

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 27 JUNE 2022**22C-0232 – 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 27 June 2022.

22C-0233 – ROLL CALL

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

22C-0234 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

22C-0235 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

22C-0236 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

No reports.

22C-0237 – CITIZENS COMMENTS

Richard Pariser, 113 S. High Street – Pariser stated he thinks the cameras are a good idea. While active monitoring and intervening in real time would be great, he understands we cannot afford continuous monitoring. The system the city would be adopting is a passive recording system which takes picture. These pictures can provide leads to help solve crimes. Pariser stated he would like to see a report compiled after the first of the year which is data driven showing the efficacy of the project, the cost and a report on how well the system is working.

David Sandlers, 1981 East Cross Road - Sandlers advised his company, Arrow, Inc., is a local company who does IT and camera work. He advised he has been in discussions with the city about a camera system at the pool, Turner Hall and a unified camera system in the downtown as well. He listed several projects in the area completed by Arrow, Inc. Sandlers voiced concern with the city camera system not being put out for bid and questioned why. He felt the decision was made without relative information and it should be put out for bid.

Jeff & Cynthia Bishop, 713 S. Bench Street - The Bishops voiced concern with the additional traffic on Gear Street due to traffic being rerouted. Bishop advised he started installing a temporary fence along Gear Street. They currently have a chain link fence but would like to install a denser material fence to help with noise from semis jake braking, diesel smell and dust. Bishop advised the fence would only be temporary while the work is being done and the traffic is rerouted. Bishop asked for the city's help to get a fence higher than four feet fast tracked in order to protect his property.

Kyle Vesperman, Vesperman Farms, 8149 Stage Road, Lancaster – Vesperman advised he recently applied for and received lunch stand permits for several Thursday Night Live events to operate his ice cream truck. After applying for and receiving the permits, he advised he received an email asking them not to come. Vesperman stated he does not understand why he is no longer able to come and questioned if he would get a refund of the permit fees paid.

22C-0238 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 13, 2022**22C-0239 – APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT BA22-01 FOR PAYROLL CORRECTIONS****22C-0240 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY MIDWEST MEDICAL AND MIDWEST MEDICAL HEALTH AND FITNESS CENTER TO CONDUCT THE 17TH ANNUAL FUN RUN/WALK ON THE GALENA RIVER TRAIL, 7:00 A.M. TO 11 A.M. OCTOBER 1, 2022**

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve Consent Agenda CA22-12.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS**22C-0241 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ZONING CAL. NO. 22A-02 AND 22S-04, REQUEST BY OTTO'S RESTAURANT, 101 BOUTHILLIER STREET, FOR A MAP AMENDMENT TO REZONE TO NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL AND A SPECIAL USE FOR OUTDOOR DINING**

Motion: McCoy moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve Zoning Cal. No. 22A-02 and 22S-04, a request by Otto's Restaurant, 101 Bouthillier Street, for a map amendment to rezone to Neighborhood Commercial and a Special Use Permit for outdoor dining, 22C-0241.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

22C-0242 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF LIGHTING IN THE MEEKER STREET PARKING LOT AND ON SHADOW BLUFF DRIVE

The following bid was received:

Project	City-Purchase Lighting Components Cost	Top Notch Installation Cost	Total Cost
Meeker Street Parking Lot	\$27,380	\$39,000	\$66,380
Shadow Bluff Drive	\$11,895	\$31,500	\$43,395

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Wiene, to approve a contract for the installation of lighting in the Meeker Street parking lot in the amount of \$66,380 and on Shadow Bluff Drive in the amount of \$43,395 with the city purchasing the materials and Top Notch doing the installation.

Discussion: Moran advised he will present a budget amendment taking the money from the Parking Fund. Council agreed to move forward with the project.

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

The motion carried.

22C-0243 – WARRANTS

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve the Warrants as presented, 22C-0243.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

22C-0244 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Music/4th of July – McCoy stated he is looking forward to the Thursday Night Live events as well as the 4th of July. He praised all who are involved with those events. Hahn agreed.

Thank you – Hahn thanked staff for their help on all of the recent water breaks. Kieffer agreed.

Gear Street – Bernstein stated she is concerned about what she is hearing about Gear Street. She understands the Police are running radar in the area and feels that is a step in the right direction. Bernstein feels the city should help the Bishop's to see if they can get a fence installed. Westemeier agreed.

22C-0245 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Gear Street – Moran advised he understands the added traffic on Gear Street is unpleasant for residents. He advised the city has purchased an electronic speed sign to be installed. The engine braking sign was installed in the wrong location by SELCO. The sign will be moved to the downhill section of Gear Street which he hopes will start helping with the noise. The Police Department will continue to do patrols throughout the day and at night. While he understands it is unpleasant, Moran asked residents to be patient.

22C-0246 – MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Renner advised Gear Street will be added to the next agenda to discuss the issues. He advised he would like to see if we can get some state troopers to help out. Mayor Renner thanked the citizens on Gear for being patient and hopes we can get the highway open to traffic in both directions by winter.

Mayor Renner thanked the Water Department for their help with the recent water breaks and wished everyone a safe and "Happy 4th of July".

22C-0247 – MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Wiene moved, seconded by Kieffer, 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)

- Review of Executive Session Minutes, Section 2(c) (21)

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 6:56 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:24 p.m.

**22C-0248 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A LEGAL REPRESENTATION
ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR WENDY CLARK V. CITY OF GALENA**

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Wiene, to approve hiring AGHL Law, Rockford, Illinois, for legal representation for the Wendy Clark vs. City of Galena lawsuit and directed Mark Moran to prepare a budget amendment to cover the costs, 22C-0248.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

22C-0249 – ADJOURNMENT

Motion: McCoy moved, seconded by Hahn to adjourn.

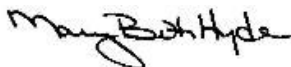
Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk