$1.05 per hour for Tyler Kaiser in the Public Works Department in association with his move from the Laborer to Operator 2 job classification.

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

The motion carried.

**Alderson Wiene returned to the council table.**

**22C-0143 – ADJOURNMENT**

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

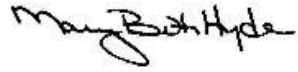
**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 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